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FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

(FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

At a Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi convened at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on Tuesday, the 4th of January, A. D., 2022, in compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi:

Be it remembered, that on the day and year aforesaid, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Chamber, and at 12:00 Noon were called to order by the Honorable Philip Gunn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who introduced Dr. Greg Belser, Pastor of Morrison Heights Baptist Church, who opened the session with prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the members and their labors.

The Colors were posted by the Provine High School Color Guards:

Cadet Command Sergeant Major Harry Barbee, Commander- U.S. Flag  
Cadet Private First Class Keianna Steele - State Flag  
Cadet Major Langston Wallace - Guard  
Cadet Sergeant Christopher Dawson - Guard  
Cadet First Class Lieutenant Destiny Wilson - Alternate  
Command Sergeant Major (Retired), U.S. Army, Tony T. Winters, Sr. - Army Instructor  
Mr. Bradley Davis of Madison, Mississippi, sang the National Anthem.

Rep. Jason White, Holmes County, led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Turner. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

Speaker Gunn announced a committee composed of Representatives Currie, Weathersby, and Watson to notify the Governor that the House was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Speaker Gunn announced a committee composed of Representatives Anthony, Powell, and Wilkes to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

State Representative Abe M. Hudson, Jr., House District 29, resigned from the House of Representatives, effective, Monday, August 30, 2021.

On September 14, 2021, The Mississippi State Board of Election Commissioners (Governor Tate Reeves; Secretary of State Michael Watson; and Deputy Attorney General Whitney Lipscomb) appointed Mr. Robert Sanders of Cleveland, Mississippi, to the Mississippi House of Representatives District 29, to fill the remainder of the unexpired four-year term, ending January 1, 2024.

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Speaker Gunn announced the following Committee Assignments:

Representative Dale Goodin - Appointed to the Transportation Committee.

Representative Robert Johnson - Removed from the House Military Affairs Committee and appointed as Vice-Chairman of the House Ports, Harbors and Airports Committee.

Representative Robert Sanders - Appointed to Agriculture, Tourism, Youth and Family Affairs, Drug Policy and Military Affairs Committee.

Representative Jeff Hale - Appointed to Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committee.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Use of technology portals by those on probation/parole; require MDOC to implement certain rules regarding. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 2:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Youth court records; authorize judge to release to adult who was former subject, as a child, of abuse/neglect proceeding. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 3:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 4:** (Representative Bell (65th)) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 5:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Eubanks Creek and Hanging Moss Creek. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 6:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Mental Health Treatment Facility; revise hearing and commitment procedures. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 7:** (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 8:** (Representative Rushing) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 9:** (Representative Rushing) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 10:** (Representative Rushing) Sales tax; extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 11:** (Representative Rushing) Court-ordered restitution, certain; require payment of victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed to court. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 12:** (Representative Rushing) Adverse possession; require possessor to notify chancery clerk before title vests. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 13:** (Representative Rushing) Ad valorem tax; remove the provision that prescribes the manner in which affordable rental housing must be appraised. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 14:** (Representative Rushing) Small School District Equipment, Maintenance and Infrastructure Grant; create to assist certain school districts. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 15:** (Representative Rushing) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 16:** (Representative Rushing) State aid system; increase maximum total mileage of. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 17:** (Representative Rushing) Teacher contracts; prohibit superintendents from entering into with current licensed employees for continuation of employment before April 15. Education.

**H. B. No. 18:** (Representatives Rushing, Felsher, Scoggin, Owen) Retirement; create separate system for state and local law enforcement officers. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 19:** (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 20:** (Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd), Sanford, Rushing, Currie, Shanks, Arnold, Massengill, Steverson, Mickens, Eubanks) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 21:** (Representative Yancey) Attorneys; provide for 6 hours of continuing legal education for those employed by Legislature. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 22:** (Representatives Paden, Summers) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 23:** (Representative Ladner) Public officials; authorize the Department of Public Safety to investigate. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 24:** (Representative Ladner) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 25:** (Representative Ladner) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers are necessitated. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 26:** (Representative Ladner) School Recognition Program; restrict awards to teachers and licensed staff and require SBE to adopt rules for administration. Education.

**H. B. No. 27:** (Representative Ladner) Correctional system cost-per-day reviews; transfer responsibility from PEER to MDOC. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 28:** (Representatives Ladner, Scoggin) PEER committee; require to review the operations of Child Protection Services. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 29:** (Representative Ladner) Parole Board; bring forward sections relating to powers and duties of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 30:** (Representative Ladner) County jail dockets; require additional data for transparency purposes and require uniform recording of data. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 31:** (Representative Ladner) Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Education.

**H. B. No. 32:** (Representatives Ladner, Williamson) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 33:** (Representatives Ladner, Williamson) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 34:** (Representative Ladner) Redistricting; authorize Legislature to alter boundaries of counties, municipalities and school districts. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 35:** (Representative Ladner) Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 36:** (Representative Newman) Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 37:** (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 38:** (Representative Newman) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of platinum, gold, silver bullion and numismatic coins. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 39:** (Representative Newman) Littering; increase fines and deposit certain assessments into Keep Mississippi Beautiful and law enforcement funds. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 40:** (Representative Newman) Medicaid; require division to promptly sell or lease residence of deceased recipient obtained through estate recovery. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 41:** (Representative Newman) Certificate of title; remove requirement for applicant to file a bond or deposit of cash as a condition of issuance. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 42:** (Representative Scott) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Education.



**H. B. No. 43:** (Representatives Read, Felsher, Haney, Stamps) Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 44:** (Representative Porter) Teacher licensure; create additional nontraditional route for certain individuals to receive. Education.

**H. B. No. 45:** (Representative Porter) State employees; provide for 3% increase in compensation for each of the next 4 fiscal years. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 46:** (Representative Porter) Federal judges; authorize to solemnize marriage. Judiciary B; Rules.

**H. B. No. 47:** (Representative Porter) School bus drivers; require to be first aid and CPR trained and certified. Education.

**H. B. No. 48:** (Representative Porter) Adult day care facilities; provide for licensure by State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 49:** (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 50:** (Representatives Byrd, Faulkner) Public and private schools; require all employees to be tested annually for tuberculosis. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 51:** (Representative Faulkner) Public and private schools; require all employees to annually receive flu vaccine. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 52:** (Representative Faulkner) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 53:** (Representative Faulkner) Income tax; authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 54:** (Representative Faulkner) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 55:** (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 56:** (Representative Faulkner) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 57:** (Representative Thompson) State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 58:** (Representative Thompson) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 59:** (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with repair/replacement of a bridge. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 60:** (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 61:** (Representative Thompson) Amiya Braxton; revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 62:** (Representative Thompson) Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2022; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Conservation and Water Resources.

**H. B. No. 63:** (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding National Resource Camp pilot program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 64:** (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County and municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 65:** (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 66:** (Representative Clark) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 67:** (Representative Clark) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Education.

**H. B. No. 68:** (Representative Clark) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create as an advisory board on industry standards. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 69:** (Representative Clark) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 70:** (Representative Clark) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 71:** (Representative Clark) Housing Repair Grant Fund; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 72:** (Representative Clark) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Education.

**H. B. No. 73:** (Representative Clark) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Education.

**H. B. No. 74:** (Representative Clark) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 75:** (Representative Clark) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Rules.

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**H. B. No. 81:** (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 82:** (Representative Clark) ATVs; create voluntary certificate of number system, mandatory for public lands. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 83:** (Representative Clark) Medicaid; revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 84:** (Representative Clark) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Ways and Means.

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**H. B. No. 86:** (Representative Clark) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 87:** (Representative Clark) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 88:** (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

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**H. B. No. 91:** (Representative Clark) Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 92:** (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 93:** (Representative Clark) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Municipalities; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 94:** (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Tchula with road improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 95:** (Representative Clark) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 96:** (Representative Clark) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 97:** (Representative Clark) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 98:** (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 99:** (Representative Clark) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 100:** (Representative Clark) Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. County Affairs; Insurance.

**H. B. No. 101:** (Representatives Steverson, Clark) Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2022; create. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 102:** (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 103:** (Representative Clark) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 104:** (Representative Clark) Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 105:** (Representative Clark) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 106:** (Representative Clark) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Insurance; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 107:** (Representative Clark) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2022; create. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 108:** (Representative Clark) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 109:** (Representative Clark) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. County Affairs; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 110:** (Representative Clark) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 111:** (Representative Clark) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 112:** (Representative Miles) Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; expand to include health care employees who die of COVID and public safety officers from COVID. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 113:** (Representative Miles) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 114:** (Representative Miles) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 115:** (Representative Miles) Trooper training class; require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2022 and 2023 sessions to defray expenses of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 116:** (Representative Miles) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Tourism; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 117:** (Representatives Miles, Lancaster) Holy Bible; designate as the official state book of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. B. No. 118:** (Representative Miles) Statewide testing program; require the SBE to cease administration of for the 2021-2022 school year. Education.

**H. B. No. 119:** (Representative Miles) End-of-course subject area tests; discontinue and require minimum score on the ACT for graduation. Education.

**H. B. No. 120:** (Representative Miles) End-of-course assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. Education.

**H. B. No. 121:** (Representative Miles) Statewide Assessment Program; require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Education.

**H. B. No. 122:** (Representatives Miles, Gibbs (72nd)) Sales tax; exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 123:** (Representative Miles) School districts; authorize to offer supplemental compensation to Medicare eligible retired bus drivers if they secure Medicare. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 124:** (Representative Miles) Health insurance policies; require coverage for gastric pacemakers. Insurance; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 125:** (Representative Miles) Firearms; prohibit discharge near schools or churches. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 126:** (Representative Porter) Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 127:** (Representatives Stamps, Porter, Arnold, Karriem) CDL; prohibit for persons convicted of certain trafficking crimes. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 128:** (Representative Porter) Child care facilities, licensed; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Insurance; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 129:** (Representative Porter) National Board Certified teachers; provide additional annual salary supplement to those employed in Walthall County. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 130:** (Representative Read) Capitol police; authorize transfer of compensatory leave from previous agency. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 131:** (Representative Ladner) State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 132:** (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 133:** (Representative Paden) Income tax; revise certain provisions to address investment in federally designated qualified opportunity zones. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 134:** (Representative Paden) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 135:** (Representative Paden) AEDs; require at public schools and state-supported institutions of higher learning and provide authority to lease. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 136:** (Representatives Paden, Summers) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Judiciary B; Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 137:** (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Health Department to provide epi-pens and AEDs in IHLs, community colleges and schools. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 138:** (Representative Paden) Statute of limitations; remove for crimes against children. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 139:** (Representative Paden) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Education.

**H. B. No. 140:** (Representative Paden) Day and Temporary Labor Services Act; create. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 141:** (Representative Paden) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 142:** (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 143:** (Representative Paden) State song; designate "My Home Mississippi" as second official state song. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 144:** (Representative Paden) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "hotel" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 145:** (Representatives Paden, Stamps) Suffrage; restore to all upon meeting all terms and conditions of sentence. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 146:** (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 147:** (Representative Paden) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2022"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community and junior college attendance. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 148:** (Representative Paden) Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Education.

**H. B. No. 149:** (Representative Paden) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 150:** (Representatives Paden, Stamps) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 151:** (Representative Paden) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 152:** (Representative Paden) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 153:** (Representative Paden) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 154:** (Representative Massengill) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 155:** (Representatives Massengill, Steverson, Lancaster, Byrd, Karriem) State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 156:** (Representative Massengill) Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 157:** (Representatives Massengill, Anderson (122nd), Lancaster) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 158:** (Representative Massengill) Off-road vehicles; revise definitions of. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 159:** (Representatives Zuber, Williamson) Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 160:** (Representative Zuber) Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 161:** (Representative Zuber) State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize elected officials to serve on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 162:** (Representative Zuber) Legislature; limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote for passage to sessions in even-numbered years. Rules.

**H. B. No. 163:** (Representative Zuber) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the state auditor. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 164:** (Representatives Shanks, Barnett, Williamson) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 165:** (Representative Shanks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Brandon with improvements to City Hall. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 166:** (Representatives Williamson, Shanks) Criminal investigators; increase salary of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 167:** (Representatives Shanks, Williamson) Law enforcement officers; require to input missing person cases into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 168:** (Representative Shanks) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 169:** (Representatives Shanks, Mangold) Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 170:** (Representative Patterson) Firearms; authorize concealed carry without a permit during emergency evacuations. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 171:** (Representatives Steverson, Arnold, Lancaster, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 172:** (Representatives Bennett, Felsher, Newman) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 173:** (Representative Bennett) School attendance officers; clarify fulfillment of duties before, during and after designated leave period. Education.

**H. B. No. 174:** (Representative Bennett) Teacher licensure; revise disciplinary procedures relating to suspension or revocation of, and due process. Education.

**H. B. No. 175:** (Representatives Holloway, Stamps) Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 176:** (Representative Holloway) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at large. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 177:** (Representative Holloway) Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 178:** (Representative Holloway) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 179:** (Representatives Holloway, Turner) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 180:** (Representatives Holloway, Foster, Karriem) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 181:** (Representative Holloway) Blue; designate as the state color of Mississippi. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 182:** (Representative Holloway) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Education.

**H. B. No. 183:** (Representative Burnett) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. Judiciary B.



**H. B. No. 184:** (Representative Burnett) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 185:** (Representative Burnett) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Gaming.

**H. B. No. 186:** (Representative Burnett) Casinos; revise locations in Tunica County where may locate. Gaming; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 187:** (Representative Burnett) Firearms possession; authorize for nonviolent felons in homes and cars. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 188:** (Representative Burnett) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 189:** (Representative Burnett) School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 190:** (Representative Burnett) Retired judges; authorize to solemnize marriages. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 191:** (Representative Mickens) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 192:** (Representatives Mickens, Byrd, Karriem) License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag. Transportation; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 193:** (Representative Mickens) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions and authorize practice of medicine or dentistry after expungement of certain crimes. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 194:** (Representative Mickens) Corporal punishment; prohibit in public and charter schools. Education.

**H. B. No. 195:** (Representative Mickens) Conditions of probation; clarify that courts may provide certain treatment for veterans when placed on probation. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 196:** (Representatives Mickens, Stamps) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 197:** (Representative Mickens) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 198:** (Representative Mickens) Statewide Assessment Program; require the SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Education.

**H. B. No. 199:** (Representative Clarke) Early voting; authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 200:** (Representative Clarke) Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 201:** (Representatives Clarke, Summers) Appropriation; Department of Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 202:** (Representatives Clarke, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 203:** (Representative Clarke) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 204:** (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Town of Edwards for funding the town Youth Enrichment Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 205:** (Representative Foster) Metal detectors; require in all public schools beginning with 2022-2023 school year. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 206:** (Representative Johnson) Minimum Wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 207:** (Representative Johnson) Appropriations; Department of Health for COVID-19 expenses and related matters. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 208:** (Representative Johnson) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 209:** (Representative Johnson) Corrections Inspection Council; establish. Corrections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 210:** (Representative Johnson) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 211:** (Representative Johnson) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 212:** (Representative Johnson) Medicaid; telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 213:** (Representative Johnson) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 214:** (Representative Johnson) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 215:** (Representative Johnson) Department of Health; limit any increase in fees by and revise who can be appointed to child care advisory council by State Health Officer. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 216:** (Representative Johnson) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 217:** (Representative Johnson) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 218:** (Representative Johnson) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 219:** (Representative Johnson) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 220:** (Representative Johnson) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 221:** (Representative Taylor) Practice of medicine or dentistry; allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 222:** (Representative Taylor) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with drainage improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 223:** (Representative Taylor) Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act; create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of voters. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 224:** (Representative Taylor) Nonviolent offenders, certain; require Department of Corrections to house within a 100-mile radius of offenders' release residences. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 225:** (Representative Taylor) Workforce training, certain; provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 226:** (Representative Taylor) Regional correctional facilities; require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 227:** (Representative Taylor) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 228:** (Representative Taylor) Appropriation; City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 229:** (Representative Taylor) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 230:** (Representative Taylor) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties with certain road projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 231:** (Representatives Williamson, Yancey) COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorize employee exemptions from. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 232:** (Representative Yancey) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 233:** (Representatives Massengill, Barnett, Steverson, Lancaster) Mississippi Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 234:** (Representative Massengill) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise membership of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 235:** (Representative Massengill) Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 236:** (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 237:** (Representative Powell) Hazing; increase penalties for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 238:** (Representative Powell) Universities and colleges anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 239:** (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 240:** (Representative Powell) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers for storm shelter/safe room construction. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 241:** (Representative Powell) Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 242:** (Representatives Powell, Miles) Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 243:** (Representative Denton) Partisan primary elections; abolish and establish open primary elections. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 244:** (Representative Denton) Child support; revise factors for award of. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 245:** (Representative Denton) Income tax and sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 246:** (Representative Denton) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 247:** (Representative Denton) Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 248:** (Representative Denton) Armed Services Absentee Voting Law; expand definition of "absent voter" to include those working in federal waters of United States. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 249:** (Representative Denton) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Education.

**H. B. No. 250:** (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 251:** (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 252:** (Representatives Oliver, Hale) PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 253:** (Representatives Oliver, Ladner, Barnett) Second Amendment Preservation Act; create. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 254:** (Representatives Patterson, Williamson) Firearms; interpose state law in place of any federal law confiscating firearms. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 255:** (Representatives Morgan, Holloway) Funeral processions; yield right-of-way to and prescribe fine for failure to. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 256:** (Representative Morgan) Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 257:** (Representative Morgan) Theft of street, road or highway signs; provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 258:** (Representatives Morgan, Hale) Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 259:** (Representative Morgan) Drone Prohibition Act; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 260:** (Representative Pigott) Inventory of livestock; repeal provision requiring state institutions of higher learning to file quarterly inventory report. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 261:** (Representative Pigott) Foundation herds of certain livestock; repeal authority of IHL Board relating to purchase, breeding and maintenance of. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 262:** (Representative Pigott) 4-H Club Demonstration Camps; repeal authority of MSU Extension Service to create and maintain in Panola and Madison Counties. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 263:** (Representative Scott) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 264:** (Representative Scott) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 265:** (Representative Scott) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. Education.

**H. B. No. 266:** (Representative Scott) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Education; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 267:** (Representative Scott) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Shubuta with improvements to Town Hall building. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 268:** (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 269:** (Representative Scott) Appropriations; Department of Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 270:** (Representative Scott) Home economics; require to be taught in "D" and "F" rated school districts. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 271:** (Representative Scott) Misdemeanor expunction; remove age restriction. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 272:** (Representative Scott) School attendance officers; require to visit homes of certain children within 72 hours of unexcused absence. Education.

**H. B. No. 273:** (Representative Scott) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 274:** (Representative Scott) Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 275:** (Representative Scott) Nonviolent offenders; authorize reduction of sentences for passage of end-of-course subject area tests by offenders. Judiciary B; Corrections.

**H. B. No. 276:** (Representative Scott) Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 277:** (Representative Scott) TANF and Medicaid; require teenage recipients of to participate in programs about birth control, abstinence and parenting. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 278:** (Representative Scott) Mississippi Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 279:** (Representative Scott) Task force to address the disparity of African-American males in the judicial system; create. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 280:** (Representative Scott) Comprehensive School Health Education Program; include additional components in and require school nurse to teach. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 281:** (Representative Scott) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. Education.

**H. B. No. 282:** (Representative Scott) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 283:** (Representative Scott) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 284:** (Representative Scott) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 285:** (Representative Scott) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 286:** (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Education.

**H. B. No. 287:** (Representative Scott) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in D and F districts. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 288:** (Representative Scott) MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 289:** (Representative Scott) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement in C, D and F school districts. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 290:** (Representative Scott) Department of Corrections; increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. Corrections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 291:** (Representative Scott) Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 292:** (Representative Scott) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 293:** (Representative Scott) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 294:** (Representative Scott) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 295:** (Representatives Scott, Stamps) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 296:** (Representative Scott) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 297:** (Representative Scott) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 298:** (Representative Scott) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 299:** (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide continued eligibility for eligible women for up to 12 months postpartum. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 300:** (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 301:** (Representative Scott) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. County Affairs; Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 302:** (Representatives Felsher, Scott) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 303:** (Representative Scott) "2022 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 304:** (Representative Scott) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 305:** (Representative Scott) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; create to help assistant teachers to become licensed. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 306:** (Representative Scott) Elections; require to be conducted by paper ballot or with optical mark reading equipment. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 307:** (Representative Scott) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 308:** (Representative Scott) Same day voter registration; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 309:** (Representative Scott) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 310:** (Representative Scott) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Education.

**H. B. No. 311:** (Representative Scott) Sales tax; exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software, sales of feminine hygiene products. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 312:** (Representative Scott) Municipal election commissioners; revise appointments of. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 313:** (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 314:** (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of career technical buildings at the Greenville Higher Education Center. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 315:** (Representative Hines) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 316:** (Representative Hines) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 317:** (Representative Hines) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 318:** (Representative Hines) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 319:** (Representative Hines) State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 320:** (Representative Hines) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Public Health and Human Services.



**H. B. No. 321:** (Representatives Hines, Hale) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 322:** (Representative Hines) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 323:** (Representative Hines) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 324:** (Representative Hines) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 325:** (Representative Hines) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 326:** (Representative Hines) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Education.

**H. B. No. 327:** (Representative Hines) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 328:** (Representative Hines) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 329:** (Representative Hines) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 330:** (Representative Hines) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 331:** (Representative Hines) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Public Health and Human Services; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 332:** (Representative Hines) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 333:** (Representative Hines) Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. Youth and Family Affairs.

**H. B. No. 334:** (Representative Hines) HIV crimes; increase penalties for intentional exposure or contact with blood or seminal fluid. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 335:** (Representative Hines) Medical marijuana; authorize Alcorn State University to enter into MOU for local farmers to grow for out-of-state vendors. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 336:** (Representative Hines) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Universities and Colleges; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 337:** (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for a grant to the Southern Health Commission in Washington County. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 338:** (Representative Hines) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Gaming; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 339:** (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health to establish and operate two STD/HIV specialty clinics. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 340:** (Representative Hines) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Education.

**H. B. No. 341:** (Representative Hines) "Mississippi Youthbuild Act"; create. Youth and Family Affairs.

**H. B. No. 342:** (Representative Hines) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 343:** (Representative Hines) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Education.

**H. B. No. 344:** (Representative Hines) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 345:** (Representative Hines) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 346:** (Representative Hines) Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 347:** (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 348:** (Representative Hines) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 349:** (Representatives Hines, Stamps) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Insurance; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 350:** (Representative Hines) Chronic Diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs to reduce incidence of. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 351:** (Representative Hines) Community and Police Safety Act; create. Municipalities; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 352:** (Representative Burnett) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 353:** (Representative Hines) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 354:** (Representative Hines) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. Education.

**H. B. No. 355:** (Representative Hines) CON; remove services and equipment from requirement for. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 356:** (Representative Hines) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Education.

**H. B. No. 357:** (Representative Hines) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 358:** (Representative Scott) Juneteenth National Independence Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. B. No. 359:** (Representative Bain) Appropriation; Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 360:** (Representative Bain) State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Judiciary B.

**H. C. R. No. 1:** (Representative Yancey) Gary Jude Harkins; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 2:** (Representative Zuber) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 3:** (Representative Taylor) Credit scores; urge Congress to enact legislation requiring data analytics companies to disclose methods used to calculate. Rules.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lamar Reed, and Jonas Foxworth, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reggie Martin, Wayne Johnson, Bill Fitzgerald, Thomas Whittington, Rebecca Graves Honea, Mark Anderson, Larry Seago, Wade Wadley Craig, Tony O'Beirne, Charles Eckman, Senator Joseph Stogner, Dr. Craig Bradford, James Clark, Bob Booth, Nickolas Faust, Lorene Reid, Charles Ray Bates, Kristen Zeigler, Marie Perkins, Forrest Foster, Devon Guy, Marvin Taylor, Jr., Gene Fenn, Pat Doyle, Linda Clark, Barbara Kaiser, Devon Paulk, Ben Price, Todd Easley, and Dean Kebert, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Julie Turner Hall, Robert Earl Hill, Sr. , Michael "Pop" Edward Wall, Jimmie Lee, C. Lamar McDonald, Jr. , Donna Thompson, Stephen Lee Jackson, Bill Bushman, Georgia Budinich, Timothy Lee Snowden, and Dr. Sonny Rush, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Daphne Bernich, Julie Bond, Annette Strong, Judge Bruce Strong, Sandra Usey, Gregory Wilson, Vivian Castiglia, Reva Rose Hopkins, Frederick Lusk, Jr. , Gerald "Gerry" Molnerney, Linda "Gayle" Ladner Bentz , Barbara Ann Pierce Walker, Neil J. Broussard, Shane Garrard, Cherie Pohlmann, Ray Ebberman , Ronald Pierotich, Samuel Joseph Mavar, Jr., Donnie Handler, Sr. , Faye Joyce Thompson Langlinais, Anne Seal Cole, Linda Barfield Sudduth, and Kathy Comstock, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Daphne Bernich, Julie Bond, Annette Strong, Judge Bruce Strong, Sandra Usey, Gregory Wilson, Vivian Castiglia, Reva Rose Hopkins, Frederick Lusk, Jr., Gerald "Gerry" Molnerney, Linda "Gayle" Ladner Bentz, Barbara Ann Pierce Walker, Neil J. Broussard, Shane Garrard, Cherie Pohlmann, Ray Ebberman, Ronald Pierotich, Samuel Joseph

Mavar, Jr., Donnie Handler, Sr., Faye Joyce Thompson Langlinais, Anne Seal Cole, Linda Barfield Sudduth, and Kathy Comstock, which motion prevailed.

Representative Paden moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rev. Charlie Sykes, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Richard Clark, and Harrison McClain, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bailey and Hines moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Oran Tinson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Daisy Burroughs, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Don Cotton, Sr. , Miss. Joyce F. Ellzey, Shirlee Catherine Hester, Charles Edward Lee Elmore, Richard Lee "Rick" Rozar, Robert Timothy Varner, Janet Marie Andrews, Aurelia M. Bufkin, Peggy Frey Moore, Johnny Douglas Pugh, William Glynn Tucker, Rachael Elaine Tucker, Kenny Gene Jacobs, Francis Loper, Marion Cyrus Bentley, Raeleigh Amanda McRee, Robert C. Mars, Franklin Davis Cook, Wilma Jean Lucas, Mildred Hazel Beckman, Gay Nell Kitchens, Sibyl C. Belcher, John Marion Harwell, William Ronald "Kojack" McDonald, William Preston "Buck" Jordan, Dwight M. Napp, Donna Carol Poole, Gerald L. Young, Bobbie J. Lawson, and Cynthia Louise Hinson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Emily Gail Hall, Martha Lucille Rowland, Betty Wright, Barbara Fulgham Brent, Tony Cole, James "Frank" Woodruff, Bobby Doyle Johnson, Charles Franklin East, Scott Atkinson, Jo Ann Hinton Pate, Evelyn Huffman, Margie Sanders, Sheriff Jimmy Simmons, William Anthony "Amp" Doss, Edith Harkins, Margaret Martin, Lisa Marie Weaver, Willy Frank House, Brooklyn Nicole Williams, Douglas Dobbs, Sr. , Emma Lee Mims, J. E. Pumphrey, Mark Peel, Byron Wilson, Linn Lacey, Tammy Houston McClain, Jim Nelson, Alice Lavern Frith, Jessica Criddle Hamblin, Cindy Alford Walls, Sheena Wright, Charles Glen Shettles, Helen Faye Brown Lindsey, Philip Hollingsworth, Larry Elmer Malone, Tommy "Doc" Davis, Billy Ray Meadows, Willie Mae Heppe, Minnie Jean Thomas Darby Denson, Melissa Ann Reynolds, Jerry Lynn Clark, Patrick Callahan Pearson, Sara Elizabeth Chase, Christopher Ray Huffman, Gladys Virginia "Jen" Chenault, William David "Bill" Marion, Tony Coleman, Edwin Belk, Jr. , David Wayne Coleman, Wanda Rose Hollowell Harrington, Mary Elizabeth Gregory, Bobbie Burkeen, Cecil Lewis, Glenda Livingston, Ben Cliett, Johnny Hicks, Terry Whitlock, Douglas Corley, Adrian Kent Shoemaker, Rev. Elkin Heair, Don E. Blankenship, Roger Curry, Pam Curry, James Kilgore, and Leslie Ann Gann McMullen, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Lancaster and Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Sullivan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry L. Woods, Anna Marie Green, Lois Geneva (Gen) Cole Williamson, Connie McCammon, Douglas Lee Owensby, Gregory Neal Stephens, Kenneth Ray Joines, Mattie Chrestman, Samuel "Buck" McGan IV, Patricia Ann Gilmer McCammon, William "Steve" Stephenson, Louis Haskell Davis, Kelly Weaver, Richard Honeycutt, and Sylvia Denise Clements, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Former State Representative, Ashley Henley, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hale and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edward Bruce Olivi, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Rushing and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald Lamar Cooper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cayce Thomas Seal, and Rachel Perniciaro Yarborough, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Gunn, Lamar, Mims and White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Clifton L. Hester, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Anthony moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Roberts, Kyle Andrus, Esther Navarro, Billy Pinion, Debra Burton, Larry Wayne Willoughby, Bettie Montgomery, Justin Bradley Young, Jeanette Commander, Glenn Donald, Linda Davenport, John Elton Britt, Bobby Toler, Sr., Lois Vanlandingham, Mary Helen White, Ruby Foster, Henry Leon Keith, Jr., Mary Lynn LaPresto, Jay Steven Hughes, Lisa Lott, Nora Ellen Weeks, John Williams, James Thomas Miller, III, Thomas Gerald Vance, and Ruth Jefcoat, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Bruce "Rob" Ford, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 12:26 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

(SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Arnold.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

The Clerk, Andrew Ketchings, read the Governor's Partial Veto for House Bill 1413 for the 2021 Regular Session:

22 APRIL 2021

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1413

I am returning House Bill 1413: "AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

I am vetoing Section 24(2) (Lines 311-315) providing a \$4,500,000 appropriation to assist in paying costs for right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to 4-lane that portion of Mississippi Highway 12 from the City of Durant in Holmes County, Mississippi, to the City of Kosciusko in Attala County, Mississippi.

Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law." The removal of this separate, distinct and complete appropriation does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1413. See Reeves, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,

//ORIGINAL SIGNED//

TATE REEVES

GOVERNOR

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 361:** (Representative Wright) Legislative; authorize House and Senate Sergeant at Arms to carry firearm. Rules.

**H. B. No. 362:** (Representatives Currie, Felsher, Scoggin) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician referral before performing services. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 363:** (Representatives Currie, Scoggin) Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 364:** (Representatives Currie, Scoggin) Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 365:** (Representatives Mims, Mickens) MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 366:** (Representative Newman) Bail; revise how amounts are set. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 367:** (Representative Newman) Prostitution; penalize procurement of as a felony. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 368:** (Representative Newman) Justice and municipal courts; require to file all legal documents by electronic form using MEC. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 369:** (Representative Newman) Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 370:** (Representatives Newman, Karriem) Bail bond; require release when judge approves participation in intervention program. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 371:** (Representatives Barton, Williamson) Municipal annexation; provide that an election shall be held on the question of. Municipalities; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 372:** (Representative Barton) Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than 5% of market value. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 373:** (Representative Gibbs (36th)) Elections; increase qualification fees for. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 374:** (Representative Bomgar) Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 375:** (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 376:** (Representative Reynolds) County elected officers; provide that salaries shall not be reduced due to reduction in total assessed valuation or population. County Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 377:** (Representatives Reynolds, Williamson) Right to vote; restore to veterans who committed certain crimes upon completing sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 378:** (Representative Reynolds) Income tax; exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 379:** (Representative Reynolds) Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 380:** (Representative Reynolds) Developmental and physical disabilities; require health insurance policies cover similar to autism spectrum disorder requirement. Insurance; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 381:** (Representative Reynolds) School boards powers and duties; expand to require boards to exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure 16th section land lessees pay taxes on leased lands. Education.

**H. B. No. 382:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Cell phones and certain other contraband; provide enhanced penalties for offenders and correctional employees. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 383:** (Representative Straughter) Mississippi Day of Freedom and Abolishment of Slavery; declare February 7 as. Rules.

**H. B. No. 384:** (Representative Beckett) Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion. Rules.

**H. B. No. 385:** (Representative Owen) Sexual harassment settlements; require counties, municipalities and state agencies to post on website. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 386:** (Representative Osborne) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 387:** (Representative Osborne) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 388:** (Representative Mims) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Natchez Children's Services. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 389:** (Representative Mims) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Natchez Cemetery Association. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 390:** (Representatives Mims, Ford (73rd)) Income tax; automatically extend time for filing tax returns when IRS extends time due to emergency/disaster. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 391:** (Representative Zuber) Nonadmitted policy fee; extend repealer on. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 392:** (Representative Osborne) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Military Affairs; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 393:** (Representative Osborne) Appropriations; IHL for MS Valley State University for lowering tuition rate for 2022-2023 academic year. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 394:** (Representatives Clark, Stamps) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 395:** (Representative Massengill) Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; create board to license and regulate. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 396:** (Representative Wright) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Columbus with certain road and street improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 397:** (Representative Wright) Appropriation; DFA to assist City of Columbus in cost of widening of and other improvements to certain roads. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 398:** (Representative Wright) Veterans; exempt from fee for entry and use of state parks. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 399:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Office of Workforce Development; bring forward code sections related to. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 400:** (Representative Wright) Riding bailiffs; revise salary of. Judiciary B; Appropriations.



**H. B. No. 401:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Mineral interests; owner of nonproducing interest held separately from surface estate will be liable for portion of ad valorem taxes on land. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 402:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Inc. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 403:** (Representative Bell (21st)) CTE students; provide tuition-free instruction and increased financial assistance for industry certification assessment. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 404:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Appropriations; Department of Education for administering ACT WorkKeys Assessment to all career and technical education students. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 405:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 406:** (Representative Bell (21st)) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the administration for purpose of graduation. Education.

**H. B. No. 407:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Teacher licensure; provide to certain individuals with a minimum of five years experience in public school districts or certain nonpublic schools. Education.

**H. B. No. 408:** (Representative Bell (21st)) State Department of Education; require to conduct sampling of material used on the U.S. History end-of-course assessment. Education.

**H. B. No. 409:** (Representative Bain) Asset forfeiture proceeds; clarify use is for increase in law enforcement budget. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 410:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Hypodermic syringes or needles; unlawful to sell, obtain, purchase or possess as a direct consumer without a written prescription. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 411:** (Representative Bain) Voyeurism; revise sentencing option for the crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 412:** (Representative Bain) Postsecondary educational institutions; require 50% in-person instruction as condition of receiving legislative appropriation. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 413:** (Representative Bain) Habitual offender; revise penalties for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 414:** (Representative Bain) Expungement; authorize for completion of drug court. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 415:** (Representatives Bain, Williamson) State Superintendent of Public Education; align salary of to no more than 150% of Governor's salary. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 416:** (Representatives Bain, Felsher) Public records; exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 417:** (Representative Bain) Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 418:** (Representative Bain) Public schools; require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all. Education.

**H. B. No. 419:** (Representative Bain) Mississippi Highway Patrol; increase pay. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 420:** (Representative Bain) Districts of Innovations; require State Department of Education to recognize use of Cambridge Assessment or other nationally recognized assessment for accountability ratings. Education.

**H. B. No. 421:** (Representative Bain) Appropriation; DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 422:** (Representative Bain) State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 423:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Accountability rating system; abolish A-F ratings and implement percentage designation ratings. Education.

**H. B. No. 424:** (Representatives Mims, Stamps) Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 425:** (Representatives Criswell, Sanders, Anthony) Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; declare the month of April as. Rules.

**H. B. No. 426:** (Representatives Ford (73rd), Byrd) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 427:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Income tax: authorize a credit for certain blood donations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 428:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 429:** (Representatives Ford (73rd), Felsher) "J.T. Williamson Act"; create to make texting while driving a misdemeanor. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 430:** (Representative Blackmon) Municipal clerk; authorize to certify the results of a municipal election under certain circumstances. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 431:** (Representative Blackmon) Municipal election officials; prohibit removal of except where good cause shown. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 432:** (Representative Blackmon) Municipal executive committee; prohibit members of from campaigning for candidates on the municipal primary election ballot. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 433:** (Representative Currie) Health Insurance policies; require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 434:** (Representatives Currie, Tullos) Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 435:** (Representative Currie) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 436:** (Representative Currie) Patriot Guard Act; create. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 437:** (Representatives Currie, Calvert, Mangold, Smith, Barnett, Crawford, Scoggin, Williamson) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act: enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 438:** (Representative Currie) "Mississippi Police Funding Protection Act"; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 439:** (Representative Currie) State agencies; eliminate requirement to prepare and publish annual reports. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 440:** (Representative Scoggin) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 441:** (Representative Scoggin) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 442:** (Representatives Currie, Barnett, Crawford) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 443:** (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 444:** (Representative Crudup) Mississippi State Song Study Committee; create. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 445:** (Representative Crudup) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured more than one-fourth of damages. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 446:** (Representatives Scoggin, Lancaster, Miles) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 447:** (Representatives Currie, Williamson) Occupational licenses; revise reciprocity requirements for. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 448:** (Representative Currie) E-verify program; transfer responsibility of administering to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 449:** (Representative Currie) State Parks; provide funding from net proceeds of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 450:** (Representative Currie) Autopsies; require to include inquiry about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 451:** (Representatives Zuber, Miles, Stamps, Arnold) Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 452:** (Representatives Ford (54th), Zuber, Felsher) Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 453:** (Representatives Turner, Currie, Felsher, Crawford, Haney, Faulkner, Karriem) Tourism; establish programs for certain assistance, designate "One Mississippi" as contemporary music genre official State Song. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 454:** (Representative Currie) Medicaid; increase reimbursement rate for providers of assisted living services. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 455:** (Representative Newman) Retirement; create separate system for state and local law enforcement officers and firefighters. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 456:** (Representative Crudup) Motor vehicles; require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 457:** (Representative McKnight) School Resource Officers; revise MCOPS grant program to require attendance at any accredited law enforcement academy. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 458:** (Representative McKnight) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 459:** (Representative Hines) Cyberstalking; revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 460:** (Representative Currie) Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 461:** (Representative Blackmon) Election Integrity Assurance Committee; authorize to conduct primary elections under certain circumstances and prohibit from receiving any compensation. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 462:** (Representative Currie) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Insurance.

**H. C. R. No. 4:** (Representative Hines) Constitution; amend to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. Constitution.

**H. R. No. 1:** (Representative Reynolds) Dr. Alton Cobb; commend the life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 2:** (Representatives Clarke, Summers) Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 3:** (Representatives Bell (65th), Summers, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Williams-Barnes) Head Coach Deion Sanders; commend upon being named the 2021 SWAC Coach of the Year. Rules.

**H. R. No. 4:** (Representatives Lancaster, Bell (65th), Clarke, Summers, Foster, Williams-Barnes) Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 384:** Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion. Title Sufficient.  
Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

Representatives Bomgar, Criswell and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Austin Bostwick, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patty Roberts Bradley, Dorothy Gooze Robbins, Johnny Lee Swinford, Tracy Ann Waldrop, Sonya Renee Coale Rogers, Ann Carolyn Hicks Smith, Dennie Guy Beam, Shirley Ann White, Myrtle Jane Stone, Larry Hugh Long, Sheila JoAnn Longcrier, David Lane Vaughn, Florine McAfee, Margaret Burrell, Rosemary Wardlow Chambliss, Gloria Jean Skipper, Robert Gordan Alexander, Jr., Jimmy Lynn Johnson, Jack W. Ussery, Gary Dean Riley, Donna Ray Robertson, and Donald Elijah Sibley, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Guice and Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sherry Vollmuth, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Randy Blackledge, Guy Clay, Sr., Margaret "Peggy" Corban, Martha Scofield, Dorothy Cunningham, Martha Nell Portwood, and Paul Walker, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Martha Lofton, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Banks and Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Benford, and Johnny "Bootsy" Morrow, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of JoAnn Christopher, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Haney and Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandy Usey, which motion prevailed.

At 10:21 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, January 6, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

(THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan,

Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Miles. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Huddleston and Miles.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 463:** (Representative Roberson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Callaway High School. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 464:** (Representatives Bell (21st), Haney, Stamps, Eubanks) "College Sticker Price Act of 2022"; enact to provide students and families certain program and cost information. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 465:** (Representative Roberson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the MIND Center at UMMC. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 466:** (Representative Roberson) Income tax; extend repealer on jobs tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 467:** (Representative Roberson) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 468:** (Representative Roberson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; reauthorize issuance to supporters of certain out-of-state universities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 469:** (Representative Roberson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 470:** (Representatives Roberson, Stamps) Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 471:** (Representative Scoggin) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of South Jones Touchdown Club. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 472:** (Representative Roberson) Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to Mississippi. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 473:** (Representative Roberson) State Bond Commission; extend reverter on statute prescribing powers and duties of. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 474:** (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 475:** (Representative Roberson) IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 476:** (Representative Roberson) Departments of Human Services and Child Protection Services; extend repealer on exemption from certain Procurement Review Board Requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 477:** (Representatives Roberson, Stamps) Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend expiration date for Department of Health to make physician grants. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 478:** (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Forestry Commission; extend repealer on authority to hire law enforcement officers to investigate woods arson. Forestry.

**H. B. No. 479:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) State Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize six-year contracts for teaching staff and administrative employees. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 480:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Illegal drug transfers; provide enhanced penalty when drug transfer is proximate cause of death. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 481:** (Representatives Roberson, Brown (20th), Stamps) Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance; extend repealer on authority to join certain examinations with Federal Reserve Bank. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 482:** (Representative Roberson) Property Insurance Clarity Act; extend repealer on. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 483:** (Representatives Roberson, Stamps, Anthony, Brown (70th), Banks) Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 484:** (Representative Roberson) Surplus lines insurance; extend repealer on statute prescribing nonadmitted policy fee for. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 485:** (Representative Bain) Drug crime penalties; revise judicial discretion. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 486:** (Representative Boyd) Adverse possession cases; require losing party to pay court costs and attorney's fees. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 487:** (Representatives Reynolds, Williamson) Right to vote; restore to people who committed nonviolent disqualifying crimes upon meeting certain requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 488:** (Representative Reynolds) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Gaming.

**H. B. No. 489:** (Representative Hopkins) School districts; require teachers and other licensed personnel to be paid on semimonthly basis. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 490:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) Electric/hybrid vehicle tax; repeal sections of law authorizing. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 491:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell, Crawford, Williamson) Voter Identification; clarify that only Mississippi driver's license shall be acceptable license. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 492:** (Representative Roberson) Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 493:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) Physical therapists; authorize to perform services without referral from another health care provider. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 494:** (Representatives McGee, Barton, Bennett, Massengill, McCarty, Roberson) Exceptional students with significant developmental disabilities and complex communication needs; clarify pathways for receiving educational instruction and training in a UBP. Education.

**H. B. No. 495:** (Representative Currie) Scrap metal; revise penalties and suspend license for receipt of stolen property. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 496:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 497:** (Representative Boyd) Intentional injury to pregnant woman; revise penalties. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 498:** (Representatives Boyd, Williamson) "Tim Tebow Act"; establish to provide equal access for homeschoolers to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education.

**H. B. No. 499:** (Representative Boyd) End-of-course tests; eliminate passing score as graduation requirement and exempt from accountability ratings for four years. Education.

**H. B. No. 500:** (Representative Boyd) Mineral interest; revise procedure for payment of taxes. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 501:** (Representative Boyd) Mineral interests; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Judiciary A; Energy.

**H. B. No. 502:** (Representative Boyd) School board purchasing agent; increase amount of required surety bond. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 503:** (Representatives Boyd, Brown (20th), Turner) Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection." Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 504:** (Representatives Boyd, Brown (20th), Turner) Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway." Transportation; Appropriations.



**H. B. No. 505:** (Representatives Boyd, Brown (20th), Turner) Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way." Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 506:** (Representative Boyd) Timber products; revise time during which vehicles transporting may operate. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 507:** (Representative Boyd) Dialysis facilities; nursing homes shall allow to provide mobile services on site to their patients. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 508:** (Representative Boyd) Public schools; require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all. Education.

**H. B. No. 509:** (Representative Boyd) School boards; require itemized report of central office expenditures to be included in notice for increase in ad valorem taxes. Education.

**H. B. No. 510:** (Representative Boyd) PERS; retiree may not receive retirement allowance while under contract with state agency as consultant or advisor. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 511:** (Representatives Boyd, Crawford) Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan Program; revise to increase financial assistance to those pursuing teacher licensure. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 512:** (Representatives Lamar, Williamson, Felsher) Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 513:** (Representative Roberson) State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan; extend repealer on requirement that state pay certain amounts toward premiums. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 514:** (Representatives Roberson, Anthony) Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 515:** (Representative Roberson) Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 516:** (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 517:** (Representative Roberson) Municipalities; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 518:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) Sales tax; exempt sales coins, currency and bullion. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 519:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) Cell site simulator device; require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 520:** (Representative Lamar) Department of Revenue; authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 521:** (Representatives Lamar, Tullos) Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 522:** (Representatives Lamar, Stamps) Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as used by public schools. Education.

**H. R. No. 5:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) House Rules; amend 104A to require all House committees to be live streamed. Rules; Appropriations.

**H. R. No. 6:** (Representatives Steverson, Bain, Barton, Lancaster, Massengill) Dennis Craig Grisham; honor life upon his passing and express deep sympathy. Rules.

Rep. White called up:

**H. B. No. 384:** Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES ANDERSON (110TH), ANTHONY, BAILEY, BANKS, BELL (65TH), BLACKMON, BROWN (70TH), BURNETT, CLARK, CLARKE, COCKERHAM, CRUDUP, DENTON, FAULKNER, FOSTER, GIBBS (72ND), GIBBS (36TH), HARNESS, HOLLOWAY, JACKSON, KARRIEM, MCCRAY, MICKENS, OSBORNE, PORTER, REYNOLDS, ROSEBUD, SANDERS, SCOTT, STAMPS, STRAUGHTER, SUMMERS, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WALKER, WATSON, WILLIAMS-BARNES AND YOUNG:

AMEND by striking lines 9-76 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

" FIRST DISTRICT. — The First Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, DeSoto, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Marshall, Monroe, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tate, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Webster \* \* \*; \* \* \* in Winston County, the precincts of County Agent, \*Shiloh and Zion Ridge.

SECOND DISTRICT. — The Second Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:  
Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Claiborne, Coahoma, Copiah, Grenada, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Jefferson, Leake, Leflore, Montgomery, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica, Warren, Washington, Yalobusha, Yazoo; \* \* \* in Madison County the precincts of \* \* \* Anderson Lodge, Camden, Cameron, Canton Bible Church, Canton Catholic Parish Center, Canton Community Center, Canton Fire Station #4, Canton National Guard Armory, Canton South Liberty, Canton St. Paul Methodist, Cedar Grove, Colonial Heights, Coupale, Farmhaven Fire Station, Fellowship Bible Church, Ferns Chapel Freewill, Franklin Baptist Church, \*Grace Crossing, Greater Mt. Levi Church, Highland Colony Baptist Church, Madison County Baptist Family Life Center, Magnolia Heights, Mark Apartments, Mount Hope, Pleasant Gift Church, Pleasant Green, Ridgeland First Methodist Church, Ridgeland Recreational Center, Tougaloo and Trace Ridge \* \* \*.

THIRD DISTRICT. — The Third Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

Adams, Amite, Clarke, Covington, Franklin, \* \* \* Jasper, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lauderdale, \* \* \* Lawrence, Lincoln, Marion, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Walthall, Wilkinson \* \* \*. \* \* \* in Jones County the precincts of \* \* \* \*Blackwell, Gitano, Hebron, Matthews, Mauldin Community Center, Shady Grove \* \* \* and Soso; \* \* \* in Madison County, the precincts of First Presbyterian, China Grove, First Baptist, Gluckstadt, \*Grace Crossing, Lake Caroline Clubhouse, New Life, NorthBay, Parkway Church, SunnyBrook, Twin Lakes Baptist, Vertical Church, Victory Baptist Church and Victory Christian; in Winston County, the precincts of American Legion, East Winston, Fairground, Lovorn Tractor, Mars Hill, Mill Creek, Nanih Waiya, New National Guard Armory, Noxapater and \*Shiloh.

FOURTH DISTRICT. — The Fourth Congressional District shall be composed of the following counties and portions of counties:

\* \* \* Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Lamar, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, Wayne; in Jones County, the precincts of Antioch, \*Blackwell, Bruce, Calhoun, Centerville, County Barn, Currie, Erata, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Building, Glade School, Johnson, Landrum Community Center, Lt. Ellis Center, Magnolia Center, Moselle, Myrick, North Laurel, Oak Park School, Ovett, Parkview Baptist Church, Pinegrove, Pleasant Ridge, Powers Community Center, Rainey, Rustin, Sandersville Civic Center, Sandhill, Sharon, Shelton, Tuckers, Union and West Ellisville.

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The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 384**. On motion of Rep. White the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Mims, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--44.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harvey Blakeney, Billy Earl Welch, Annie Faye Wiginton, and James Wiginton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Spurgeon Lisenbee, Virginia Garrett Oltremari, Melvin Pilkington, Ann Frazier Kelley, Betty Johnston, Jody Lee Kraft, Thomas A. Stuard, Janie Sumrall Branch, Dorothy J. Fortwengler, Milton Lawrence "Doc" Moore, Francisco A. Ulanday, Catherine Thomas, Brenda Eubanks, Wendy Gail Briscoe, Grady Lamar Luther, Barbara Ann Edwards, Morene McCullar, Robert Lane Martin, Troy Denver Hampton, and Betty Jean Wright, which motion prevailed.

At 10:44 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 7, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

(FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Larry Byrd.

Rep. Byrd led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Felsher, Huddleston, McCarty. Total-4.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Felsher, Huddleston and McCarty.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 523:** (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with construction of the Evelyn Gandy Parkway North Extension. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 524:** (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 525:** (Representative Byrd) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 526:** (Representatives Byrd, Stamps) "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to include students with a dyslexia diagnosis. Education.

**H. B. No. 527:** (Representatives Byrd, Anthony) Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise. County Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 528:** (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Brooklyn Utility Association with water system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 529:** (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Petal Excel By 5 with construction of a playground. Ways and Means.

Head Page, Grace Williams, introduced the Pages for the week:

Daniel Barnett	Jackson, MS
Christina Brown	Vicksburg, MS
Jaylen Chatman	Richland, MS
Sabine Cook	Clinton, MS
Ty'Quavis Johnson	Jackson, MS
Samuel Long	Madison, MS
JeKyra Marshall	Jackson, MS
Jamieya Oatis	Brandon, MS
Reagan Plotner	Madison, MS
Reed Plotner	Madison, MS
Jenaleigh Wilkerson	Vicksburg, MS

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 384:** Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Clifton "Cliff" Lamar Hester, which motion prevailed.

At 9:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 10, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

(SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Donnie Scoggin.

Rep. Scoggin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Hood. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Hood.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 384**: (Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the following Veto on H. B. No. 1413 (2021 Regular Session):

HB 1413: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

Rep. Read moved to sustain the Governor's veto, which the motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barnett Ratcliff, Leroy Francis Wescovich, Sammie Kay Lewis, Vivian Jean Williams Castiglia, Doris Mae LeFebvre, Sherry Vollmuth, Patricia "Pat" Ann Stewart Skellie, Thelma "Nell" Harris, Edward "Ed" Hatem, Carolyn Lorraine Edwards Bowes, Ruby Evelyn Woodcock Daniels, Gene Warr, and Ernest Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Angela Jane Witt Spencer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jessica Troutman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry Wayne Riley, Sr., Kenny Rowell, Maurice J. Hughes, Cindy Holmes Oxner, Thomas A. "Tommy" Mullins, Ineda Luter James, Paul Aaron Barber, Jeremy Crump, Smitty Bracey, Jeff Morgan, Kenneth "Kenny" Pittman, Carl Dempsey Pounds, kenneth Collins Crawley, Carey Martin, Hazel Pope, Larue Terry, Brittany Fish Mitchell, Robert "Bob" Ellis Stephens, Benjamin "B. B." Stringer, Charles Richard Ervin, Virginia Reagan, Nell Parker Barnes, Chip Loftin, Helen R. Gates, Regie Darrell Pierce, Herman Pierce, F. L. "Pete" Robbins, Dr. Robert N. "Bob" Fortenberry, Mattie McDowell, Leroy Stringer, Nancy B. Lang, Deborah Stuckey Pittman, Tamara Payne Tolar, Patricia Ann Wood, Winston Ray Allen, Lyman D. Fite, Billy Earl Greenlee, and Charles Ray Lee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Wells Green, which motion prevailed.

At 4:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 11, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

(EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Chris Bell.

Rep. Bell (65th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Arnold.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 530:** (Representatives Mickens, Taylor, Darnell, Bennett, McCarty, Felsher, Owen, Oliver, Miles, Eure, McKnight, Jackson, Barton, McLean, Harness, Sanford, Cockerham, Turner, Mangold, Barnett, Ford (73rd), Crawford, Steverson, Bain, Massengill, Gunn, Newman, Rushing, Pigott, Morgan, Kinkade, Calvert, Creekmore IV, Smith, Tullos, Goodin, Lancaster, Hood, Carpenter, Gibbs (36th), Reynolds, Clarke, Karriem, Scoggin, Crudup, Robinson, Boyd, Stamps, Foster, Clark, Thompson, Tubb, Summers, Faulkner, Johnson, Hines) The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 531:** (Representatives Tubb, Byrd, Eubanks, Brown (20th), Gunn, Lamar, White, Steverson, Barnett, Massengill, Bain, Newman, Rushing, Kinkade, Morgan, Pigott, Ford (73rd), Calvert, Smith, Creekmore IV, Goodin, Tullos, Carpenter, Hood, Oliver, Robinson, Boyd, Eure, McKnight, Owen, Sanders, Crawford, Darnell, McLean) Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create. Ways and Means.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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Head Page, Grace Williams, introduced the Pages for the week:

Samuel Brown	Okolona, MS
Tytianna Burns	Jackson, MS
Braxton Byrd	Florence, MS



Kinley Cain	Collinsville, MS
Jett Calvert	Bailey, MS
Ava Fennell	Florence, MS
Brianna Gills	Tupelo, MS
Raylee Jones	Mantachie, MS
Addie Belle Knight	Mantachie, MS
Jayla Marshall	Quitman, MS
Maggie Sims	Ridgeland, MS
Carson Smith	Collinsville, MS
Morgan Weathersby	

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cory Jay Munyon, Jimmy Bernard Williams, Henry Hugh Fonville, Elizabeth C. Zachary, John Thomas Williamson, Joan Markow, John Salvo Barranco, Joyce Cleveland Pendino, Sarah Catherine Hinson Foley, Jean Bobo, William Mark Holley, Keath Killebrew, James Brice Ballard, Clara Derrington, Julia Ann George, Ruth T. Monsour, Deborah Young, Floylynn Stover, Robert M. Case, Emil Hrbac, Jr., John Florian Gussio, Peggy Borromeo, Christy Lyn Roberts, Etsuko Hobby, Virginia Baker, Doris DeZutter, Rebecca L. Harkins, Margaret Huch Dickard, Bobby R. Ellis, William Kuriger, Boman Lafayette Tanner, III, Joe B. Myrick, L. C. James, Miriam Uel Blakeney Ethridge, Marilyn Jean Asbill, Martin John Bisek, Sandra Faye Jones, Beverly Kelly Osborne, Edward Christian Rogge, Pat Mitchell Savage, Freeda Smith, Diana Collins, Sue Tribble Welch, Kathy Butts Hayes, Alton Cobb, Sergeant James Lewis Hood, Barbara Taylor Keifer, Clara Booth Pinkston, Sherill Griffith Robertson, John Elijah Carr, Bing George Crosby, Nancy Lane Yonkers, Edmund Lawrence Brunini, Samuel Alexander Tomlinson, Julius Samuel McCay, Oleta Dazet, Alice O'Ferrall Reilly, Walter Bridges Robinson, Carol Neward Merchant, Robert Harold Smith, Kenneth Shearer, William Howard McMorrough, J. T. Williamson, Lucille Nichols, Binford Watkins, Ethel Jones, Ernest Harrison, Jr., Mary Catherine Perry, Vanna Marie Plessinger, Steven Giles Thompson, David McLeod, Thomas Edward Blurton, Jimmie L. Lyles, Jack J. Thompson, Martha Faye Minninger, Karen Elizabeth Kennedy Lenow, Debra Francine Viverette, David Middleton, Linda J. Ellis, Katherine Hunt, Mary Robinson, Gary Michael Schaefer, Christopher Herrington Crawford, Delta Stark, George Garrison Tolbert, Marshall D. Connor, Jr., Lois Richardson Acy, Cody Bishop Gaughf, Malcolm McArthur, Harold Yates, Mary Sue Dufour, and James E. Morphis, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Eure and Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eleanora Thibodeaux, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Melton, and David Edward Mitchell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tobe Tyner Ivy, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles, Newman, Powell, Shanks, Summers, Wallace, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Ellen Sullivan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Ray Letson, Vickie Huey, Marshall Gordon Rodenberg, Brian Allen Burd, Michael "Mike" Joseph Matous, Lawrence "Jeff" Leroy Jefferies, Doyle Williams, John Laird Titman, Brent Thomas Douglas, Samuel "Sammy" Jefferson Moore, Mary Frances Roebuck, Duane Henry Schell, Rickie Lee Jaquess, Joyce Ann (Williams) Pilgrim, Dale Spencer Kennedy, Harold Eugene Wilson, Donnie Busby, Donald R. Pounds, John Carroll Burnside, Terrie Lee Starling, Jimmie Dale Coomer, Gene Ray Dunham, and Terry Barnes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bettie Pruitt Burchfield, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Brown (20th), Criswell, Eubanks and Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Parker Bradley McElroy, which motion prevailed.

At 2:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

(NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Joseph Mickens, Sr., Pastor of Sunny Mount Giles Baptist Church, Scooba, MS.

Rep. Mickens led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Haney. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Haney.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 532:** (Representative Roberson) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 533:** (Representative Roberson) Work release program; extend repealer on authority of Rankin County sheriff to create pilot program for nonviolent confined offenders. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 534:** (Representative Roberson) Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 535:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Door-to-door solicitors; prohibit from soliciting a residence where a sign is displayed indicating that a resident does not wish to be solicited. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 536:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Appropriation; DPS for funding the Forensics Laboratory and State Medical Examiner. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 537:** (Representative Boyd) Children; persons convicted of certain sex offenses not allowed to give health care consent for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 538:** (Representative Bain) Adoption procedures; revise home study and residency requirements. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 539:** (Representative Bain) Case plans for inmates; require ordered alcohol/drug treatment to commence within 90 days of admission. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 540:** (Representative Blackmon) Municipal executive committee; revise procedure for filling vacancies of. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 541:** (Representative Blackmon) Municipal primary elections; revise procedure for nominating candidates during when only one candidate qualifies. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 542:** (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 543:** (Representative Rosebud) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 544:** (Representative Harness) Probation, post-release supervision and technical violations; revise certain time periods concerning. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 545:** (Representative Harness) Public defenders; increase compensation for court appointed. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 546:** (Representative Rosebud) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Corrections.

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Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on lines 2609 through 2614 by deleting the following:

"However, after completion of all of the payments made by the department under subsection (4) of this section, unexpended amounts remaining in the fund which are derived from monies deposited therein during the immediately preceding state fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund."

AMEND further by striking lines 2615 through 2628 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

" (4) (a) On or before February 10, 2023, and the tenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, the department shall make payments from the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Credit Reimbursement Fund to the county tax collectors for distribution to the local taxing districts as reimbursement for motor vehicle ad valorem taxes that are lost during the preceding month as a result of the ad valorem tax credit for motor vehicles provided for in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) On or before the twentieth day of the month that the payments from the department under this subsection are received, the county tax collectors shall remit the appropriate amount of such payments to the local taxing districts for which the county tax collector collects motor vehicle ad valorem taxes. When an ad valorem tax credit that is allowed to a taxpayer is not paid by the department in the payment for the month in which such credit is allowed, the tax collector shall remit the payment for such credit to the local taxing authority on or before the twentieth day of the month that payment for such credit is received from the department."

ADOPTED

## AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 7284 and renumbering the succeeding section accordingly:

" SECTION 54. (1) Any taxpayer allowed to claim a federal earned income tax credit under 26 USCS Section 32, shall be allowed a refundable credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter in the manner prescribed in this section. The amount of the credit shall be equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the amount of the federal credit allowed under 26 USCS Section 32 claimed by the taxpayer on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. If the amount of credit claimed by a taxpayer exceeds the amount of income tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to the taxpayer under the state income tax laws, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer, then the taxpayer shall receive a refund from the Department of Revenue for the amount of such excess.

(2) To obtain the credit provided for in this section, a taxpayer must claim the federal credit allowed under 26 USCS Section 32 on the taxpayer's federal income tax return and must provide a copy of such return and any other information required by the Department of Revenue.

SECTION 55. Section 54 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972."

AMEND further the title to conform.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 531**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Clarke, Crudup, Evans, B, Karriem, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Haney, McCray, McLeod, Reynolds, Rosebud. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Bell, C, Brown, B, Porter, Sanders, Wright, Young. Total--7.  
Necessary for passage--65

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 530H. B. No. 530.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Haney. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steve Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mavis Dell Carmichael, Rowena Ruth Carr Smith Moore, Francis Eugene Kinard, Dr. Gus A. "Sonny" Rush III, William Bennett "Bill" Gunn, Jackie Neal, Lamar "Butch" Boren, Fred W. Gray, Pat Vaughn, Howard Beeland, Jr. , Emmett C. Mitcham, Jr. , Clarence R. Butler, Evelyn "Nanny" Hurst Fuller, Sylvia Briggs Sanders, Aline Lucky, Michael D. "Mickey" Sellers, and Paul Gunnis "P.G." Hill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doris Goolsby Farrow, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sammy Massey, Michael Larry Rainwater, Larry Wayne Howard, Gary Donald Box, Torrie Madison Rutledge, Dominic Noble "Nick" Rhynes, and Lonnie L. Ash, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Newman, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gary Jude Harkins, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Horan, Oliver and Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John M. Sumner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deana Gail Golding Harris, Elizabeth "Tiddy" Creekmore Rains, Boyce Manrin Rains, III, and Cecil "Ken" McKinley Ranager, which motion prevailed.

At 2:51 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 13, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022

(TENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Ameritus Carl Hughes, Rosehill M. B. Church, Magnolia, MS.

Rep. Porter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Haney, Turner. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Haney and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 547:** (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson) Appropriations; phase in 25% reduction for agencies and departments over ten years. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 548:** (Representative Hopkins) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor homes and trailers. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 549:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) Public health; repeal criminal penalty provisions for violations of certain statutes, regulations and orders relating to. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 550:** (Representative Hopkins) Term limits; all elected officials limited to serving only two consecutive terms in office. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 551:** (Representative Hopkins) Ad valorem taxation; exempt real property. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 552:** (Representatives Hopkins, Williamson) Statewide testing program; cease all statewide uniform assessments and determine promotion based on cumulative grades. Education.

**H. B. No. 553:** (Representative Walker) Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 554:** (Representative Hopkins) Ad valorem tax; revise assessment rate for motor vehicles. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 555:** (Representatives Mangold, Pigott, Felsher, Summers, Stamps, Karriem, Anthony, McCarty) "Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program"; create. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 556:** (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Anderson (110th), Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Holloway, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young) Mississippi congressional districts; reapportion. Rules.

**H. B. No. 557:** (Representatives Weathersby, Newman, Shanks, Yancey) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Judiciary B; Transportation.

**H. B. No. 558:** (Representative Calvert) Drug and alcohol treatment; require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 559:** (Representative Harness) Interrogations; require to be recorded if crimes of violence. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 560:** (Representative Harness) Youthful Offender Law; enact. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 561:** (Representative Harness) Appellate judges and justices; remove geographical limitation on expense allowance for. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 562:** (Representative Harness) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 563:** (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 564:** (Representative Harness) Mississippi Prison Education Reform Act of 2022; create. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 565:** (Representatives Harness, Paden) Employment of full time legal counsel as a county employee; authorize for Adams County. County Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 566:** (Representative Harness) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 567:** (Representative Harness) Radar; revise population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Transportation; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 568:** (Representative Harness) Statewide assessment program; discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. Education.

**H. B. No. 569:** (Representative Harness) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 570:** (Representative Harness) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend college. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 571:** (Representative Harness) Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; increase salaries of sworn officers by 3%. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 572:** (Representative Harness) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area" and allow package retailer's permits. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 573:** (Representative Rosebud) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

**H. B. No. 574:** (Representative Rosebud) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 575:** (Representative Rosebud) Bonds; create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 576:** (Representatives Rosebud, Anthony) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 577:** (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Milk products; exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 578:** (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 579:** (Representative Eubanks) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 580:** (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Abortion; provide that inducing or performing is unlawful. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 581:** (Representative Eubanks) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Ways and Means.



**H. B. No. 582:** (Representative Eubanks) Homeschooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Education.

**H. B. No. 583:** (Representative Eubanks) Local Taxation and Tax Extension Authority Act; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 584:** (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; prohibit the making of false claims for payments as well as for benefits. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 585:** (Representative Roberson) Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain nonprofit corporations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 586:** (Representative Newman) Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; extend repealer on. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 587:** (Representative Summers) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District building repairs on certain campuses. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 588:** (Representative Walker) Mississippi Horse Racing Act of 2022; create. Gaming; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 589:** (Representatives Cockerham, Ford (73rd), Karriem, Stamps, Anthony) The Sexual Assault Response for College Students Act; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 590:** (Representative Cockerham) Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 591:** (Representatives Cockerham, Karriem, Stamps, Jackson, Paden) Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. Education.

**H. B. No. 592:** (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony, Stamps, Karriem) Child support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 593:** (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 594:** (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time; require direct referendum. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 595:** (Representative Criswell) Firearms Protection Act; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 596:** (Representative Criswell) Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority; revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 597:** (Representative Criswell) Stun gun; remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 598:** (Representative Criswell) Seizure and forfeiture; require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal offenses. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 599:** (Representatives Criswell, Williamson) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 600:** (Representative Criswell) Seizure and forfeiture; prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 601:** (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; eligible pregnant women remain eligible for maternal care services for 12 months after end of pregnancy. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 602:** (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 603:** (Representative Roberson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Starkville Academy athletics. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 604:** (Representative Roberson) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 605:** (Representatives Reynolds, Roberson) Indecent assault; create the crime of and provide penalties. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 606:** (Representatives Lamar, Barnett, Mangold, Steverson, Massengill, Hood, Lancaster, Ford (73rd), Scoggin, Stamps, Kinkade, Bounds, Miles) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 607:** (Representatives Ford (73rd), Lamar, Felsher) "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death". Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 608:** (Representative Summers) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 609:** (Representative Harness) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 610:** (Representative Walker) Mobile homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 611:** (Representative Deweese) Corporations and limited liability companies; authorize notice from Secretary of State to be served by electronic mail. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 612:** (Representative Eubanks) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 613:** (Representative Calvert) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 614:** (Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd), Newman, Shanks) Casino winnings; provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 615:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Statutory rape and sexual assault; revise penalties. Judiciary B.

**H. C. R. No. 5:** (Representative Robinson) Sanderson Farms; commend upon the celebration of 75th year anniversary. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 6:** (Representative Hopkins) Joint Rules; amend 9A to require all bills with 50 or more cosponsors to be adopted automatically by the committee of House of Origin. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 7:** (Representative Hopkins) Constitution; amend to provide that during legislative sessions held in even years only appropriations bills shall be considered. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 8:** (The Entire Membership) Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 9:** (Representative Eubanks) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Rules.

**H. R. No. 7:** (Representative Hopkins) House Rules; amend to create a new House Rule 77.1 to require discussion of all bills referred to a House committee. Rules.

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Representative Lamar moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 531:** (Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.) passed, for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 2590 by striking "thirty-five percent (35%)" and inserting in lieu thereof "fifty percent (50%)"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 531.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, J, Crudup, Evans, B, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Haney, Reynolds, Turner, Williams-Barnes. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Banks, Karriem, Porter, Summers, Young. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--67

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Taylor Hoover, Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, and Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Louie Sullivan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kevin Segura, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Steve" Brooks, which motion prevailed.

At 2:10 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 14, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

(ELEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robin Robinson.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Haney. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold and Haney.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 616:** (Representatives McGee, Stamps, Crudup, Gibbs (72nd)) Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property. Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 617:** (Representatives McGee, Stamps, Crudup) Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 618:** (Representative Crawford) Indigenous Peoples' Day; declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. Rules.

**H. B. No. 619:** (Representative Karriem) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 620:** (Representative Bain) Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 621:** (Representatives Bain, Hale, Ford (73rd)) Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 622:** (Representative Bain) Expungement; require the court to do so when charges are dismissed or dropped. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 623:** (Representative Bain) Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 624:** (Representative Bain) First Circuit Court District; revise composition of judgeships. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 625:** (Representative Felsher) Pilot Work Release Program; expand to give authority to Sheriff of Harrison County to establish. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 626:** (Representatives Bain, Felsher, Ford (73rd), Haney, Stamps) Scrap metal; revise various provisions that regulate. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 627:** (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 628:** (Representatives Cockerham, Gibbs (72nd)) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new cafeteria at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 629:** (Representatives Yates, Bell (65th)) Expungement; clarify procedures in all courts. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 630:** (Representatives Bain, Karriem, Stamps) Expungement; clarify for qualified electors. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 631:** (Representative Crawford) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Education.

**H. B. No. 632:** (Representative Crawford) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Education.

**H. B. No. 633:** (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 634:** (Representatives Weathersby, Guice, Newman, Powell, Roberson, Shanks, Taylor, Yancey) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Highway Safety Patrol Substation in Starkville. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 635:** (Representative Summers) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Jim Hill High School. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 636:** (Representative Young) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Meridian High School. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 637:** (Representative Zuber) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Gautier athletics. Ways and Means.

**H. C. R. No. 10:** (Representative Roberson) State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 11:** (Representative Summers) Lieutenant Toby Johnson; commend for service during Hurricane Ida. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 12:** (Representatives Summers, Weathersby) Firefighter Linc Tucker; commend for meritorious service. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 13:** (Representative Turner) Samuel Larry Richey; commend his life upon his passing. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 14:** (The Entire Membership) Vietnam War Veterans; recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 15:** (Representatives Zuber, Busby, Eure, Read) Mr. George Smith; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 384:** Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Zelma Stewart Carson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Don Hollingsworth, which motion prevailed.

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 17, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

(FOURTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Johnson.

Rep. Johnson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 638:** (Representative Banks) Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 639:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th)) Drag racing; provide vehicle in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 640:** (Representative Banks) Crimes; create for unauthorized use of minor's name and social security number as dependent on income tax return. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 641:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th)) Law enforcement; require pursuit policy of alleged crime perpetrator. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 642:** (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 643:** (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 644:** (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 645:** (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Mattresses; require seller to give notice when previously owned. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 646:** (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Secure Voting Act; create. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 647:** (Representative Crawford) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Education.

**H. B. No. 648:** (Representatives Crawford, Scoggin) State park fee; authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 649:** (Representative Crawford) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Education.

**H. B. No. 650:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Absentee ballots; revise notary requirements for students enrolled in a college, university or community or junior college. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 651:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Compulsory School Attendance Law; rename as the "Kindergarten Increases Diplomas (KIDs) Act," and lower compulsory age to five years. Education.

**H. B. No. 652:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. Education.

**H. B. No. 653:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) National Board Certified teachers; include those employed in Hinds County as eligible for additional supplement. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 654:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 655:** (Representative Hood) Auto insurance; not invalidated by intentional acts of insured. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 656:** (Representative Hood) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 657:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and make various technical amendments to services section. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 658:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 659:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid Access and Opportunity Act of 2022; create. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 660:** (Representatives Barton, Bennett, Haney) Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 661:** (Representative Arnold) Hotel construction projects; authorize sales tax incentive for. Ways and Means.



**H. B. No. 662:** (Representative Arnold) Tianeptine; add to Schedule II list of controlled substances. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 663:** (Representative Arnold) Kratom; include in Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 664:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Teacher licensure; authorize issuance to certain individuals with foreign certification on reciprocity with documentation. Education.

**H. B. No. 665:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Commission on Status of Women; require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2022. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 666:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Commission on Status of Women; require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2022. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 667:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Active shooter training; require school district employees to attend every three years. Education.

**H. B. No. 668:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 669:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) State employees; provide for across-the-board increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$30,000.00. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 670:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Mental health support for educators; provide services and training for. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 671:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Teachers' and teacher assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum base pay. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 672:** (Representatives Cockerham, Gunn, Felsher, McLean, Stamps) Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 673:** (Representative Cockerham) State Board of Medical Licensure; revise composition of to include consumer members. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 674:** (Representative Cockerham) Medical Practice Act; revise various provisions of. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 675:** (Representative Carpenter) Gold star Children's Day; designate August 1 of each year as. Rules.

**H. B. No. 676:** (Representative Carpenter) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of new Mississippi State Veterans Home in Jackson metropolitan area. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 677:** (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification. Military Affairs.

**H. B. No. 678:** (Representatives Yancey, Williamson) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 679:** (Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd), Stamps) The Victoria Huggins Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create. Drug Policy; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 680:** (Representative Yancey) Social security numbers; require counties to take steps to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 681:** (Representative Yancey) Kratom; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 682:** (Representative Yancey) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 683:** (Representative Roberson) State Parole Board; extend repealer on. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 684:** (Representatives Roberson, Stamps, Anthony) Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 685:** (Representative Roberson) Energy Academy Act; extend repealer on authority of Vicksburg-Warren and Claiborne County school boards to partner with nuclear facility. Education.

**H. B. No. 686:** (Representatives Roberson, Brown (20th), Stamps) Appraisal Management Companies; extend repealer on registration requirements under Mississippi Appraisal Company Act. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 687:** (Representatives Roberson, Stamps) Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 688:** (Representatives Roberson, Brown (20th)) Public lands; extend repealer on statute prohibiting corporations and nonresident aliens from purchasing. Public Property.

**H. B. No. 689:** (Representative Roberson) Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 690:** (Representative Creekmore IV) Architects; revise licensing laws to authorize multi-disciplinary firms with landscape architects. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 691:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Bain) Tablet press machines; regulate and require registration of. Drug Policy; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 692:** (Representative Creekmore IV) Municipalities and counties trails program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 693:** (Representative Creekmore IV) Health insurance; provide that mental illness coverage includes substance abuse. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 694:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Bain) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for additional funding for intervention courts. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 695:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Bain) Intervention courts; revise regulations that govern and add drug abuse prevention to statewide education component. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 696:** (Representative Reynolds) Pre-election day voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 697:** (Representative Reynolds) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include certain fire trucks. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 698:** (Representatives Reynolds, Felsher) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 699:** (Representative Reynolds) Probate Estates; increase value of. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 700:** (Representative Byrd) Distinctive motor vehicle/motorcycle license tag for veterans; revise provisions regarding evidence of service. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 701:** (Representative Reynolds) Simple assault; revise to include nonconsensual touching of body. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 702:** (Representative Currie) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 703:** (Representative Currie) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 704:** (Representative Banks) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Corrections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 705:** (Representative Banks) Violent offenders, certain; may be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 706:** (Representative Banks) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 707:** (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 708:** (Representative Banks) DOC's evaluation of requests for proposals for canteen services; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 709:** (Representative Banks) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Education.

**H. B. No. 710:** (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 711:** (Representative Banks) Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 712:** (Representative Banks) Firearms; revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 713:** (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 714:** (Representative Banks) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 715:** (Representative Banks) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 716:** (Representative Banks) Department of Corrections; authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program." Corrections.

**H. B. No. 717:** (Representatives Gunn, Barton) Appropriation; additional to State Department of Health for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 718:** (Representatives Gunn, Stamps) Crime of promoting prostitution; clarify and revise where certain monies are deposited. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 719:** (Representatives Barton, Anthony) Compensation for certain county officials; increase. County Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 720:** (Representatives Bell (21st), Gunn) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 721:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Mineral estates; revert to surface estate owner after ten-year period of nonproduction. Energy; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 722:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Sustainable Energy Partnership Program; establish at Jackson State University. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 723:** (Representatives Bell (65th), Banks) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for structural improvements at campus entrances to enhance safety. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 724:** (Representatives Bell (65th), Banks) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for Sustainable Energy Partnership Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 725:** (Representative Boyd) Delinquent county garbage fees; provide nonrenewal of driver's licenses for nonpayment. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 726:** (Representative Boyd) Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by the Attorney General's office from oversight by. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 727:** (Representative Boyd) Timber bridges; require use of for new construction and replacement on certain county and secondary roads. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 728:** (Representative Boyd) Hunting regulation changes; require Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide notice of. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 729:** (Representatives Bomgar, Williamson) Mississippi Sound Money Tax Removal Act; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 730:** (Representative Busby) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 731:** (Representative Busby) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 732:** (Representatives Mims, Felsher, Mickens) State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 733:** (Representatives Mims, Bain, Shanks, Scoggin, Tullos, Arnold, Mangold, Carpenter, Ford (73rd), Anthony) Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 734:** (Representative Mims) Project ADAM(Automated Defibrillators in Adam's Memory); establish pilot program to authorize AEDs in schools. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 735:** (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) Mississippi Veterans Home Perpetual Care Fund; create. Military Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 736:** (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) Mississippi Veterans Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund; create. Military Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 737:** (Representative Crawford) Child abuse hotline; require schools to post in clearly visible location. Education.

**H. B. No. 738:** (Representative Crawford) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 739:** (Representative Crawford) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card at the time of license issuance. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 740:** (Representative Crawford) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 741:** (Representatives Currie, Creekmore IV) Sherry Elmore Nursing Education Forgivable Loan Program; create. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 742:** (Representatives McCarty, Darnell, Goodin, Hale, Tubb) School districts; authorize certain districts to employ retired teachers while they continue to draw retirement allowance. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 743:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Early voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 744:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 745:** (Representative Harness) District Attorneys; increase salaries of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 746:** (Representative Harness) Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act; create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 747:** (Representatives Harness, Paden, Denton, Holloway, Clarke, Gibbs (36th), Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for research project on indoor production of medical marijuana at Alcorn State University. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 748:** (Representative Harness) IHL board; delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Universities and Colleges; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 749:** (Representative Harness) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 750:** (Representative Busby) Teacher licensure; authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. Education.

**H. B. No. 751:** (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Potts Camp Railroad Bridge and Bypass Project. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 752:** (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Red Banks Road Improvement Project. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 753:** (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Blackwater Road Bridge Project. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 754:** (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner, Massengill) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Byhalia Railroad Bridge Project. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 755:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 756:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

**H. B. No. 757:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 758:** (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) No Patient Left Alone Act; create to provide certain visitation rights for hospital patients. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 759:** (Representative Eubanks) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 760:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Rules; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 761:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 762:** (Representative Karriem) State holiday; remove Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate Memorial Day as a. Rules.

**H. B. No. 763:** (Representative Deweese) Medicaid; provide for a separate managed care program for dental services and dental services providers. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 764:** (Representatives Bounds, Gunn, Felsher, Carpenter, Ford (73rd), Scoggin, Turner, Johnson, Faulkner, Stamps, Lancaster, Arnold, Anthony) "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 765:** (Representative Mims) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding physician residency training programs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 766:** (Representative Mims) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 767:** (Representative Mims) Appropriation; Rural Physicians Scholarship Commission for funding new loan repayment program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 768:** (Representatives Mims, Stamps, Anthony) Rural Physicians Scholarship Program; expand to include a loan repayment program for graduates who practice in rural areas. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 769:** (Representatives Mims, Faulkner, Paden, Stamps, Karriem) COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; create to be administered by Department of Health. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 770:** (Representatives Byrd, Cockerham, Gunn, Miles, Karriem, Arnold, Gibbs (72nd), Bailey, McGee, Stamps, Mickens, Paden, Harness, Foster) Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 771:** (Representative Currie) Mississippi Equal Pay Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 772:** (Representative Clark) Employee wages; require to be paid equally for women and men. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 773:** (Representative Wright) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 774:** (Representative Clarke) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 775:** (Representative Johnson) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 776:** (Representative Currie) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 777:** (Representative Gunn) Appropriation; provide to State Department of Health for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 778:** (Representatives Stamps, Gunn, Miles, Lancaster, Arnold, Turner) Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 779:** (Representatives Gunn, Aguirre, Miles, Felsher, Carpenter, Ford (73rd), Lancaster, Scoggin, Haney, Stamps, Foster) Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 780:** (Representatives Mims, Felsher) Health insurers; authorize exemption from prior authorization requirements of for health care providers if certain criteria are met. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 781:** (Representative Young) The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2022; create. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 782:** (Representative Young) Appropriation; MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 783:** (Representative Young) Public employees; exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 784:** (Representatives Weathersby, Powell, Shanks, Summers) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 785:** (Representatives Powell, Shanks) Medicaid; remove provision that freezes provider reimbursement rates unless authorized by legislative amendment. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 786:** (Representative Powell) Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirement. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 787:** (Representatives Powell, Shanks, Kinkade, Steverson) Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 788:** (Representatives Hines, Anthony, Bailey) Appropriation; Black Bayou Water Association for certain water system improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 789:** (Representative Ladner) False allegations of hate crime; provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 790:** (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Video surveillance cameras; require to be installed in classrooms and certain other areas of public schools and postsecondary educational institutions. Education.

**H. B. No. 791:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell) Municipal annexation; require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. Municipalities; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 792:** (Representatives Porter, Mickens) Life skills courses; require MDE to develop a comprehensive curriculum for high school students. Education.

**H. B. No. 793:** (Representatives Porter, Mickens) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 794:** (Representative Reynolds) Expungement; allow court granting a certificate of rehabilitation to also grant an. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 795:** (Representative Roberson) Equal Access to Education Act; create to enhance digital learning opportunities for students and public schools. Education.

**H. B. No. 796:** (Representative Shanks) Personalized motor vehicle license tags; authorize alternative form of. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 797:** (Representative Shanks) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 798:** (Representative Sanford) Reports of suspected abuse; require persons who make to give their name and contact information under certain circumstances. Public Health and Human Services.



**H. B. No. 799:** (Representatives Sanford, Hale, Stamps) Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 800:** (Representative Summers) Death penalty executions; remove firing squad as an option. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 801:** (Representatives Thompson, Bailey, Denton) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 802:** (Representatives Thompson, Gibbs (36th)) "Jennifer's Law"; enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 803:** (Representative Turner) Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 804:** (Representative Watson) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers allowed to claim federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 805:** (Representatives Watson, Stamps) Workers' compensation; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 806:** (Representative Walker) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 807:** (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 808:** (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 809:** (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 810:** (Representative Watson) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 811:** (The Entire Membership) Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi. Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 812:** (Representative Yancey) Health insurance policies; require coverage for colorectal cancer examinations in accordance with American Cancer Society. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 813:** (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin Act; create. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 814:** (Representatives Yates, Owen) Cottage food products; delete prohibition on the Internet sale of. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 815:** (Representative Young) Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 816:** (Representative Young) Cosmetology licensure laws; change name of manicurist to nail technician. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 817:** (Representative Zuber) State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize county and municipal elected officials to serve as members of. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 818:** (Representatives Zuber, Stamps) MS Computer Science and Cyber Education Equality Act; authorize certified or classified staff to provide instruction under. Education.

**H. B. No. 819:** (Representatives Zuber, Foster, Gunn, Reynolds, Miles, Karriem, McLean, Mickens) Fire Protection Funds; increase and expand purposes for. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 820:** (Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th)) State Fire Academy; eliminate cap on emergency medical responders who can train at. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 821:** (Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Hobgood-Wilkes, Arnold) Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 822:** (Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th)) Insurance licenses; make perpetual unless revoked by Commissioner or forfeited. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 823:** (Representative Zuber) Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 824:** (Representative Horne) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 825:** (Representative Horne) Utility worker; include the killing of as capital murder. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 826:** (Representative Horne) Ad valorem tax; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 827:** (Representative Horne) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 828:** (Representative Horne) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 829:** (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 830:** (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 831:** (Representatives Newman, Shanks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 832:** (Representatives Cockerham, Summers, Felsher, Stamps, Paden) Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 833:** (Representatives Cockerham, Lamar, Anthony, Tullos, Stamps) Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 834:** (Representative Cockerham) Divorce; bring forward grounds of, for purposes of amendment. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 835:** (Representative Cockerham) Residential Landlord Tenant Act; revise evictions procedures of the. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 836:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property to certain nonprofit organizations that provide guide and service dogs to people with disabilities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 837:** (Representatives Ford (73rd), Boyd, McLean) Hospitals and institutions for the aged or infirm; prohibit policies, subject to safety requirements, limiting visitation. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 838:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Mississippi Smoke-free Air Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 839:** (Representative Currie) Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases Compact; enact. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 840:** (Representatives Read, Turner, Foster, Stamps) State budget; revise provisions of several FY22 appropriation bills. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 841:** (Representatives Read, Haney, McGee, Paden) Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 842:** (Representatives Stamps, Bounds, Miles, Byrd, Reynolds, Faulkner, Foster, Karriem, Anthony) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 843:** (Representatives Byrd, Reynolds) County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 844:** (Representative Crudup) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. County Affairs; Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 845:** (Representative Crudup) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend community or junior colleges. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 846:** (Representative Crudup) Deputy sheriffs and police officers; require certain courses for continuing education. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 847:** (Representatives McCarty, Darnell, Goodin, Tubb, Hale) Retirement; allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature in same manner as for elected county or municipal offices. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 848:** (Representatives Denton, Harness, Mickens, Porter) Expungement; delete embezzlement from ineligible crimes for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 849:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Education.

**H. B. No. 850:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Apportionment and Elections; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 851:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 852:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 853:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 854:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Equal pay for equal work; require for women in the same work establishment. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 855:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 856:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. County Affairs; Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 857:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Judiciary B; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 858:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Transportation; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 859:** (Representative Turner) Telemedicine; revise for purposes of health insurance and employee benefit plans. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 860:** (Representatives Hood, Ford (73rd), Haney, Stamps) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 861:** (Representative Arnold) Health care practitioners; have right and freedom to publicly discuss treatment methods without repercussion from licensing agencies. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 862:** (Representative Sanford) Medical records; set maximum amounts of fees that may be charged for providing in electronic format. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 863:** (Representative Horan) "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; revise composition of board of directors of corporation. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 864:** (Representative Cockerham) MS Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act; create with affidavit requirements. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 865:** (Representatives McLean, Anderson (122nd), Boyd, Byrd, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Darnell, Felsher, Ford (73rd), Goodin, Hale, Kinkade, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McLeod, Miles, Morgan, Oliver, Owen, Read, Roberson, Scoggin, Shanks, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Wright, Yates, Zuber, Arnold) Mississippi Equal Pay Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 866:** (Representative Deweese) Mississippi Preauthorization Gold Card Act; enact. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 867:** (Representative McLean) Home inspectors; authorize to perform inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 868:** (Representative McLean) Retail businesses; require to accept cash as form of payment. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 869:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Price gouging; create exemption for producers, growers, or processors of food products. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 870:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Income tax; authorize a credit for private school tuition and homeschooling expenses. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 871:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Local Government Control of Public School Athletics Task Force; create to evaluate transfer of such activities from schools. Education.

**H. B. No. 872:** (Representative Brown) Postsecondary educational institutions; require to provide certain information to students upon declaration of a major. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 873:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education.

**H. B. No. 874:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Mississippi Scholarship Act; create to provide scholarships to K-12 public school students. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 875:** (Representative Boyd) Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2022; enact to require for children four years of age. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 876:** (Representative Beckett) Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment." Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 877:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Southern Voting Rights Act; create and revise provisions related to elections. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 878:** (Representative Horne) Water well contractors; exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or 20 years experience. Conservation and Water Resources.

**H. B. No. 879:** (Representatives Bennett, Haney, Stamps, Paden, Karriem) Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance of classroom supply procurement cards. Education.

**H. B. No. 880:** (Representative Zuber) Prescription drugs; provide for reduction of patients' cost for. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 881:** (Representatives McGee, McCarty, Bennett, Roberson, Massengill, Stamps, Carpenter) University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions. Education.

**H. B. No. 882:** (Representatives Bain, Massengill, Reynolds, Lancaster, Scoggin) School attendance officers; provide increase to minimum base salary. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 883:** (Representative Bain) Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 884:** (Representatives McCarty, Crawford, Summers) "Accelerate Mississippi Scholarship Program"; establish to provide student with financial assistance for advanced education courses. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 885:** (Representatives McCarty, Turner) Education Enhancement Fund; authorize DFA to issue digital solutions and credentials for use for classroom supply allotments. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 886:** (Representative Zuber) Property liens; require that lis pendens notice of shall be filed within 30 days after the commencement of the action. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 887:** (Representative Crawford) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 888:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Capitol Complex Improvement District; bring forward sections of law governing. Conservation and Water Resources; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 889:** (Representative Banks) Voting systems; require those purchased to be able to scan actual ballot. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 890:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th)) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of new county jail. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 891:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Students; prohibit entities directly or indirectly funded with public monies from distinguishing between. Education.

**H. B. No. 892:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 893:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 894:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 895:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 896:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; provide coverage for outpatient services by border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospitals. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 897:** (Representative Hood) Flu vaccines; reduce minimum age of hospital inpatients who must be offered them before their discharge. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 898:** (Representative Hood) Circuit and chancery court reporters; increase salaries of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 899:** (Representative Hood) School transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. Education.

**H. B. No. 900:** (Representative Hood) Irlen Syndrome; require screening for and districts to provide reasonable accommodations for students with. Education.

**H. B. No. 901:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward section providing for assessments on health care facilities. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 902:** (Representative Carpenter) Open Meetings Law; revise reasons for executive sessions to include discussions by boards of trustees of public hospitals. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 903:** (Representative Carpenter) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 904:** (Representative Arnold) Littering; increase fines and allocate monies collected to police, sheriff and fire departments. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 905:** (Representative Arnold) Statues and monuments; prohibit removal of certain unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. Rules.

**H. B. No. 906:** (Representative Horan) State offenders serving sentences in county jail; may serve sentences in any county jail. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 907:** (Representatives Horan, Karriem, Anthony) "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; establish. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 908:** (Representative Horan) Offenders, certain; provide "Compassionate Parole Eligibility Act of 2022" and certain hospice care services. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 909:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 910:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 911:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 912:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 913:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 914:** (Representative Owen) Agencies; require to provide monthly report of expenditures of state and federal public funds. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 915:** (Representative Owen) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 916:** (Representative Owen) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, governing authorities and universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 917:** (Representatives Owen, Williamson, Faulkner, Karriem) "Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022"; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 918:** (Representatives McGee, Faulkner, Karriem) Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit, revise distance restrictions for certain locations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 919:** (Representative Horan) MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 920:** (Representatives Horan, Stamps) Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program. Corrections; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 921:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Transportation; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 922:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Expungement; authorize those qualify for medical marijuana prescription. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 923:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Lead poisoning; require Department of Health to revise its prevention policies to align with CDC recommendation. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 924:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Financial services; authorize financial institutions to provide to licensed medical cannabis establishments. Banking and Financial Services; Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 925:** (Representatives Wright, McLean) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with acquisition of fire trucks and equipment for Lowndes County District 3 Fire and Rescue. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 926:** (Representative Wright) Fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes; bring forward sections of law relating to. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 927:** (Representative McGee) Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 928:** (Representatives McGee, Faulkner, Stamps, Karriem, Anthony) Hospitals; establish grant program for expansions of hospital facilities that increase capacity as needed to treat more COVID-19 patients. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 929:** (Representatives Currie, Gibbs (72nd), Anthony, Karriem) Mississippi Freedom Trail Commission; establish. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 930:** (Representative Currie) Department of Corrections; establish a Division of Parole within. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 931:** (Representative Currie) Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; dissolve and create Division of Reentry and Prison Industry within MDOC. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 932:** (Representative Yancey) Health insurance policies; require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 933:** (Representatives Yancey, Stamps) Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 934:** (Representative Deweese) Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. Insurance.



**H. B. No. 935:** (Representatives Horan, Anthony) Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 936:** (Representatives Horan, Reynolds) Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 937:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Minimum wage; establish and provide for annual cost-of-living increases. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 938:** (Representatives Stamps, Carpenter, Hale) First Responders Incentive Program; establish. Municipalities; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 939:** (Representatives Stamps, Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster) Municipalities, certain; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 940:** (Representative Bounds) Insurance department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 941:** (Representatives Bounds, Ford (73rd)) Sheriffs; authorize to deputize tribal law enforcement officers under certain circumstances. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 942:** (Representatives Kinkade, Ford (73rd), Hale, Morgan, Pigott, Powell) Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 943:** (Representatives Kinkade, Ford (73rd), Hale, Morgan, Pigott, Powell) Lease agreements; authorize for persons under 21 to enter binding contracts for. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 944:** (Representative Rushing) Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 945:** (Representative Summers) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 946:** (Representative Newman) Medical records; require health care provider to timely provide to patients after receiving request for. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 947:** (Representative Massengill) Appropriation; additional amount to MDOT for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 948:** (Representative Crawford) Abortion-inducing pill; regulate with required consent. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 949:** (Representative Roberson) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; revise distribution of fees collected from issuance of breast cancer awareness tags. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 950:** (Representative Eubanks) Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 951:** (Representative Steverson) Income tax; authorize tax credit for cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 952:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Sales tax; phase out on sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 953:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 954:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 955:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 956:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 957:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 958:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Bail procedures; revise. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 959:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 960:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Left lane; prohibit use of hand-held mobile telephones while driving in. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 961:** (Representative Deweese) Personal delivery devices; provide for the regulation of the use of in pedestrian areas. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 962:** (Representative Crawford) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 963:** (Representative Crawford) Intentional injury to pregnant women; revise penalties. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 964:** (Representative Crawford) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 965:** (Representative Crawford) Voter identification; clarify that only MS driver's license shall be acceptable license. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 966:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward certain sections of the law. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 967:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward section authorizing Governor to discontinue or limit optional category of recipients. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 968:** (Representative Hood) Medicaid; bring forward Section authorizing Division to apply for federal waivers. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 969:** (Representative Osborne) Early voting; authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 970:** (Representative Creekmore IV) Municipally-owned electric utility, certain; possesses same powers as rural EPA and may enter certain interlocal agreements. Public Utilities.

**H. B. No. 971:** (Representatives McKnight, Busby, Foster, Karriem) Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 972:** (Representative Ladner) Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 973:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 974:** (Representatives Zuber, Karriem) Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 975:** (Representatives Bain, White, Newman, Owen) Eminent domain; prohibit property from being transferred after acquisition. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 976:** (Representatives Bain, Stamps) Sellers of alternative nicotine products and package retailers; require to have a third-party age verification service. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 977:** (Representative Miles) Scrap metal; increase penalties and expand definition. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 978:** (Representative Yancey) Eminent domain; property acquired by prohibited from being transferred for ten years, with certain exceptions. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 979:** (Representatives Stamps, Hood) Foresters; liable for cost of timber for failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to remit payment to forester for timber. Forestry.

**H. B. No. 980:** (Representative Bain) Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 981:** (Representative Bain) Habitual offenders; create procedure to have judgment or sentence reduced, vacated or set aside. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 982:** (Representative Banks) Exceptional children; require school districts to develop policy for the discipline of. Education.

**H. B. No. 983:** (Representative Banks) Scholastic year; increase number of days for schools with an accountability rating of "D" or "F." Education.

**H. B. No. 984:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Crudup, Foster, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with purchasing fire service equipment. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 985:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup, Foster) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 986:** (Representative Banks) Disabled person's vehicle tag; remove requirement for physician's certification for annual renewal. Transportation; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 987:** (Representative Banks) License plates for disabled individuals; revise various provisions relating to. Transportation; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 988:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup) Seventh Circuit Court District; authorize additional judges. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 989:** (Representative Currie) Immigrants; prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 990:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer. Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 991:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Foster care; require CPS to train children how to report human trafficking before being placed in. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 992:** (Representative Brown (70th)) U.S. Highway 49/49E; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic memorial blues highway. Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 993:** (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) Marriage; authorize military judges to solemnize. Military Affairs; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 994:** (Representative Taylor) Financial credit counseling; require curriculum to be taught as an elective class that is required for graduation. Education.

**H. B. No. 995:** (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for improvements to the city water and sewer system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 996:** (Representative Mims) Appropriation; Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for water, sewer, tourism and economic development projects. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 997:** (Representatives Eure, Felsher) Online betting, gaming and wagering; legalize under certain conditions. Gaming; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 998:** (Representative Johnson) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Medicaid; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 999:** (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Town of Edwards for renovating building into Wellness Center. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1000:** (Representative Scoggin) Medicaid; expand eligibility for certain persons to receive services through provider sponsored health plan. Medicaid.

**H. B. No. 1001:** (Representative Scoggin) Alcoholic beverage, beer, light spirit product and light wine; allow any municipality to hold election to permit or prohibit. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1002:** (Representatives Holloway, Weathersby, Mangold) Memorial Highway; designate segment in Copiah County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway". Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1003:** (Representative Arnold) Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; prohibit from reducing white-tailed deer populations as a result of testing positive for COVID-19. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1004:** (Representative Arnold) Counties; permit operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles on certain public roads. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1005:** (Representatives White, Felsher, Reynolds, Stamps, Mickens, Miles) Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1006:** (Representatives White, Scoggin, Foster, Faulkner, Stamps) ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1007:** (Representatives McLeod, Ford (73rd), McLean) Mississippi Medical Cannabis Compassion Act; create. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 1008:** (Representative Felsher) Highways; revise Mississippi Highway 615 in Harrison County. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1009:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Medical marijuana; authorize use of and provide for regulation by State Department of Health. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 1010:** (Representatives Barnett, Stamps) Firearms in possession of a felon; revise regulations for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1011:** (Representative Brown (70th)) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1012:** (Representative Owen) Compassion Mississippi Act; create to allow use of medical cannabis by patients with debilitating medical conditions. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 1013:** (Representative Bounds) Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Forestry.

**H. B. No. 1014:** (Representative Miles) PERS; allow retirees to be employed as teachers and work full-time and receive full salary for two years. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1015:** (Representatives Rushing, Stamps, Gibbs (72nd)) "Property Clean-up Revolving Fund"; establish. Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1016:** (Representatives Newman, Shanks) Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1017:** (Representative Horan) Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1018:** (Representative Yancey) Birth parents; release identifying information upon agreement by. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1019:** (Representative Steverson) Mississippi Work and Save Program; establish. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1020:** (Representative Brown (70th)) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 1021:** (Representatives Newman, Karriem, Stamps, Mickens) Bail; revise procedures to determine for indigent defendants. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1022:** (Representatives Newman, Shanks, Bain) PERS; certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1023:** (Representatives Newman, Shanks, Bain) PERS; law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1024:** (Representatives Shanks, Newman, Boyd, Calvert, Ford (54th), Massengill, McLeod, Powell, Scoggin, Smith, Weathersby, Yancey) PERS; all members of will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1025:** (Representative Williamson) Mississippi Transportation Commission; apply certain factors for distribution of transportation funds. Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1026:** (Representative Porter) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1027:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Juvenile offenders; authorize alternative sentencing and parole options for. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1028:** (Representatives Bounds, Stamps) Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1029:** (Representatives Stamps, Bounds, Tullos, Mickens) Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1030:** (Representative Powell) Mississippi Broadband Expansion Act; create. Public Utilities; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1031:** (Representatives Yates, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway, Crudup, Summers, Foster, Clarke, Brown (70th), Banks, Bell (65th)) Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1032:** (Representatives Yancey, Scoggin) Nurse practitioners; authorize to dispense legend drugs or medication to their patients. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 1033:** (Representatives Hale, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Eure, Evans (91st), Ford (73rd), Goodin, Horan, Pigott, Rushing, Scoggin, Tubb) First Responders Health and Safety Act; revise to provide that the cancer benefits will be paid by the state and not insurance policies. Insurance; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1034:** (Representatives Hale, Carpenter, Darnell, Goodin, Pigott) Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1035:** (Representative Bounds) Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1036:** (Representative Evans (45th)) Community colleges; authorize to assess student fees to offset cost of fire protection services by local governing authorities. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 1037:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps, Bell (65th), Paden) Women's Economic Security Act of 2022; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1038:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Stillborn children; require death certificate for and require notice to parents that they may obtain birth certificate for. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1039:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for school improvements. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1040:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Hurricane deductible; bring forward code sections regarding. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1041:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for the purposes of funding teacher pay raises. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1042:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Mental health courts; clarify chancery court participation for certification of. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1043:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Summers) Domestic violence; prohibit those convicted of from carrying weapons. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1044:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act; create. Workforce Development; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1045:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Funeral directing; issue license for to persons who meet certain criteria and apply within a certain 30 day period. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1046:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps) Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1047:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) State agency and governing authority contracts; require 30% of to be set aside for certain businesses. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1048:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1049:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1050:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Department of Corrections; revise notification period given to local law enforcement when offender is to be released. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 1051:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Parole Board; revise notifications time frame given to victim when the offender is to be released by. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 1052:** (Representatives Horan, Stamps) MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development. Corrections.

**H. B. No. 1053:** (Representative Sanford) Tax sales; require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1054:** (Representative Sanford) Radar; authorize county supervisors to authorize county sheriff and deputies to use on state aid roads. Judiciary B; Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1055:** (Representatives Owen, McCarty) Regulatory Sandbox Agricultural Innovation Pilot Program; establish. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 1056:** (Representatives Felsher, McLean, Stamps) Professional Counseling Compact; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1057:** (Representative Felsher) Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1058:** (Representative Felsher) Department of Marine Resources; authorize to use any state institution of higher learning as a resource. Marine Resources; Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 1059:** (Representative Felsher) Teacher licensure and certification; revise qualifications for receipt of and entry into educator preparation programs. Education.

**H. B. No. 1060:** (Representative Felsher) Youth court; authorize release of juveniles' names and addresses to certain school administrators when juveniles are charged with certain offenses. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1061:** (Representatives Bain, Karriem) Residential Landlord Tenant Act; revise evictions procedures of the. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1062:** (Representative Bain) Mississippi Transportation Commission; authorize to terminate easement on certain real property in Corinth, MS. Public Property.

**H. B. No. 1063:** (Representative Bain) MS Scrap Metal Act; revise and recodify existing scrap metal laws as. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1064:** (Representatives Bounds, Lamar, Gunn, Aguirre, Anderson (122nd), Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell (21st), Bell (65th), Bennett, Boyd, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore IV, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans (45th), Felsher, Ford (73rd), Gibbs (36th), Goodin, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Sanders, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, White, Wright, Yancey, Reynolds) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1065:** (Representatives Pigott, Hale) Nuisance animals; prohibit the transportation, importation and release of wild hogs. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 1066:** (Representative Cockerham) Child support for a disabled child; authorize to continue past the age of majority. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1067:** (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony, Stamps) Child support; provide for imputation guidelines. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1068:** (Representatives Deweese, Bounds) Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 1069:** (Representative Deweese) Liens for delinquent county garbage fees; require chancery to keep certain record of. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1070:** (Representatives Watson, Bell (21st)) MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish a program allowing administrative hearings on certain licensing matters. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1071:** (Representative Busby) Motor fuel taxes; bring forward certain sections. Transportation; Ways and Means.



**H. B. No. 1072:** (Representative Busby) Driver's license suspension; delete exemption from for participating in court-ordered drug-testing program after breath test refusal. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1073:** (Representatives Busby, Foster, Karriem) Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1074:** (Representative Busby) Intrastate CDL; bring forward sections regarding. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1075:** (Representative Busby) Transportation network companies; bring forward sections regulating. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1076:** (Representative Ladner) Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1077:** (Representative Ladner) Molluscan shellfish aquaculture operations; revise licensing of vessels used for. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1078:** (Representative Ford (54th)) In-service training; require school districts to annually provide to teachers and assistants on human trafficking and exploitation. Education.

**H. B. No. 1079:** (Representatives McLean, Ford (73rd), Stamps) The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1080:** (Representatives McLean, Stamps) Rape trials; revise evidentiary procedures for spousal rape. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1081:** (Representative McLean) Child support; authorize DHS and Gaming Commission to collect from gaming winnings. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1082:** (Representative McLean) Child support arrearages; authorize DHS and State Treasurer to obtain from unclaimed property. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1083:** (Representative McLean) Child Support; require insurers to provide MDHS certain information for noncustodial, delinquent parents. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1084:** (Representatives Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Blackmon) Physical education curriculum; require full implementation in all K-12 schools. Education.

**H. B. No. 1085:** (Representative Brown (70th)) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Education.

**H. B. No. 1086:** (Representative Brown (70th)) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

**H. B. No. 1087:** (Representatives Brown (70th), Watson, Banks) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 1088:** (Representatives Brown (70th), Stamps, Summers) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Education.

**H. B. No. 1089:** (Representative Barnett) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and chronic wasting disease control; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1090:** (Representative Massengill) Foster and adopted children; provide tuition waiver for attendance at public postsecondary institutions. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1091:** (Representative Yancey) Pharmacies; authorize to perform centralized prescription filling for other pharmacies if certain conditions are met. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 1092:** (Representative Yancey) Tort of Alienation of Affection; abolish. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1093:** (Representative Currie) PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 1094:** (Representative Currie) Law enforcement; allow interoperability between MSHP and counties and municipalities. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1095:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1096:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1097:** (Representatives Byrd, Reynolds, Evans (45th), Hale, Steverson, Lancaster, Stamps) Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations. County Affairs; Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1098:** (Representatives Byrd, Hale) Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for. County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1099:** (Representatives Hale, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Goodin, Pigott) Incarcerated offenders; prohibit from petitioning to change name and/or gender. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1100:** (Representative McGee) Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require to meet certain standards and have a permit from the Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1101:** (Representative Beckett) Trip optimizer system; provide moratorium on the application of to state agencies. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1102:** (Representative Beckett) Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1103:** (Representative Boyd) Mississippi Public Records Act; revise penalties for person or public body who violates the provisions of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1104:** (Representative Arnold) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 1105:** (Representative Aguirre) Notaries; revise residency requirements of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1106:** (Representative Aguirre) Freedom of Roadway Act; increase penalties for the obstruction of public passage ways. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1107:** (Representative Aguirre) Podiatrists; authorize certification for advanced practice for conservative or surgical treatment of the ankle. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1108:** (Representatives Steverson, Carpenter) Taxation; authorize income tax credit for certain railroad expenditures, allow ad valorem tax exemption for certain property. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1109:** (Representative Steverson) Attorney General's Office; authorize Personnel Board to exempt certain attorneys employed by from salary ceiling for public employees. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1110:** (Representatives Steverson, Tullos, Lancaster) Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital and specify other criteria. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1111:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Crime Victims' Compensation Fund; revise guidelines for payment from. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1112:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) "Back to Work Mississippi Act"; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1113:** (Representative Smith) Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection." Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1114:** (Representatives Smith, Calvert, Gibbs (36th), Lancaster) The Second Amendment Preservation Act; create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 1115:** (Representative Porter) Voter registration and suffrage restoration; authorize with 5 years. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1116:** (Representative Porter) Voter registration; authorize upon completion of sentence. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1117:** (Representative Shanks) Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1118:** (Representative Shanks) Public body; to add "subcommittee" to the definition of. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 1119:** (Representative Sanford) IHL presidents, chancellors and provosts; limit salary increase until certain condition related to in-state tuition and fees are met. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1120:** (Representative Sanford) Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1121:** (Representative Busby) PERS; retired schoolteachers may be employed as teachers in public school districts and receive retirement allowance and salary. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1122:** (Representative Busby) Nonadmitted policy fee; divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund and extend repealer on section. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1123:** (Representative Guice) Catalytic converters; revise penalties for possession and transport without proper registration. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1124:** (Representative Johnson) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Youth and Family Affairs; Corrections.

**H. B. No. 1125:** (Representative Reynolds) Transportation; require MTC/MDOT to utilize all infrastructure bill funds. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1126:** (Representative Eubanks) Election; provide that all costs of shall be paid with public funds. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1127:** (Representatives Turner, Aguirre) Open account; define and prohibit certain provisions of law from applying to retail sales installment contracts. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1128:** (Representative Calvert) Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center lease contract; remove requirement that the leasing nonprofit organization shall be responsible for utility payments. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 1129:** (Representative Steverson) Child exploitation materials; clarify how penalized. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1130:** (Representative Ladner) Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1131:** (Representative Weathersby) Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1132:** (Representatives Weathersby, Brown (20th)) Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties. Public Property.

**H. B. No. 1133:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Staging of a motor vehicle collision; make a felony and racketeering activity. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1134:** (Representatives Ford (54th), Tullos) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Judiciary B; Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1135:** (Representatives Powell, Brown (20th)) Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to. Conservation and Water Resources.

**H. B. No. 1136:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps, Bell (65th), Paden) Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1137:** (Representative Barton) Regional mental health commissions; increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors for certain counties. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1138:** (Representative Mickens) Reverse-Location Court Order; regulate and prohibit under certain circumstances. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1139:** (Representative Deweese) Warrant applications or signature; authorize for violations of implied consent laws. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1140:** (Representative Clarke) Land sold for taxes; require chancery clerk to immediately execute deed of conveyance to purchaser. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1141:** (Representative Barnett) Administrative fees, fines, court costs imposed on children involved in Youth Court matters; remove. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1142:** (Representatives Darnell, Ford (73rd), McLean, Owen) 3rd Grade Reading Assessment; waive requirement for Level 3 score for promotion to Grade 4 during the 2021-2022 school year. Education.

**H. B. No. 1143:** (Representatives Summers, Anderson (110th), Clark, Thompson) Peace officers; prohibit maximal, prone technique including hogtying. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1144:** (Representative Holloway) Floatation devices; require all individuals to wear while certain vessels are underway. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1145:** (Representative Hines) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1146:** (Representative White) Rural Physician Scholarship Program; bring forward sections for purpose of amendment. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1147:** (Representative Massengill) Child abuse; revise definition to include gender reassignment. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1148:** (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd)) Reckless endangerment; create the crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1149:** (Representative Owen) Anonymous reporting of child abuse; remove and add penalties for false reporting of child abuse. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1150:** (Representative Brown) Crimes; require specification of degree of mental culpability required for commission of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1151:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Legislative Oversight Act; create to regulate the authority of public officials to defend legal actions. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1152:** (Representative Steverson) Virtual currency; define and provide certain trade/commerce exemptions for. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1153:** (Representative Steverson) Digital assets; authorize security interests in. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1154:** (Representative Steverson) Securities laws; provide certain exemptions regarding blockchain tokens. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1155:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Collegiate voters; require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Universities and Colleges; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1156:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Minimum wage; establish at \$9.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1157:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps, Bell (65th), Paden) Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1158:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps, Bell (65th), Paden) 2022 Women's Economic Security Act; create. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1159:** (Representatives Pigott, Paden) Sixteenth section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 1160:** (Representative Turner) Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1161:** (Representative Turner) Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1162:** (Representative Lamar) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1163:** (Representative Lamar) Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1164:** (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1165:** (Representative McKnight) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1166:** (Representative Bennett) Teacher licensure; revise provisions relating to educator preparation programs and standards for nontraditional teaching route through TMI. Education.

**H. B. No. 1167:** (Representative Bennett) Mississippi Child Protection Services Social Work Loan Repayment Program; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1168:** (Representatives Bennett, Stamps, Mickens, Paden, Karriem) Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. Education.

**H. B. No. 1169:** (Representatives Bennett, Haney) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1170:** (Representatives Bennett, Stamps) Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1171:** (Representative Yates) Marriage; remove prohibition for same-sex. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1172:** (Representative Yates) Adoption; remove prohibition against same gender. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1173:** (Representative McCarty) Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts. Education.

**H. B. No. 1174:** (Representative McCarty) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1175:** (Representative McCarty) "Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act"; establish pilot program to promote and prepare teachers for the profession. Education.

**H. B. No. 1176:** (Representative McCarty) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1177:** (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps) Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department. Military Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1178:** (Representative Carpenter) Commercial Financing Disclosure Law; create. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1179:** (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Foster, Stamps) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Military Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1180:** (Representatives Carpenter, Stamps, Hale, Paden) Mississippi National Guard; revise conditions under which members will be placed on retired list. Military Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1181:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) MAEP; determine cost of using average daily membership (ADM) in lieu of average daily attendance (ADA). Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1182:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) School buses; require those purchased after a certain date to be equipped with three-point seat belts. Education.

**H. B. No. 1183:** (Representative Busby) Lottery proceeds; revise distribution of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1184:** (Representative Busby) License tags, trailers; bring forward code sections regarding. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1185:** (Representative Ford (54th)) State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Transportation; County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1186:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1187:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1188:** (Representative Currie) Cosmetology Board; reconstitute membership of and require to appoint an executive director. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1189:** (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or service to 5th Squad. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1190:** (Representative Currie) Public Procurement Review Board; revise exemption of contracts for legal services. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1191:** (Representative Currie) State Institutions of Higher Learning; require to develop mechanism to compile data sources on institutional capital outlay projects. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1192:** (Representative Currie) Charter Schools; revise certain provisions related to the authorizer board, appropriation of funds and student funding formula. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1193:** (Representative Currie) State employees; set out conditions for engaging in telework. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1194:** (Representative Ladner) "MS Charter School Act of 2013"; revise to include public universities and community and junior colleges as charter school authorizers. Education.

**H. B. No. 1195:** (Representative Zuber) Regulatory sandbox programs; enact. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1196:** (Representatives Bain, Mickens) Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1197:** (Representative Bain) Assistant District Attorneys; revise number per district. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1198:** (Representatives Bounds, Stamps) "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; revise to align agency requirement with provisions of the "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act." Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1199:** (Representatives McCray, Paden) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1200:** (Representative Sanford) Sale of property; require notice to any junior mortgagor for. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1201:** (Representative Sanford) Headlights; require to be operated whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1202:** (Representative Osborne) Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. Military Affairs; Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1203:** (Representative Osborne) Racial Profiling Prevention Act; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1204:** (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; State Department of Education to provide funding assistance to school districts for certain reimbursement costs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1205:** (Representatives Byrd, Foster) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Acquisition Assistance Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1206:** (Representative Zuber) Firefighters; allow counties and municipalities to pay expenses or provide policies for medical and hospital care. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1207:** (Representatives Darnell, Karriem, Stamps) Penalties for electronic crimes by minors; clarify. Judiciary B.



**H. B. No. 1208:** (Representative Darnell) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; require K-9 teams to be certified. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1209:** (Representative Arnold) Prohibiting Financial Surveillance Act; create. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1210:** (Representative Arnold) CDL; prohibit for any person convicted under Mississippi Human Trafficking Act. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1211:** (Representative Boyd) National board certified licensed employees; clarify payment of annual salary supplement to certain. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1212:** (Representatives Stamps, Williamson) Income tax; exempt all compensation of persons retired from military. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1213:** (Representatives Burnett, Mickens) School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1214:** (Representative Powell) Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding. Energy.

**H. B. No. 1215:** (Representatives Powell, Shanks) Anesthesiologist Assistants; provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1216:** (Representative McGee) South Mississippi Regional Health Care Authority Act; create. Judiciary A; Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1217:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps) Teacher education program and licensure requirements; remove the option for a 21 ACT score (or SAT equivalent) for eligibility. Education.

**H. B. No. 1218:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) State historical markers; person who willfully damages shall be guilty of a felony. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1219:** (Representative Zuber) State Fire Academy and State Fire Marshal's Office; return to special fund agency. Insurance; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1220:** (Representative Zuber) Bona fide proof of ownership; provide that certain transactions shall include. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1221:** (Representative Currie) State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to license and regulate those two occupations. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1222:** (Representatives Currie, Turner) Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1223:** (Representative Currie) Internal audit office; require universities and certain state agencies to establish. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1224:** (Representative Denton) Home inspectors; authorize to perform home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1225:** (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd)) Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1226:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1227:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1228:** (Representative Evans (91st)) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1229:** (Representative McLean) MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1230:** (Representative McLean) Rape; clarify the elements of the crime of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1231:** (Representative Haney) Funeral homes; revise various provisions relating to disposition of bodies, crematories and preneed contracts. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1232:** (Representative Haney) Catalytic converters; revise penalties for possession and transport without proper registration. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1233:** (Representative Haney) Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1234:** (Representative Haney) DUI; revise violations of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1235:** (Representative Haney) Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1236:** (Representative Haney) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Seabee Historical Foundation. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1237:** (Representative Porter) Secretary of State; require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1238:** (Representative Porter) Justice court; clarify court of record requirements. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1239:** (Representatives McKnight, Karriem) School security guard/resource officer; must have required peace officer training to exercise peace officer powers. Education.

**H. B. No. 1240:** (Representatives McKnight, Stamps, Karriem) MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. Education.

**H. B. No. 1241:** (Representative McKnight) Court reporters; require to provide a transcript. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1242:** (Representative Brown (70th)) Elected officials; prohibit state and state district from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1243:** (Representative Brown (70th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1244:** (Representative Weathersby) "Child Safety Alarm Act"; enact to implement safeguards for children left unattended in vehicles. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1245:** (Representative McCarty) Task Force to Study and Report on the Funding and Implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Programs; create. Education.

**H. B. No. 1246:** (Representatives McCarty, Summers, Reynolds) "Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013"; revise funding for. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1247:** (Representative Bennett) Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority. Public Property.

**H. B. No. 1248:** (Representative Johnson) Income tax; allow tax credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1249:** (Representatives Johnson, Mims) City of Natchez/Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1250:** (Representative White) Campground owners; regulate guest/owner agreements. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1251:** (Representatives Calvert, Creekmore IV, McCarty, Smith) "Student-Centered Education Act"; enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. Education.

**H. B. No. 1252:** (Representative White) State Treasurer; authorize State Treasury employees to be compensated at the same tier or plan rate approved by the State Personnel Board for DFA and DOR. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1253:** (Representative Haney) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1254:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Psychologists; exemption from Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1255:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for improvements to Jackson Zoo. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1256:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1257:** (Representative Banks) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1258:** (Representative Banks) State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1259:** (Representative Banks) Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. Apportionment and Elections; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1260:** (Representative Banks) Boards of Education; require those in districts having a mayor-council form of government to be elected. Education.

**H. B. No. 1261:** (Representative Banks) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1262:** (Representatives Banks, Crudup) Skill terminal devices; authorize operation of in licensed truck stop facilities. Gaming; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1263:** (Representative Banks) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Rules.

**H. B. No. 1264:** (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Stamps, Brown (70th), Crudup) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

**H. B. No. 1265:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for constructing detention center for misdemeanor offenders. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1266:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1267:** (Representative Banks) Elected statewide and certain district officials; increase salaries of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1268:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Judiciary B; Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 1269:** (Representative Banks) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1270:** (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a Department of Mental Health group housing facility in Madison. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1271:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup) Voting rights; restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

**H. B. No. 1272:** (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th)) Abortion; repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B; Rules.

**H. B. No. 1273:** (Representative Banks) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information regarding a deceased's. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1274:** (Representative Banks) Arbitration clause; considered nonbinding in certain contracts. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1275:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Bell (65th), Brown (70th)) Capitol Complex Improvement District; require 10% of funds to compensate City of Jackson for police and fire. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1276:** (Representative Banks) Contracts; require to be written in large print. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1277:** (Representative Banks) Marriage license; require previously married applicant to provide certified copy of divorce or annulment when applying for. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1278:** (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th)) Alcoholic beverages; require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1279:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th)) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1280:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1281:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with maintenance of the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Center. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1282:** (Representative Banks) Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1283:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps, Crudup) County public defenders; require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. County Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1284:** (Representatives Banks, Crudup) State of Mississippi; require to pay fire fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provide to state facilities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1285:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. County Affairs; Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1286:** (Representatives Banks, Crudup, Stamps) Chancery court; require to order certain persons held pending mental evaluation. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1287:** (Representatives Banks, Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for demolishing certain structure in Farish Street Historic District. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1288:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Crudup, Stamps) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1289:** (Representatives Banks, Crudup) Fuel taxes; allocate a portion to the City of Jackson to defray costs incurred as a result of being the seat of state government. Transportation; Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1290:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Crudup, Stamps) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1291:** (Representative Banks) Country of Origin Labels; clarify labeling of covered commodities. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 1292:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Teachers; allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. Education.

**H. B. No. 1293:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Teacher strikes; repeal prohibition of. Education.

**H. B. No. 1294:** (Representative Banks) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1295:** (Representative Banks) Legislature; allowed retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1296:** (Representative Banks) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1297:** (Representative Banks) Sales tax; exempt sales of groceries. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1298:** (Representative Banks) Hospice care; authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1299:** (Representative Banks) Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1300:** (Representative Banks) Perpetual care cemeteries; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1301:** (Representative Banks) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1302:** (Representative Banks) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Judiciary A; Constitution; Rules.

**H. B. No. 1303:** (Representative Banks) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1304:** (Representative Banks) Breastfeeding; authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1305:** (Representative Banks) Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1306:** (Representative Banks) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1307:** (Representative Banks) Credit reports; prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1308:** (Representative Aguirre) Finance charges; authorize to charge certain percentage rates based on amount of loan. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1309:** (Representative Arnold) Medical marijuana; allow limited growing for personal use. Drug Policy.

**H. B. No. 1310:** (Representative Bain) Subpoenas; authorize attorneys who have entered an appearance to issue. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1311:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Seventh Circuit Court District; revise number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators. Judiciary A; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1312:** (Representatives Bennett, Stamps, Karriem) "Equity in Distance Learning Act"; revise certain provisions of. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1313:** (The Entire Membership) "Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1314:** (Representative Bennett) School attendance officers; transfer employment responsibilities from the State Department of Education to local school districts. Education.

**H. B. No. 1315:** (Representative Boyd) State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of the recovery. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1316:** (Representative Brown (20th)) State revenue; when actual revenue exceeds the estimate, the surplus amount will be used to reduce the state debt. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1317:** (Representatives Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Anthony, Banks, Clarke, Crudup, Gibbs (72nd), Hines, Johnson, Rosebud, Stamps, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1318:** (Representatives Banks, Crudup, Stamps) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Rules.

**H. B. No. 1319:** (Representative Busby) Right to hunt and fish; Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations needed to protect Mississippians'. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1320:** (Representative Busby) Cat Island; prohibit the use of a purse seine within two miles of. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1321:** (Representative Busby) Menhaden; prohibit taking of within one mile buffer of Jackson County, Mississippi. Marine Resources.

**H. B. No. 1322:** (Representative Carpenter) Remote Online Notarization Act; to create to provide for certain use of with restrictions. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1323:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Reynolds, Deweese, Massengill, Steverson, Rosebud) Tallahatchie River Authority; create. Conservation and Water Resources.

**H. B. No. 1324:** (Representative Crudup) Justice court; revise service of process. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1325:** (Representative Currie) Mississippi Semiquincentennial Commission; create. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 1326:** (Representative Darnell) Sex offenders and child custody; revise guidelines regarding the best interest of the child in cases of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1327:** (Representative Darnell) Automobile liability insurance; provide motorists noncompliant with may not recover loss in accident with compliant. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1328:** (Representative Deweese) Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1329:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Residential flood insurance coverage; authorize. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1330:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) "MS School Safety Act of 2001"; revise to require school districts to implement safety procedures for computers and electronic devices. Education.

**H. B. No. 1331:** (Representatives Goodin, McCarty, Tubb, Tullos) Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1332:** (Representative Harness) State Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize program to provide devices to students when necessary for remote learning. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1333:** (Representative Horan) Felon in possession of dangerous weapons; revise penalties. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1334:** (Representative Hood) Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs. Conservation and Water Resources.

**H. B. No. 1335:** (Representative Hood) Antiques boats; exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1336:** (Representative Hopkins) Home inspectors; authorize to perform home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1337:** (Representative Ladner) Public Service Commission; require to mandate annual filings by rural water associations. Public Utilities.

**H. B. No. 1338:** (Representative Ladner) State parks; exempt veterans and active duty from paying fee for entry and use of and provide discount for campsite or cabin rental within. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1339:** (Representative McCarty) Appropriation; IHL for additional funding for the William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1340:** (Representatives McCarty, Stamps, Karriem) Family Engagement Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program; require MDE to establish as a component of the ELC Act of 2013. Education.

**H. B. No. 1341:** (Representative McGee) Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1342:** (Representative Mims) Appraisal management company; remove ninety-day exception to prohibition on removing appraisers from appraiser panel of. Judiciary A.



**H. B. No. 1343:** (Representatives Morgan, Weathersby) Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District. Public Property.

**H. B. No. 1344:** (Representatives Oliver, Steverson, Kinkade, Ford (73rd), Scoggin, Anthony, Foster, Arnold, Stamps, Brown (20th)) Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1345:** (Representative Osborne) Fair Minimum Wage Act; create. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1346:** (Representative Osborne) Employment; prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. Workforce Development; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1347:** (Representative Osborne) Mississippi Voter Protection Act; create. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1348:** (Representative Osborne) State holidays; remove Confederate Memorial Day as. Rules.

**H. B. No. 1349:** (Representatives Owen, Tullos) Transfer Mississippi Act; create to permit children to attend school of their choice in any school district. Education.

**H. B. No. 1350:** (Representative Owen) Legislature; limit terms of members of. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1351:** (Representatives Owen, Stamps) Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1352:** (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Powell, Boyd) Voter registration files; provide the fees to be charged for providing copies of. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1353:** (Representatives Stamps, Read) Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, create various special funds. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1354:** (Representative Roberson) "Military Star Schools Act"; create to provide transition supports for military families. Education.

**H. B. No. 1355:** (Representatives Rosebud, Anthony) Mobile barbershops; authorize licensed barbers to operate. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1356:** (Representative Sanford) "Mississippi Founding Principle Act"; enact to require social studies curriculum to provide instruction on founding documents and principles. Education.

**H. B. No. 1357:** (Representative Scott) Former collegiate athlete scholarship program; create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1358:** (Representative Scott) DHS; direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1359:** (Representative Summers) Economic Impact of Recycling Study Committee; create. Conservation and Water Resources.

**H. B. No. 1360:** (Representatives Turner, Brown (20th), Stamps) Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1361:** (Representatives Stamps, Turner, Aguirre, Brown (20th)) Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1362:** (Representative Williamson) Local and private laws that implement a tourism tax; authorize tax proceeds to be used for water, sewer, first responders retirement fund. Local and Private Legislation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1363:** (Representative Yancey) Alienation of Affection; establish procedures for causes of action. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1364:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Rules.

**H. B. No. 1365:** (Representative Gunn) Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1366:** (Representative Hood) Breaches of security; require certain instances of to be reported to the Office of the Attorney General. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1367:** (Representatives Owen, McCarty, Yates, Bell (65th), Karriem, Stamps) Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1368:** (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Williamson) Abortion; prohibit except to save in a medical emergency. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1369:** (Representative Summers) Commission for Racial Reconciliation; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1370:** (Representative Osborne) Custodial interrogations; authorize electronic recording of. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1371:** (Representative Hood) Firefighters; bring forward code sections pertaining to minimum standards and certification of. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1372:** (Representative Lamar) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase creditable service for service with non-PERS employers. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1373:** (Representative Currie) Telecommunications and personal or professional services; provide procedures for emergency purchases of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1374:** (Representative Sanford) Obsolete crimes; repeal. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1375:** (Representative Sanford) Criminal investigator; authorize additional for 13th Circuit Court District. Judiciary B; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1376:** (Representatives Turner, Arnold, Ford (73rd), Boyd, Stamps, Brown (20th)) MS Consumer Privacy Act; create to prohibit any agency, department or institution from releasing any personal information. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1377:** (Representative McGee) School traffic zones; authorize local governing boards to authorize traffic cameras when zone is effective. Transportation; County Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1378:** (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Memorial highways; designate in Prentiss County. Transportation; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1379:** (Representative Arnold) Abortion; revise physician requirement and prohibit facilities from selling stem cells. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1380:** (Representative Arnold) Health insurance; prohibit premium surcharges based on vaccination or nonvaccination for the prevention of COVID-19. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1381:** (Representative Arnold) Life insurance policy; require policy loans to have a fixed rate. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1382:** (Representatives Arnold, Stamps) Civil Air Patrol members; grant leave of absence from civil occupations in public or private business during emergency relief efforts. Military Affairs.

**H. B. No. 1383:** (Representative Arnold) Small unmanned aircraft; require retailer to register certain information with the Department of Public Safety. Ports, Harbors and Airports; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1384:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Vocational education; provide additional funding to school districts demonstrating need for enhancements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1385:** (Representative Bell (21st)) Technical and vocational curriculum; require SDE to develop as alternative to college preparatory curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 1386:** (Representative Hopkins) State agencies; authorize Governor to terminate certain appointed agency officials. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1387:** (Representative Hopkins) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1388:** (Representatives Gunn, Miles, Stamps) Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create. Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 1389:** (Representatives Gunn, Paden, Stamps) "Mississippi Grain Indemnity Act"; enact. Agriculture.

**H. B. No. 1390:** (Representative Arnold) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1391:** (Representative Bain) Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program; establish. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1392:** (Representatives Bain, Reynolds) Grain warehouses and grain dealers; increase penalties imposed upon for violations. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1393:** (Representative Bain) Human trafficking; provide a civil cause of action. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1394:** (Representatives Barton, Bell (21st), Stamps, Gibbs (72nd)) Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create. Universities and Colleges.

**H. B. No. 1395:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Mississippi Digital Application Distribution Platform Act; create. Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1396:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Education.

**H. B. No. 1397:** (Representative Busby) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1398:** (Representative Boyd) Municipalities "home rule"; prohibit governing authorities from regulating immediate vicinity of health care facilities under certain circumstances. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1399:** (Representative Boyd) Open Meetings Law; revise definition of "public body" for purposes of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1400:** (Representative Boyd) Mississippi Ethics Commission; revise who is subject to a penalty for violating confidentiality. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1401:** (Representative Boyd) Salary increases for legislators; make effective for term of office after term in which salary is increased. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1402:** (Representative Carpenter) Unemployment Insurance Integrity Act of 2022; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1403:** (Representative Carpenter) Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; include any cause of death under First Responders Act of 2020. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1404:** (Representatives Cockerham, Felsher) Human Trafficking; provide a civil cause of action for participants or those who benefit from. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1405:** (Representative Crawford) Face masks; prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1406:** (Representative Currie) Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; includes cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1407:** (Representative Currie) Children's Advocacy Centers Fund ; require annual appropriation by the Legislature to. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1408:** (Representatives Gunn, Currie, Tullos, Turner, Scoggin, Stamps, Foster, Faulkner) Sheriffs' salaries; increase. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1409:** (Representative Eubanks) 911 emergency dispatchers; provide same employment benefits as first responders. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1410:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1411:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1412:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Education; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1413:** (Representative Horne) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1414:** (Representative Johnson) ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman; establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1415:** (Representative Ladner) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; convert into advisory commission. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**H. B. No. 1416:** (Representatives McCarty, Owen, Stamps) Students in public schools; allow to participate in political activities with certain restrictions. Education.

**H. B. No. 1417:** (Representative McCarty) Compulsory school attendance; authorize excused absences for student participation in civic engagement or political event. Education.

**H. B. No. 1418:** (Representatives Walker, Oliver, Aguirre, Bain, Bell (21st), Boyd, Carpenter, Crawford, Criswell, Felsher, Goodin, Gunn, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Mangold, Pigott, Rushing, Wallace, Williamson, Shanks, Owen, Mickens, Stamps, Arnold) Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1419:** (Representatives Owen, Currie, Ford (73rd), McCarty, McLean) Unconstitutional acts of federal government; prohibit state agency or political subdivision of the state from cooperating with a federal agency in implementing any. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 1420:** (Representative Owen) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1421:** (Representatives Read, Anthony, Foster, Faulkner, Stamps, Reynolds) ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1422:** (Representatives Read, Cockerham, Ford (73rd), Scoggin, Shanks, Foster, Anthony, Brown (70th), Banks, Arnold, Stamps, Brown (20th)) Highway Patrol officers and Narcotics Bureau officers; revise the salaries of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1423:** (Representatives Read, Shanks, Stamps, Anthony, Foster) State Appellate and trial judges and District Attorneys; increase salaries of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1424:** (Representatives Read, Shanks, Stamps, Anthony, Foster) Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1425:** (Representatives Read, Anderson (122nd), Turner, McGee, Stamps, Foster, Faulkner, Reynolds, Arnold) ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1426:** (Representatives Read, Shanks, Stamps, Foster) Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1427:** (Representatives Gunn, Read, Turner, Steverson, Newman, Shanks, Thompson, Lancaster, Anthony, Foster, Faulkner, Ford (73rd), Stamps, Gibbs (72nd), Arnold) Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1428:** (Representative Roberson) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Banking and Financial Services.

**H. B. No. 1429:** (Representative Sanford) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1430:** (Representative Sanford) Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1431:** (Representative Sanford) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide waiver process for recovery of certain overpayment of benefits. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1432:** (Representative Turner) Patient Choice Act of 2022; create. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1433:** (Representative Zuber) Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1434:** (Representative Zuber) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1435:** (Representative Zuber) Lobbying; revise definition of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1436:** (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Flowers Park. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1437:** (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1438:** (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for certain improvements to Sykes Park. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1439:** (Representative Scoggin) City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1440:** (Representatives Johnson, Mims) City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1441:** (Representative Reynolds) Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1442:** (Representative Wright) Bonds; authorize issuance for restoration of the Haley Reeves house in Columbus. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1443:** (Representative Sanford) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1444:** (Representatives Harness, Johnson, Denton, Clark, Gibbs (36th), Holloway, Mickens, Paden, Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn

State University with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1445:** (Representatives McCarty, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Tubb) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1446:** (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1447:** (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1448:** (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of aircraft hangers at Hawkins Field. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1449:** (Representative Burnett) Youth court services fees and fines; exclude parents and children from payment of. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1450:** (Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd)) Vaccinations; require employers that mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for employees to provide exemption process. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1451:** (Representatives Yancey, Ford (73rd)) Vaccinations; prohibit state and local agencies and officials from mandating COVID-19 vaccinations. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1452:** (Representative Yancey) COVID-19 vaccine mandates; prohibit the State of Mississippi from imposing. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1453:** (Representative Crawford) Vaccine exemption; authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1454:** (Representative Eubanks) COVID-19 mandates; prohibit imposing upon businesses or individuals. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1455:** (Representative Eubanks) Vaccine mandates; prohibit by employers and authorize damages if employer violates. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1456:** (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson) Vaccine mandates; prohibit postsecondary educational institutions from requiring as a condition for attendance or enrollment. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1457:** (Representatives Eubanks, Williamson, Owen) School Immunization; authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1458:** (Representative Owen) Vaccine mandates; prohibit schools from requiring as a condition for attendance or enrollment. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1459:** (Representative Boyd) Vaccine mandates; require employers to provide religious exemption for. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1460:** (Representative Arnold) Vaccination mandates; prohibit governmental entity from imposing. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1461:** (Representative Arnold) Vaccinations; prohibit employers and the State of Mississippi from requiring proof of. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1462:** (Representative Arnold) COVID-19; prohibit use of state funds for mandatory administration of vaccine against. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1463:** (Representative Arnold) COVID-19 vaccinations; prohibit governmental entities and public officials from requiring for any person. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1464:** (Representative Hopkins) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1465:** (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd), McLean) "Social Media Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency Act of 2022"; enact. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1466:** (Representative Bain) 2022 Mississippi Education Task Force; create to review state regulations and accountability system. Education.

**H. B. No. 1467:** (Representatives McGee, Rosebud, Anthony) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1468:** (Representatives McLean, Owen) Licensure; revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1469:** (Representative McLean) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1470:** (Representative Yancey) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1471:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Health Care Certificate of Need Law; repeal. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1472:** (Representative Boyd) Ballot initiative measure process; revise the statutory provisions of. Constitution.

**H. B. No. 1473:** (Representative Mangold) Utility shutoffs; revise Governor's authority regarding. Public Utilities.

**H. B. No. 1474:** (Representative Williamson) Emergency executive order; limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**H. B. No. 1475:** (Representatives Bell (21st), Stamps) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1476:** (Representative Sanford) Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1477:** (Representative Steverson) Public purchasing laws; revise certain provisions relating to reverse auctions. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1478:** (Representative Byrd) Public purchases; authorize use of reverse auction for term contracts. Ways and Means.



**H. B. No. 1479:** (Representative Bain) Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1480:** (Representative Evans (91st)) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Judiciary A; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1481:** (Representative Zuber) Lobbying; prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Judiciary A.

**H. B. No. 1482:** (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1483:** (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation/deannexation; require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. Municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1484:** (Representative Arnold) Tablet press machine; regulate. Drug Policy; Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1485:** (Representative Roberson) Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1486:** (Representative Oliver) CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests. Transportation.

**H. B. No. 1487:** (Representatives Gunn, Currie) State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official. Tourism.

**H. B. No. 1488:** (Representatives Cockerham, Gibbs (72nd)) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new dormitory at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1489:** (Representative Osborne) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1490:** (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for increasing alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds and crisis intervention teams. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1491:** (Representative Williamson) "Dignity and nondiscrimination in Public Education Act of 2022"; create. Education.

**H. B. No. 1492:** (Representative Calvert) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 1493:** (Representative Hood) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 1494:** (Representative Eubanks) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 1495:** (Representatives Hopkins, Brown (20th), McLeod, Williamson) Critical Race Theory and The 1619 Project; prohibit teaching of in public schools, colleges and universities. Education.

**H. B. No. 1496:** (Representative McLean) Critical Race Theory; prohibit instruction of in public schools and state institutions of higher learning. Education.

**H. B. No. 1497:** (Representative Oliver) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Education.

**H. B. No. 1498:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1499:** (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; State Department of Education to provide funding assistance to school districts for reimbursement costs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1500:** (Representative Cockerham) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for construction of a dining facility. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1501:** (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Church of God in Christ historical markers in Holmes County, Mississippi. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1502:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding certain activities relating to lead poisoning prevention. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1503:** (Representatives Hale, Darnell) City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1504:** (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a multi-purpose athletic training facility at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1505:** (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with road and bridge projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1506:** (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with various projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1507:** (Representatives Harness, Johnson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with various projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1508:** (Representatives Morgan, McCarty, Pigott, Tubb) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Progress Community Water Association with water system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1509:** (Representatives Gunn, McLean, Williamson, Tullos, Calvert, Carpenter, Horne, Kinkade, Brown (20th), Owen, McCarty, Hopkins, Arnold, Barnett, Haney, Steverson, Hood, Boyd, Felsher, Ford (73rd), Shanks, Eubanks, Criswell, Miles) COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1510:** (Representatives Carpenter, Horan, Eubanks, Powell, Shanks, Wallace, Horne, Boyd) Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance. Apportionment and Elections.

**H. B. No. 1511:** (Representatives Gunn, Eubanks) The Abortion Complications Act of 2022; create. Public Health and Human Services.

**H. B. No. 1512:** (Representatives Harness, Denton, Gibbs (36th), Holloway, Mickens, Straughter, Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1513:** (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Union Church Water Association for certain water system improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1514:** (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Hermanville Community Water Association for certain water system improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1515:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of improvements to its water and sewer systems. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1516:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe in paying costs of repair and renovation of town park. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1517:** (Representatives Read, Turner, Hale) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1518:** (Representatives Stamps, Read, Calvert) Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations, nonprofit museums and MS Main Street Association. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1519:** (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Jackson Public School District school buildings. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1520:** (Representative Ford (54th)) Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. Insurance.

**H. B. No. 1521:** (Representatives Stamps, Bounds, White, Turner) Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1522:** (Representatives Bounds, Stamps, White, Arnold, Turner) Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program. Appropriations.

**H. C. R. No. 16:** (Representative Reynolds) Constitution; all elections for statewide office, state district office, member of the Legislature or local office shall be held at the same time as the presidential election. Apportionment and Elections; Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 17:** (Representative Holloway) Carroll V. Hood; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 18:** (Representative Eubanks) Day of Tears in Mississippi; recognize January 22, 2022, as. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 19:** (Representative Owen) Constitution; amend to limit legislative term to 3 consecutive terms. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 20:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. C. R. No. 21:** (Representative Roberson) State of the State; authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 22:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 23:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Judiciary B.

**H. C. R. No. 24:** (Representatives Stamps, Walker) Constitution; amend to revise voter initiative procedure to conform signature requirements to number of existing congressional districts. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. C. R. No. 25:** (Representative Arnold) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2023. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 26:** (Representative Evans (91st)) Constitution; amend to provide that member of House or Senate for the first time after January 1, 2023, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

**H. C. R. No. 27:** (Representative Arnold) Constitution; signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed certain fractional portion of total number of signatures required for initiative petition. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 28:** (Representative Johnson) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 29:** (Representatives McCray, Paden, Stamps) Constitution; amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 30:** (Representatives Banks, Stamps) Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 31:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Straughter) Representative Bennie G. Thompson; commend for service as chairman of committee to investigate the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 32:** (Representatives Williams-Barnes, Stamps) Safe and Healthy Pregnancies for Working Women Day in Mississippi; designate February 14, 2022, as. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 33:** (Representative Currie) James A. Barber; commend service as Executive Director of PEER upon his retirement. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 34:** (Representative Hopkins) Joint Rules; amend to require all budget legislation to be provided to each member of the Mississippi Legislature 48 hours before committee meeting. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 35:** (Representative Busby) Constitution; amend to provide that the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the people's right to hunt. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 36:** (Representative Owen) Congress; urge to call convention of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution to propose amendments limited to requiring the U.S. Supreme Court be composed of 9 justices. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 37:** (Representative Currie) Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 38:** (Representative Oliver) MS Funeral Directors Association; commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work during COVID-19 pandemic. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 39:** (Representatives Gunn, Shanks, Reynolds) Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 40:** (Representative Arnold) Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new laws or amend existing laws by initiative. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 41:** (Representative Boyd) Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process. Constitution.

**H. C. R. No. 42:** (Representative Banks) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 43:** (Representatives Miles, Rushing) Scott Central High School Football Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 44:** (Representative Deweese) Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A Game Day National Championship. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 45:** (Representative Deweese) Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team; commend and congratulate upon winning 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 8:** (Representatives Karriem, Taylor) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Rules.

**H. R. No. 9:** (Representative Robinson) Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.; commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson Farms. Rules.

**H. R. No. 10:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Rules.

**H. R. No. 11:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Rules.

**H. R. No. 12:** (Representative Hopkins) House Rules; amend to authorize members of the Appropriations committee to meet and vote remotely. Rules.

**H. R. No. 13:** (Representatives Reynolds, Stamps) City of Water Valley Electric Department, Tallahatchie Valley EPA and Tennessee Valley Authority; commend upon restoring electricity to Water Valley. Rules.

**H. R. No. 14:** (Representatives Roberson, Boyd) Mr. Mack Elmore Banks; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 15:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Currie) Mrs. Sherry Ann Plunk Elmore; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 16:** (Representative Faulkner) James A. Williams; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 17:** (Representative Scott) Mrs. Mary Lee Pearson-Finch; congratulate upon celebrating her 100th birthday. Rules.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "Jimmy" Tew, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sue Cleland, and Joshua D. "JD" McKenzie, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Henry Hershel Kennedy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Stephen Brown, which motion prevailed.

At 4:10 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

ELEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

(FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Bubba Carpenter.

Rep. Carpenter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Byrd and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2097:** MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

Representative Cockerham and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sam C. Mims, IV, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Glenn Vick, Sr. , and Claude Ellis "Buddy" Akins, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Coach Mitchell Revette, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Cook, Brandy Michelle McGrew, Margaret Gilmer, Katherine Ann Walker, David Williams, William "Red" Fuller, Sonia Nosser, Thomas Caruthers, Jr., Linda Hillum Gibson, John Hanes Fowler, Michael E. Baroudy, Kenneth Clark Breland, Mary Nell Bass, George R. Carr, Wren C. Way, Damon Jeremy "DJ" Sanders, Dominic Robert Cocilova, Baby Miles Thomas Morgan, Rebecca J. Yelverton, Sheila Mae Burcham, Dr. Paul Pierce, III, David M. Sessums, Shirley Faye Cook Baylot, George Lea Walters, Mickey Jean Crawford, Dennis Dale Garner, Joe Graham, Sr., Aubrey "Buck" Tanner, Rosie Christine

Hollingsworth, James Aaron Chandler, Elizabeth Lassiter Biedenharn, Justin Rone May, Sidney Cecil Ponder, Jr., Ellen "Fay" Hazzlerigg, Nancy Jean Van Den Boom, Matthew Benton Jobe, James Ralph Slaton, Judy Nussbaum, Aiden Walker, Courtney Copes, Mary Jane Romero Pecanty, Wesley Andrew Brown, Bobbie Carlisle, Priscilla O'Neal Smith, Edward Levern Collins, Jon Michael "Mike" McConnell, Claude Herbert Putnum, Jr., Mark McCausley, Grace Jeanette Brown, Blake Coghlan, Betty Joy Kirby, Haley Beth Rogers, Pauline Reid Phillips Bridgforth, Hannelove Hancock, Betty Jean Hinson Carroll, Homer Dewayne Billings, Joan T. Campbell, Dorothy Maxine Pace, Margaret "Margo" Massey, L. B. Vanlandingham, Joshua Caleb Sparks, Thomas James, Jr., Robert Head, Patricia Donaghe, Harry Cockrell, Chris Smith, Karen Hasty, Timothy Lee "Tim" Welp, Foster Lee Story, Charles Ray Curtis, William "Bill" Leon Roland, Betty Burks, Shawn Sanders, George Thomas Wilkerson, Phillip Williams, John "Tommy" Clarkson, Dan Mobley, Stephanie Stevens, Lee Davis Thames, Theresa Bernice Matthews, Judy Deason Wooley, Peggy Ann Luther, Alice Mitchell Bridges, Ellen Janet Jones, Carla Shiers, Wayne Johnson Roberts, Sr., Jennifer Sheller Lipe, Catherine Elizabeth Barlow, Judith "Judy" Lynn Nasif Montalvo, Deborah "Debbie" Fowler, Mary Sue Rowlett, Breezie Renae Penny, Kendall Stevens, Chancey Neal Gray, James Michael Thompson, Edith Green Hubbell, Alice Louise McMillin, Doris Faye "Dot" Grant, David A. Waters, Michael Joseph Early, Frank Bell Joseph, Gordon A. Cotton, William Earl Houston, Lois Jean Williamson, Johnny Sellers, Helen Henley, Sheila Renee Peavey, and Billy Frank Stokes, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen and Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Veronica "Ronnie" Seals, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elizabeth Johnston, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Oliver, Steverson and White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Roy A. Roberts, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles, Newman, Powell, Summers, Wallace, Weathersby and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Cummins Hall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marsha James Joiner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Everett Kyle Jones, Alfred Leon "Sonny" Boyd, Jr., Robert Edward "Bob" Toney, Jr., and Carl "Ben" McCain, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John McDonnell, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronny L. Hurlbert, Verna Mae Ladner, Larry Benefield, Peggy Diane Dedeaux McFadden, Marsha Kay Nester, Vernon Lizana, and Katherine Smith, which motion prevailed.

At 2:10 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWELFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

(SIXTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)



The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Randy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Robinson. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Byrd and Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create. Drug Policy.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 813:** Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 8:** Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 21:** State of the State; authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 4:** Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 3:** Head Coach Deion Sanders; commend upon being named the 2021 SWAC Coach of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted As Amended.

**H. R. No. 9:** Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.; commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson Farms. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Head Page, Noah Carpenter, introduced the pages for the week:

Colin Doyle	McComb, MS
Ann Elise Duncan	McComb, MS
Hagan Evans	Monticello, MS
Taylor Evans	Monticello, MS
Monte "Carter" Ladner	New Albany, MS
Sam C. Mims, VI	McComb, MS
Taylor Rogers	Collins, MS
Kennedy Williams	Pascagoula, MS

At 2:08 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:31 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:28 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Yancey called up:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting lines 377 and 378 in their entirety and by re-lettering all of the following paragraphs in that section.

AMEND FURTHER on page 19 by deleting all of the language beginning with the letter "(a)" on line 551 through the letter "(b)" on line 560

AMEND FURTHER on lines 564 and 565 by deleting "the responsibilities delegated to the MDAC under this subsection" and inserting "any responsibilities"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 548, 1102, 1109, 1121, 1744, 1748 and 1990 by deleting ", MDAC"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 560, 561, 563, 566 and 2376 by changing "MDAC" to "MDOH"

AMEND FURTHER on line 617 by deleting ", MDAC," and inserting "and"

AMEND FURTHER on line 745 by deleting "MDAC and"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 773, 777, 780, 1373, 1474 and 2414 by deleting "MDAC,"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 1737 and 2396 by changing the comma after "MDOH" to "and" and deleting "and MDAC"

AMEND FURTHER on line 2411 by deleting "and MDAC"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 1551 and 1552 by inserting ", commercial" after the word "agricultural"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 1620 and 1621 by changing "seven (7)" to "six (6)"; on line 1623 by changing "twenty-eight (28)" to "twenty-four (24)"; and on line 1628 by changing "thirty-two (32)" to "twenty-eight (28)"

AMEND FURTHER on line 1665 by changing "seven (7)" to "six (6)"; on line 1667 by changing "fourteen (14)" to "twelve (12)"; and on line 1682 by changing "sixteen (16)" to "fourteen (14)"

AMEND FURTHER on line 2614 by deleting "the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce,"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 2731 and 2732 by deleting "State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, and"

AMEND FURTHER the title by deleting all of the language beginning after the semicolon on line 13 through the semicolon on line 27 and inserting the following:

"TO ALLOW FOR A DEDUCTION FROM INCOME TAXES FOR ALL OF THE ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR IN CARRYING ON A BUSINESS AS A MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL HAVE THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LICENSE CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITIES, CANNABIS PROCESSING FACILITIES, CANNABIS TRANSPORTATION ENTITIES, CANNABIS DISPOSAL ENTITIES, CANNABIS TESTING FACILITIES AND CANNABIS RESEARCH FACILITIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO LICENSE MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES;"

AMEND FURTHER the title on lines 46 and 65 and 66 by deleting ", DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE"; and on lines 90 and 91 by deleting "THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE,"; and on lines 99 and 100 by deleting "STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE,"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by inserting the following section after line 11051 and renumber subsequent section(s) accordingly:

SECTION 100. Section 99-19-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-71. (1) Any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor that is not a traffic violation, and who is a first offender, may petition the justice, county, circuit or municipal court in which the conviction was had for an order to expunge any such conviction from all public records.

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who has been convicted of a felony and who has paid all criminal fines and costs of court imposed in the sentence of conviction may petition the court in which the conviction was had for an order to expunge one (1) conviction from all public records five (5) years after the successful completion of all terms and conditions of the sentence for the conviction upon a hearing as determined in the discretion of the court; however, a person is not eligible to expunge a felony classified as:

- (i) A crime of violence as provided in Section 97-3-2;
- (ii) Arson, first degree as provided in Sections 97-17-1 and 97-17-3;
- (iii) Trafficking in controlled substances as provided in Section 41-

29-139;

(iv) A third, fourth or subsequent offense DUI as provided in Section 63-11-30(2)(c) and (2)(d);

- (v) Felon in possession of a firearm as provided in Section 97-37-5;
- (vi) Failure to register as a sex offender as provided in Section 45-

33-33;

- (vii) Voyeurism as provided in Section 97-29-61;
- (viii) Witness intimidation as provided in Section 97-9-113;
- (ix) Abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable person as provided

in Section 43-47-19; or

- (x) Embezzlement as provided in Sections 97-11-25 and 97-23-19.

A person is eligible for only one (1) felony expunction under this paragraph. For the purposes of this section, the terms "one (1) conviction" and "one (1) felony expunction" mean and include all convictions that arose from a common nucleus of operative facts as determined in the discretion of the court.

(b) The petitioner shall give ten (10) days' written notice to the district attorney before any hearing on the petition. In all cases, the court wherein the petition is filed may grant the petition if the court determines, on the record or in writing, that the applicant is rehabilitated from the offense which is the subject of the petition. In those cases where the court denies the petition, the findings of the court in this respect shall be identified specifically and not generally.

(3) In addition to the rights conferred in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, any person who qualifies for and obtains a medical cannabis registry identification card may petition, without a delay, for the expungement or resentencing of a cannabis-related misdemeanor or felony conviction for which the offense is now legalized or punishable by a lesser penalty.

( \*\* \*4) Upon entering an order of expunction under this section, a nonpublic record thereof shall be retained by the Mississippi Criminal Information Center solely for the purpose of determining whether, in subsequent proceedings, the person is a first offender. The order of expunction shall not preclude a district attorney's office from retaining a nonpublic record thereof for law enforcement purposes only. The existence of an order of expunction shall not preclude an employer from asking a prospective employee if the

employee has had an order of expunction entered on his behalf. The effect of the expunction order shall be to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, to the status he occupied before any arrest or indictment for which convicted. No person as to whom an expunction order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of law to be guilty of perjury or to have otherwise given a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, indictment or conviction in response to any inquiry made of him for any purpose other than the purpose of determining, in any subsequent proceedings under this section, whether the person is a first offender. A person as to whom an order has been entered, upon request, shall be required to advise the court, in camera, of the previous conviction and expunction in any legal proceeding wherein the person has been called as a prospective juror. The court shall thereafter and before the selection of the jury advise the attorneys representing the parties of the previous conviction and expunction.

( \* \* \*5) Upon petition therefor, a justice, county, circuit or municipal court shall expunge the record of any case in which an arrest was made, the person arrested was released and the case was dismissed or the charges were dropped or there was no disposition of such case, or the person was found not guilty at trial.

( \* \* \*6) No public official is eligible for expunction under this section for any conviction related to his official duties.

AMEND FURTHER the title to conform.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Criswell:

AMEND line 2129 "excise tax shall not exceed more than five (5) percent" of such sales price. AMEND after line 2129 by adding the Department of Revenue and the Department of Health will review the cost of the program within sixty (60) days of the end of the first full fiscal year and recommend a year after to the legislature that the sales and excise tax be adjusted to not more than ten (10) percent greater than the cost of the program. AMEND TITLE to conform.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE Eubanks:

AMEND at Lines 1364-1363: (vii) Has not served as a member or officer of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi House of Representatives at any time from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025. AMEND at Lines 1364-1366: (viii) Is not a relation by blood or marriage (within the third degree computed according to the rules of the civil law) of a person who has served as a member or officer of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi House of Representatives at any time from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025. AMEND TITLE to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Arnold, Beckett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Calvert, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Owen, Pigott, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Tullos, Turner, Watson, Weathersby, Williamson, Wright. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Burnett, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Horan, Johnson, Karriem, Massengill, McCray, McGee, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--68.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Byrd, Cockerham, Hood, Jackson, Lamar, Morgan, Oliver, Robinson, Summers. Total-10.

Present--Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--3.  
Necessary for passage--55

AMENDMENT NO. 5 BY REPRESENTATIVE Eubanks:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 2162:

"(f) This subsection shall stand repealed from and after the first day of the next month following the date that the possession and use of medical cannabis becomes legal under federal law."

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 4085:

"(aaa) Sales of medical cannabis by a medical cannabis dispensary under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act."

AMEND further, by deleting lines 3836 - 3839.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 6 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on Line 2376 by deleting MDAC and adding: 1. One registered qualifying patient; 2. One parent who has a child who is a prequalified patient. AMEND on Line 2382 by deleting numbers 1, 2, and 3 and adding the following: 1. One qualified physician; 2. One qualified nurse; practitioner; 3. One qualified PA. AMEND on Line 2389 by deleting numbers 1 and 2 and adding: 1. Two representatives from Mississippi Department of Health; 2. One representative from Mississippi Department of Revenue.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 7 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on Line 1108 by adding the following language: "This report shall be made available to the public on the websites of the Secretary of State, House of Representatives, Mississippi Senate, Department of Health, Department of Revenue, Department of Transportation, Mississippi Medical Association and Marijuana Trade Associations.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 8 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on Line 424 by deleting the words "or optometrist" and delete the comma after practitioner and add "and."

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 9 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on Line 231 by deleting "in and indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area."

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2095**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner,

Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Barnett, Boyd, Brown, C, Calvert, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McLean, Morgan, Owen, Scott, Smith, Williamson, Wright. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Oliver, Robinson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wilson Ray Lofton, Sr., Master Sergeant Stephen Daniel Doby, and Dewey E. McKee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ryan Thorne, and Joe Hardwick, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Aguirre, Gunn and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "Booty" Sloan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Gibbs (72nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vincent McGee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Roy Thomas Sappington, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles, Rushing, Scoggin, Smith and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tracy D. Boyd, which motion prevailed.

At 5:32 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 20, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

(SEVENTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Jon Martin, Director of Men's Ministry - Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Rep. Bounds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,

Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Robinson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2097:** MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 32:** Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 502:** School board purchasing agent; increase amount of required surety bond. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 599:** MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2097:** MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON DRUG POLICY AND JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:



**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman  
NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 607:** First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 695:** Intervention courts; revise regulations that govern and add drug abuse prevention to statewide education component. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 416:** Public records; exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 629:** Expungement; clarify procedures in all courts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 169:** Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 799:** Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 485:** Drug crime penalties; revise judicial discretion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 621:** Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 258:** Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 942:** Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 8:** Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 21:** State of the State; authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act".

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Employee" means any individual who is employed to work forty (40) or more hours a week and who is employed by an employer, including individuals employed by the state or any of its political subdivisions or instrumentalities of subdivisions.

(b) "Employer" means any person who employs five (5) or more employees.

(c) "Wage" means and includes all compensation paid by an employer or his or her agent for the performance of service by an employee, including the cash value of all compensation paid in any medium other than cash.

(d) "Rate" with reference to wages means the basis of compensation for services by an employee for an employer and includes compensation based on time spent in the performance of such services, on the number of operations accomplished, or on the quality produced or handled.

(e) "Unpaid wages" means the difference between the wages actually paid to an employee and the wages required to be paid to an employee as provided in this act.

(f) "Skill" means and shall be measured by factors such as experience, ability, education and training that are required to perform a job.

(g) "Effort" means the amount of physical or mental exertion needed to perform a job.

(h) "Responsibility" means the degree of accountability required to perform the job.

(i) "Working Conditions" means and includes the following two (2) factors:

(i) The physical surroundings of a job including, but not limited to, temperature, fumes and ventilation; and

(ii) The hazards of the job.

SECTION 3. (1) No employer may pay an employee a wage at a rate less than the rate at which an employee of the opposite sex in the same establishment is paid for equal work on a job, the performance of which requires equal skill, education, effort and responsibility, and which is performed under similar working conditions, except where payment is made pursuant to differential based on:

(a) A seniority system;

(b) A merit system;

(c) A system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; or

(d) Any other factor other than sex. "Any other factor other than sex" shall include, but not be limited to, the following factors:

(i) The salary history or continuity of employment history demonstrated by the employee as compared to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment;

(ii) The extent to which there was competition with other employers for the employee's services as compared to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment; and

(iii) The extent to which the employee attempted to negotiate for higher wages as compared to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment.

(2) (a) The provisions of this act may be enforced by private action in a civil suit in the circuit court in the county in Mississippi where the cause of action occurred.

(b) If an employer is found to have violated the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the employee shall be awarded reasonable remedies, which may include attorney's fees, prejudgment interest, back pay, liquidated damages and one hundred percent (100%) of the difference of unpaid wages.

(3) An employer who is paying a wage differential in violation of this act shall not, in order to comply with this act, reduce the wage rate of any employee.

(4) No employer may discharge, discriminate or in any way retaliate against any employee by reason of any action taken by the employee to invoke or assist in any manner the enforcement of this act.

SECTION 4. (1) A civil action brought under this act may be commenced no later than two (2) years from the day the employee knew or should have known his or her employer was in violation of this act.

(2) If an employee brings a claim under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, a separate action may not be maintained under this act. If an employee brings a claim under this act, then later initiates a claim under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the action brought under this act shall be dismissed with prejudice. An employee who seeks relief under this act must first waive any right to relief under the Equal Pay Act of 1963.

(3) For any action under this act, published precedents of the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and federal district courts embracing the circuit court in which any action under this act is pending, deciding cases under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, after which this act is patterned, shall be considered mandatory authority and shall be followed by the circuit court in which the action is pending, until there is a contrary ruling interpreting this act by the Mississippi Supreme Court or the Mississippi Court of Appeals.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI EQUAL PAY ACT; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "EMPLOYEE", "EMPLOYER", "WAGE", "RATE", AND "UNPAID WAGES"; TO PROVIDE THAT NO EMPLOYER SHALL PAY AN EMPLOYEE A WAGE AT A RATE LESS THAN THE RATE AT WHICH AN EMPLOYEE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE SAME ESTABLISHMENT IS PAID FOR EQUAL WORK ON A JOB, THE PERFORMANCE OF WHICH REQUIRES EQUAL SKILL, EFFORT AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND WHICH IS PERFORMED UNDER SIMILAR WORKING CONDITIONS; TO PROVIDE REMEDIES; TO PROVIDE THE TIME IN WHICH A CIVIL ACTION MUST BE FILED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 770**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M,

Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Horne, Robinson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey called up:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 232.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Robinson. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

**H. B. No. 813:** Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 35 by deleting the word "Not" and inserting the words "By no" before the word "later".

AMEND further on lines 35 and 36 by deleting the words "eighteen (18) months after the effective date of this act" and inserting "December 31, 2022," before the word "submit".

AMEND further on lines 36 and 37 by deleting the words "Mississippi Legislature" and inserting the words "chairman of the House Drug Policy Committee and the chairman of the Senate Drug Policy Committee," after the word "the" on line 36.

AMEND further the title by deleting the words "MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE" on line 5, and inserting "CHAIRMEN OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE DRUG POLICY COMMITTEES" before the word "A".

AMEND further the title by deleting the word "NOT" on line 5, and inserting the words "BY NO" before the word "LATER".

AMEND further on line 6 by deleting the words "EIGHTEEN MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT" and inserting "DECEMBER 31, 2022" before the semicolon.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 813**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Owen, Robinson. Total--2.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Representatives Powell and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sandra Collette, which motion prevailed.

Representative Turner and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Catherine Veronia Miles Richardson, which motion prevailed.

At 2:35 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 21, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

(EIGHTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. John Hines.

Rep. Hines led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Robinson, Yancey. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Currie, Robinson and Yancey.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2444:** Teachers' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2444:** Teachers' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary. Education; Appropriations.

Representative Johnson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dolly Lee Calvit, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Anne Duncan McPherson MacNealy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Seth Alexander, which motion prevailed.

At 9:05 AM, on motion of Rep. White the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 24, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

(TWENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Otis Anthony.

Rep. Anthony led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Yancey. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Yancey.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, January 24, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 384:** Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion. Monday, January 24, 2022, 7:45 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that a motion to reconsider has been entered in the Senate on the following:

**S. B. No. 2444:** Teachers' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

THE HOUSE REQUESTS RETURN OF SAME.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate



MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 514:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 515:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 534:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 683:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 907:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; establish. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 843:** County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 372:** Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than 5% of market value. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1069:** Liens for delinquent county garbage fees; require chancery to keep certain record of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1098:** Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 13:** Samuel Larry Richey; commend his life upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. B. No. 425:** Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; declare the month of April as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 9:** Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.; commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson Farms.

A strike all amendment was adopted.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 9:** Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.; commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson Farms.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Shanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Foxx Swilley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carol Ann Alberts, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marie Bundy Leatherwood Hines, Harold Clayborn Hipp, Jerry James Olson, Melvin Smith, Sr. , Patricia "Pat" Hathorn Newcomb, Sammie Kay Lewis, and Autry Garner Russell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Debbie Kelley, Veronica Seals, Glennis Smith, and Edna Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives McCarty and Owen moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pauline Tidwell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby A. Mooney, which motion prevailed.

Representative Anderson (122nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Cleveland Nathaniel Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Singley, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Paul B. Johnson, Reverend Jesse Lane Ladner, George Stephen Tootle, Major Thomas Lemuel McCoy, Jr., Colonel William Albert Neff, Leada Farragut Adam Niolet, James R. Ginn, and Sondra Ann Harris Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sadie Carolyn Moore, which motion prevailed.

At 4:14 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 25, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTEENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

(TWENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Tim Wilbanks, Middleton Pentecostal Tabernacle, of Walnut, Mississippi.

Rep. Carpenter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Ford, K and Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 21:** State of the State; authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds.

**S. C. R. No. 527:** Commend University of Mississippi Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory Henkes for winning their first National Title in school history.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.  
Senators Bryan,Blackwell,Wiggins

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 260:** Inventory of livestock; repeal provision requiring state institutions of higher learning to file quarterly inventory report. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 261:** Foundation herds of certain livestock; repeal authority of IHL Board relating to purchase, breeding and maintenance of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 262:** 4-H Club Demonstration Camps; repeal authority of MSU Extension Service to create and maintain in Panola and Madison Counties. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 555:** "Mississippi Healthy Food Access and Incentive Program"; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1159:** Sixteenth section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1389:** "Mississippi Grain Indemnity Act"; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 252:** PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 483:** Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 492:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 876:** Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 481:** Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance; extend repealer on authority to join certain examinations with Federal Reserve Bank. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 686:** Appraisal Management Companies; extend repealer on registration requirements under Mississippi Appraisal Company Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 687:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1360:** Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1097:** Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman  
RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 590:** Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 611:** Corporations and limited liability companies; authorize notice from Secretary of State to be served by electronic mail. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 61:** Amiya Braxton Amendment; create to require the arrest and charge of a driver who kills a child when violating the school crossing provisions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 360:** State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 370:** Bail bond; require release when judge approves participation in intervention program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1021:** Bail; revise procedures to determine for indigent defendants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 976:** Sellers of alternative nicotine products and package retailers; require to have a third-party age verification service. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1148:** Reckless endangerment; create the crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1197:** Assistant District Attorneys; revise number per district. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1207:** Penalties for electronic crimes by minors; clarify. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1310:** Subpoenas; authorize attorneys who have entered an appearance to issue. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 630:** Expungement; clarify for qualified electors. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 981:** Habitual offenders; create procedure to have judgment or sentence reduced, vacated or set aside. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 689:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1180:** Mississippi National Guard; revise conditions under which members will be placed on retired list. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 616:** Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 617:** Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 939:** Municipalities, certain; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1015:** "Property Clean-up Revolving Fund"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 733:** Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 365:** MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 732:** State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 20:** Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 424:** Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 860:** Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 363:** Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 927:** Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 688:** Public lands; extend repealer on statute prohibiting corporations and nonresident aliens from purchasing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1132:** Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

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Head Page, Jada Barnes, introduced the following pages for the week:

Eryn McDaniel	Madison, MS
Joshua Jefferson	Pearl, MS
Marian Kincaid	Louisville, MS
Mary Walker Foster	Pascagoula, MS
Johnathan Mickens	Macon, MS
Reid Grantham	Pearl, MS
Raelyn McHenry	Pearl, MS
Perry Herron, II	Charleston, MS
Sedrick Smith, Jr.	Charleston, MS
Myles Payne	Ridgeland, MS

Speaker Gunn introduced special guest, Mr. Joe Sanderson.

The following resolution was read by Rep. Robin Robinson and a copy was presented to the guest:

**H. R. No. 9:** Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.; commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson Farms.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 4:** Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 3:** Head Coach Deion Sanders; commend upon being named the 2021 SWAC Coach of the Year.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 50:

" WHEREAS, additionally, Coach Sanders is the 2021 Eddie Robinson Award recipient, an award that is named for Head Coach Eddie Robinson, who for 56 years, from

1941 to 1942 and again from 1945 to 1997, was the head coach at Grambling State University, a historically black university (HBCU) in Grambling, Louisiana, and is recognized by many college football experts as one of the greatest coaches in history; and"

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**H. B. No. 942:** Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 942.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Ford, K, Huddleston, Jackson, Scott. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Boyd called up:

**S. B. No. 2097:** MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2097.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott,

Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Bain, Boyd, Evans, B, Read. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 843:** County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 843.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 372:** Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than 5% of market value.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 372.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Ford, K, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B, Massengill, Owen. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

At 2:34 PM, Rep. Roberson moved that the House stand in recess for the Joint Assembly at 4:00 PM, and also moved that the House would stand adjourned upon dissolution of the Joint Assembly until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

#### JOINT SESSION

The hour of 4:00 PM having arrived, which was set by **H. C. R. No. 21** for a Joint Session of the Legislature to hear a message from Governor Tate Reeves, the Joint Assembly convened on the South Steps of the Capitol and was called to order by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn introduced Rep. Ronnie Crudup, who led the Invocation.

Speaker Gunn yielded the gavel to Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who presided over the Joint Assembly.

The National Anthem was played Sergeant First Class Terry Miller, Staff Sergeant Jacob Mitchell, and Staff Sergeant James Sansing of the 41st Army Band.

Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann introduced and recognized the many dignitaries and guests and explained Section 122 of the Mississippi State Constitution.

A committee composed of Representatives Crudup, Summers and Weathersby and Senators Boyd, Parker and Jordan escorted Governor Tate Reeves to the Podium and First Lady Elee Reeves to her seat.

#### INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Governor Tate Reeves addressed the Joint Session as follows:

##### 2022 State of the State Address

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Hosemann and Speaker Gunn.

To the members of the legislature and other elected officials – thank you. Thank you for your commitment to bettering our state. Thank you for your dedication to our people.

Together, we can do great things. I look forward to partnering with you this session to continue making Mississippi the best state in the nation to live, to work, and to raise a family.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank the person who enables me to stand here in the first place. Someone who always puts others before herself. Someone who is an amazing ambassador for our state – our great First Lady. Elee, thank you for everything you do for me and for Mississippi. I could not ask for a better partner and Mississippi could not ask for a better First Lady.

Mississippi has weathered great storms in the last two years. We have bent but we did not break. We dug deep and we stood tall. We got through it all because we decided to get through it all together.

That is why, after recession and pandemic and hurricanes and tornadoes, I can still stand before you tonight and declare, without reservation, and without qualification, that the state of our state is not only strong, but stronger than it has ever been.

I would like to start with what I consider to be the crowning achievement of Mississippi's ride through the pandemic and recession – our educators.

It is the most basic promise a state government makes to its people. We tell every young parent: we will be your partner in educating your child. Together, we will make sure that if they work hard, they will learn what they need to know.

It is a solemn promise and one that our state must fulfill – and it is a promise that I am determined to fulfill.

We all know that there are many who enjoy criticizing Mississippi. They trash our way of life, they trash our institutions, and they frequently deride our education.

And at times in our past, they might have been at least a little bit right about our educational system. But Mississippi's schools have made a major turnaround – in fact, a turnaround of historic proportions.

When you look at the data, it looks like a miracle. But it is not a miracle. It is the product of dedication of our teachers, a result of the intelligence of our people, and conservative, common-sense reforms enacted by many of us here today. And most importantly, it is achievement that was earned by Mississippi students.

Mississippi's students with disabilities have seen a graduation rate that has doubled over the last eight years. Overall, our graduation rate is now at an all-time high at 87.7 percent. That's, by the way, better than the national average. And while the graduation rate is at an all-time high, the dropout rate is at an all-time low of just 8.8 percent.

Our passing rate on Advanced Placement exams is also at an all-time high.

The number of students who completed career and technical courses has shot up by 36 percent since 2015.

Mississippi students are learning more, achieving more, and they are more prepared for a prosperous life.

You all know how fond I am of data. I love it. I swim in it. It's what I do for fun – and yes, I realize how uncool that makes me. In fact, just ask my teenage daughters if you have any doubt about how uncool I am.

But this is not merely data on a page. These numbers are real people. These are real lives that have been transformed – and family trajectories that have been forever altered.

The Mississippi kids who have out-performed previous generations in the classroom are going to make our state better as adults. We are talking about generational change in careers and horizons – and it is happening in every corner of Mississippi.

I attribute these educational gains to three important factors. First, the parents and guardians of our students. Without you investing in your children's educations, without you pushing them to be their very best, none of these gains would be possible.

It all starts and ends with parents. Mississippi schools and teachers answer to parents. They are paid for by you. They work for you.

It is shocking to me, that in some corners of this country, the basic right of parents to determine their child's education is ignored. We must strive to be better than that. We recognize that no classroom can replace a parent's care. Your voice should not just be heard, it should be sought. It should reign. All public servants answer to the people. In education, we answer to the parents and as long as I'm governor, we always will.

We've also seen these historic gains because of the conservative and effective education reforms we've implemented over the last decade.

Expect more and you will get more. That is a lesson Mississippi has had to learn.

The rigorous reading standards that we put in place have transformed lives and the data prove it.

Since those standards were created, we've experienced incredible gains in fourth grade reading. Just a few months ago The Economist noted, Mississippi's fourth graders rose 20 places – from 49th to 29th – on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), and in 2019 we were the “only state in the nation to improve its scores.”

Now, I want to repeat that. In 2019, Mississippi was the only state in the nation to improve our scores. The only state. Out of 50, we were the very best at improving reading scores.

Students of all backgrounds are having academic success in Mississippi. According to 2019 NAEP results, our students living in poverty are outperforming their peers nationally. Black, white, and Hispanic students from low-income households achieved higher scores than the national average in all four NAEP subjects.

For decades we were at the bottom, but now we are not. It takes time to go from last to first. But Mississippi kids are on the move, and it is revitalizing our state's future.

Now, they say imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. Well, all of you should be flattered. Again, according to The Economist – and this is a direct quote – “Many states have noticed Mississippi's success and have passed similar legislation.”

When is the last time you heard that? From Pascagoula to Iuka and from Natchez to Tunica, every single person in Mississippi should be proud.

These education reforms and the gains they have wrought, is what happens when Republicans and Democrats come together. When we set aside our differences, and focus on what matters most, there is no limit to what Mississippians can achieve.

That is why I am asking the legislature to keep it up, and to invest in math coaches, just as we did for reading, to ensure that we continue to see improved results.

The final vital factor in our education gains is our teachers. Unlike other states throughout the pandemic, most of Mississippi's teachers stepped up. They did not cower in fear and refuse to come into the classroom. In fact, it was just the opposite. While other states resorted to Zoom for years on end, Mississippi's teachers took to the chalkboard. When teachers in other states said, “no we won't,” Mississippi's teachers said, “yes we will.”

They did not walk out, they stepped up. Now I want you to stand up for them. I would like for everyone to take just a moment and give our teachers the applause they deserve.

Thank you.

As the great Mississippian B.B. King once said, "The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

Those who pushed long-term school closures would have taken that opportunity away from our children. In other states, students remained out of the classroom and locked away from their teachers and their peers.

But we chose to not let that happen. Teachers in Mississippi did not, and will not, back down amid this unprecedented educational battle between a virus and a child's right to learn.

That is why we must give our teachers the pay raise they deserve.

Y'all know that I am a conservative. Many of you are too. As conservatives, we believe in rewarding hard work and success. There is no doubt that Mississippi teachers fit that mold.

I'm confident that in this session, working together, we will get a significant teacher pay raise done. It is my number one priority. Credit goes to where credit is due and in COVID-19, Mississippi teachers deserve the credit.

There is one cloud on the horizon for our schools and it's one that we need to address.

Across the country, there is a looming threat in too many schools. It is propaganda that seeks to divide us. It's what's called critical race theory. It doesn't really matter what you call it. And I'm not interested in semantics. I'm interested in the integrity of our civic education. In too many schools in other states, they teach the lie that America is inherently racist. They teach students that by virtue of the color of your skin you are inherently a victim or oppressor. They teach this for a purpose.

It is designed to allow a small group of ideologues to pose as saviors—false heroes. It is arrogance and ambition, masquerading as education. When you are a victim by birth, only their generosity can save you. When you are an oppressor by birth, only your silent cooperation with their radical worldview can sanctify you.

There is no country on this earth without sin in its past. That is because there is no person on this earth without sin. Sin is inherent in the human condition. Injustice is still too present today. We must teach that truth. We must learn from our history.

But we can also proudly teach that America is the first nation in history to be born of ideals—not just blood and soil. We are not a nation created by a tribe, but a melting pot of people committed to common purpose.

We work to live up to those ideals every single day. Yes, sometimes, we fall short. But then we get up. We keep stretching towards that promise, enshrined in our founding documents: that all Americans are created equal with rights bestowed by their creator.

With the radical founding of America, we set the world on a course towards greater prosperity and freedom. Racism is not unique to America. Injustice is not unique to America. It is endemic in humanity because humanity is sinful. But the American notion



that God grants rights that no one can take away – that notion is still transforming the entire planet.

When we teach American children to fear one another because of their skin, we reverse the great trend towards achieving our American dream. The promise of America is replaced with a vicious lie: that you are doomed to failure or evil based on your race. We must stop this trend in its tracks, and we can do our part in Mississippi.

Today, I am calling on the State Board of Education to adopt the values that combat critical race theory in their educational efforts. To affirm that Mississippi's public educators will not indoctrinate students in ideology that insists this country, or this state, are inherently racist. We will not teach that your race determines your status as a victim or oppressor. No school district shall teach that one race is inherently superior or that an individual is unconsciously or inherently racist because of how they are born. No child will be divided or humiliated because of their race. We will strive for equality, and our education will support that aspiration.

This is an important common step we can take to ensure that Mississippi is committed to equality. Honesty about our past, and bold and optimistic determination about our future.

The legislature can bolster that effort by passing legislation to this effect. We will teach all of our history — good and bad. And that will lead to a brighter future. I know that our teachers can and will lead the way and I ask the legislature to set down that path.

These investments in our schools are not a pipe dream.

We can afford them. We can afford them in large part, because of our economic resilience.

Mississippi continues to be in the best fiscal shape and the best financial shape in its history. Mississippi ended the year a billion dollars over revenue estimates.

This was not an accident.

We kept our businesses open and helped ensure Mississippians could continue putting food on their table. And they kept working. Bravely and calmly and rationally, they put on their boots, they showed up for work, and our state is better for it.

We also refuse to incentivize the opposite. Mississippi was one of the first states to end the massive pandemic unemployment benefits, because we knew we needed to return to meaningful work. The results are clear:

In November, Mississippi's weekly unemployment claims reached their lowest point since 2018. That's because, in Mississippi, jobs are plentiful. In the four months after we announced the ending of the pandemic unemployment benefits, employers hired at a pace nearly 60 percent faster than before the announcement. In the month of June alone, Mississippi's businesses hired more than 72,000 workers. That's more than any other month in state history.

While we are proud of how we weathered the economic storm, survival is simply not enough.

We should never be satisfied until every Mississippian has access to the best jobs, skills, and upward mobility needed to better themselves and their families.

That's why one of my top priorities is to continue investing in our people. To continue investing in workforce and skills training Mississippians need to thrive in today's economy.

I said in my first address, upon taking this office, that at the end of my time as governor we will measure our success in the wages of our workers. We don't just want people to have any job. We want them to have a career. A family-supporting career that gives them not just a paycheck, but joy.

One of the things we should all be able to agree on, is that together, we passed one of the most consequential pieces of workforce development legislation in Mississippi's history. When we created Accelerate Mississippi, we set our state up to better prepare Mississippians for the jobs of the next 50 years, not the jobs of the last 50 years. Through that legislation, we were able to streamline our workforce development efforts to ensure we have a clear strategy – a strategy that will meet the needs of employers and fill the vacancies for jobs that offer above average wages.

To date, we have awarded over \$11.5 million in RESTORE Act funds towards high-value workforce development programs. Additionally, Accelerate has awarded almost \$12 million in grants to get more people into good careers.

Careers like commercial trucking, advanced manufacturing, welding, utility line working, and fiber. They pay well and they offer security.

Doing things the right way to build a skilled labor pool takes time. Companies realize this and so should we. Our work is just beginning. Months, and in some cases years, for people to acquire the skills they need to obtain these high-paying jobs.

The time is now to continue building the pipeline. In my most recent Executive Budget Recommendation I proposed allocating \$130 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to support this effort. I believe that if we make this investment, Mississippi will develop that workforce of the future and set up our state for success for years to come.

We also know that for Mississippi to grow, we must attract more economic activity. We need to be bold. We need to attract the kind of work that creates wealth for all Mississippians.

First, we need to take care of the basics. We have a historic opportunity to invest in our core infrastructure – to take nearly \$2 billion of federal money and put it into real, transformative projects.

I want to echo and appreciate the sentiment from Lieutenant Governor Hosemann: We must stay focused on those investments that will have an impact not for one or two years, but for one or two generations. I whole-heartedly support his plan to put the bulk of that money into local infrastructure projects that can put those concerns behind us for years.

We also need to consider how to attract those companies and economic projects that transform communities—create generational wealth and lift families out of poverty.

This does not just happen one project at a time. It takes a bold vision that lasts forever. The heart of that vision is the elimination of the state's income tax.

By eliminating the income tax, we can put ourselves in a position to stand out. We can win those projects. We can throw out the welcome mat for the dreamers and the visionaries. We can have more money circulating in our economy. And it can lead to more wealth for all Mississippians.

I am begging Mississippi legislators to be bold. Give us another arrow in our quiver to attract more capital and to continue to transform our economy.

When someone in California or Illinois or even Louisiana decides to start their own business, let's make them consider doing it right here in Mississippi. Let's tell them that they are guaranteed to keep more of the first dollar of profit they earn if they come to our state.

The only way to make Mississippi a magnet for the entrepreneurs of our nation is to show them our unmatched culture – married to an unbeatable tax code.

I know that many of you have already demonstrated an appetite for such boldness, and I want to thank you. In the House, Republicans and Democrats voted overwhelmingly for their chamber's bipartisan tax plan, which would eliminate the income tax. Speaker Gunn and Chairman Lamar, thank you for your hard work and your commitment to this ongoing effort. If we can eliminate the income tax, we will achieve an historic victory for this state. We can become a place that money flows more freely, and all Mississippians will benefit.

Please do not let this moment pass without achieving something big. We can invest in our workers, water, and workforce. We can attract more wealth that can transform our economic potential. We can grow this great state to achieve what we all know we are capable of. That should be our ambition throughout this session.

We are governing in a time of plenty. Good decisions have brought us a great harvest.

If we do not lead boldly, when this time of great resources passes, I believe we will look back with regret. We have done the hard work to secure our fiscal situation. Now let us return that largesse to the people and unleash Mississippi's economy.

We know that our economic situation would not be so secure if it were not for our handling of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have lost many Mississippians to this virus. And we mourn their loss every day.

We also know we cannot lock ourselves away behind screens and live in fear. We choose to protect ourselves as we see fit. We choose to reject panic and embrace a life worth living.

And here in Mississippi, we realize that your life is a gift from God, and it is sacred. That comes straight from His word, which reads in Deuteronomy: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days."

In this time of fear, there are many who have suffered from despair. They have wondered if their lives are worth keeping. I want to tell all of you—anyone who needs to hear it—that you are loved. You are valued. Your life has purpose and your life has meaning. Your state needs you. Even if you don't know it, your life is a blessing to others. We are glad that you are here, living and with us.

I pray for the same protection over those who are most vulnerable. Those who need our protection more than any other. Those innocent Mississippi children whose lives are precious. I pray every one of them can be regarded with the same basic respect. That most core human right: the right to life. The right of these children not to be killed before having the chance to be heard.

Mississippians are leading the charge to defend those children. Mississippi and the Supreme Court's landmark case is on a path to preserving millions of lives for generations to come. There is no excuse for America's abortion laws to be closer to the Chinese communists than the rest of the western world.

If we are successful before the Supreme Court, our work will not be done. We must acknowledge and champion the fact that being pro-life is about more than being anti-abortion. We should be doing everything in our power to make Mississippi the most family-oriented state in the country. We should be doing everything in our power to make Mississippi the safest and most supportive state in the country for mothers. And we should be doing everything in our power to promote a culture of life.

In the coming months, we will be promoting plans to further protect mothers in our state. To ensure that they don't just receive the basics—that they get the best possible care during their pregnancy.

We will work to make it even easier to adopt a Mississippi child into a forever home. We will go further than preventing abortion.

I have been proud to push for laws that restrict abortion and protect innocent life. But I do not pretend that those laws mean the work for life is done.

We will lead in the effort to be pro-life in every sense of the word. It is vitally important, and I will be asking all of our legislative allies to commit to that work together.

Another area where our collaboration is going to be key, is improving Mississippi's corrections system. Two years ago, as I took office, we were facing prison riots that resulted in serious violence.

To address the issues in the system, we needed a cultural reset. To ensure that we took control and took proper care of those who were serving time. To preserve the safety of our citizens, we needed to stem the rising tide of violence.

I am proud to say that culture overhaul is happening. The system is different than it was two years ago. We are making incredible progress. Under the leadership of Commissioner Cain, we are hiring more guards. We are combatting gang violence. We are turning the tide and we are taking control.

Time in prison often leads to despair. When you have a lack of hope, you don't just serve your time. You commit to a life of crime. And instead of returning to society, having taken your discipline, the cycle of violence continues. The inmate returns.

We can break that cycle, for hundreds of inmates, and that will lead us to a safer state. We are committed to offering hope of a better life. That begins with opportunity. Today, in state prisons, we are working hard to offer training and meaningful work. That can not only fill the days, it can set an offender up for a peaceful life on the outside.

Just last month, Commissioner Cain unveiled a mobile welding training center that will help train inmates for a career in welding, post-release. The mobile welding training center – which by the way was not paid for with taxpayer funds – can train 32 inmates at a time and will rotate between prisons every 90 days. At the end of the program, trainees who complete it will receive a certification that they can use to find a job.

But that's not the only program we're leveraging to train inmates. For example, the Automotive Service Excellence Certification, where inmates can learn to work on car motors and small engines. Or the National Center for Construction Education and Research Certification, which prepares enrollees in a variety of skills that will help translate to jobs in the construction industry. These programs work, and we need more of them.

Now, some of you may be asking yourself, why should we be offering these types of opportunities to those who have been convicted of a crime? Why should we allocate funds towards educational opportunities for those who are incarcerated? The answer is actually pretty straightforward – because it's a wise investment.

The proof is in the numbers. The average cost to house an inmate in 2020 was over \$50 a day. The cost for vocational training, depending on the program, is approximately \$2,000 a year. The question you may ask is, well is it worth it? The short answer is an emphatic yes.

Here's why. In 2020, the general recidivism rate in Mississippi was 37.4 percent. According to the Department of Corrections, initial data shows that under Commissioner Cain's leadership, the recidivism rate for those who have completed re-entry and vocational training is less than half that.

What does that mean for you? As a taxpayer, a \$2,000 investment can save you over \$18,000 a year. But most importantly, there will be fewer crimes, fewer victims, safer communities, and a skilled workforce that has a second chance at life.

If we want to break the cycle of recidivism, we must invest in a cycle of education and learning. That's why in my most recent Executive Budget Recommendation, I proposed allocating \$2 million for re-entry programs geared toward Mississippians who will be eligible for parole within six months. Additionally, I've proposed funding to expand the work release pilot program – that has already shown so much promise – to each of Mississippi's 82 counties.

I think and we can all agree that no matter how much we invest in training for those reentering society, there will always be a crime element present. It will never be completely eliminated.

That is tragically obvious today. In 2020, our capital city set a record of 130 murders. In 2021, it increased to over 150 murders. That is unacceptable. Let's put these numbers in perspective. In the city of Atlanta, there was a historic crime wave. People there are rushing to reform – electing new city leadership promising to combat the violence. They saw 158 murders in 2021. In Jackson, Mississippi, even though Atlanta is more than triple our size, we saw roughly the same number of murders in that year. The rate of killings in Jackson is three times worse than Chicago. It is worse than St. Louis, Baltimore, and Memphis. The violence scars families for generations. Our community is torn apart by senseless acts of mayhem. If our state is to thrive, we need a capital city of order. Governed by laws, not abandoned to daily violence. We all have an interest in stopping this deadly cycle.

We can do our part to go down a brighter road. Create a capital city that is vibrant, full of life, and safe. A capital city where residents don't have to fear for their safety. A capital city where parents can let their children run around in the yard without having to fear if they'll be home for dinner.

I believe that Jackson still exists. I have faith that we have what it takes to make Jackson a city that is a hub for business and capital investment. A city where jobs are plentiful, and opportunity is only limited by how hard you want to work.

Reasonable citizens must take back control from those who only wish harm to their neighbors. Their day is ending in Jackson. The men and women of local law enforcement will always be the first line of defense. The frontline officers who feel abandoned cannot be left to their own devices. That is why I have championed an expansion of the scope of our Capitol Police force. To support local law enforcement and to bring peace back to Jackson.

To our law enforcement officers who wake up every day, put on the badge, and risk their own personal safety to protect and serve us, thank you. As long as I'm governor, I will do everything I can to provide you with the tools and resources you need to keep us, and yourself, safe.

That's why I want to work with the legislature to get you the support you need. It's why I proposed doubling the size of our Capitol Police, so there will be more boots on the ground as you perform your shifts in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. I've said it before and I'll say it again, we have a lot of brave men and women in blue – there's just not enough of them. Doubling the size of our Capitol Police, is the first, most immediate action we can take within the State's jurisdiction. We have the ability to do it, and we must.

We also know that alone is not enough. Capturing violent criminals does nothing if our justice system puts them right back on the streets. I am eager to work with the legislature to develop resources for targeted prosecution and conviction of violent felons here. Catch and release has caused nothing but record crime and chaos. All of us can agree on that. We need to find those who are leading the efforts to flood our capital with illegal drugs and guns—and put them behind bars where they belong. We need to bring focused attention to those orchestrating these efforts. Not to catch more people speeding or loitering. But to arrest, charge, and eradicate the ringleaders who make life hell for the peaceful residents of Jackson.

After the day's shifts have ended, and our law enforcement officers head back to their families, that doesn't mean our support of the men and women in blue is over. It doesn't mean we should stop recognizing the sacrifices they make daily. It doesn't mean we should forget about their gallant actions over the last two years, or the expanded duties placed upon them because of the pandemic. It's one of the reasons why I authorized \$1,000 in one-time hazard pay for each sworn state law enforcement officer who actively served during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Today, I call on the legislature to do the same for local law enforcement.

Over the last two years, some of our law enforcement officers made the ultimate sacrifice in their service to us. We have benefits in place for those who fell at the hands of violence or in other tragic circumstances in the line of duty. These officers fell victim to an enemy that couldn't even been seen – COVID-19. These officers will never again make it home to their families. There will be missed birthdays, graduations, weddings, birth of children, and more. And if they contracted the virus while serving and protecting, that should be counted as a line of duty death. That's why this session, we need to appropriate additional money towards the Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Death Benefits Trust Fund. Doing so will be a final act of gratitude to the men and women who gave it all to keep us safe.

To all our law enforcement officers, Mississippi will always back the blue. Again, thank you for everything you've done and thank you for everything you will do.

We have many great opportunities before us. We can look back on what we've survived. We can look back on the gains we've accomplished. And we can be proud of one another. We must also dedicate ourselves to more hard work. To tackle those challenges and seize chances for greatness. We can do amazing things together if we focus on doing what's right. And, if we have the fortitude to do what's right, boldly. I know that each of you can commit to that goal, and if so, we will serve our neighbors well.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the state of Mississippi.

At 4:55 PM on motion of Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, the Joint Session was dissolved.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 21:** State of the State; authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Hollingsworth, Jason Belue, Michial Ray Thacker, Travis Wayne Brewer, Marcia Clark McGee, and Noel C "Red" South, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lloyd Franklin Stephens, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kelsey Hearn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jo Ann Wilkins Thornton, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles W. Brown, III, Charles Warren Issacs, Kathryn Madeline Lindquist, Marjorie Gladys Crosby, Sandra Saucier, William H. Bradley, Sr. , Donald Ray Cuevas, Sr. , Richard Dale Altzman, Glenda Fazzio , and Philip Arthur Rosen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marcella Covacevich, and Linda Rose Delcambre Griggs, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of M. C. Weaver, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Rhodes Clark, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard Curtis Baxter, Hal Leon Mayo, Jr., Tamantha Lynn Mathis, Sidney Eugene Wright, Fred Reynolds, Jr., Wilma Juanita Bozeman, James Wayne Lewis, Joan McMillan Carpenter, Clint Alexander Dearman, Anna M. Smith, David Eugene Talley, Robert Walter Ivy, Patricia Conner, Billy Lanoel Manasco, Rebecca Ann Taylor, Roger Dale Rich, Jessie Yoncie Crawford, Merle H. McInnis, Bobby Ray Williams, Mary Jo Gunn, Evelyn Louise Wilkins, and Byrtie Beatrice Smith McLemore, which motion prevailed.

SEVENTEENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

(TWENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Sam Creekmore IV.

Rep. Creekmore IV led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold,

Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Ford, K, Huddleston and White.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

Adopted: 01/26/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 935:** Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 681:** Kratom; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 478:** Mississippi Forestry Commission; extend repealer on authority to hire law enforcement officers to investigate woods arson. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 979:** Foresters; liable for cost of timber for failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to remit payment to forester for timber. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1013:** Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1440:** City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1057:** Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1077:** Molluscan shellfish aquaculture operations; revise licensing of vessels used for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1130:** Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1321:** Menhaden; prohibit taking of within one mile buffer of Jackson County, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TIMMY LADNER, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 127:** Order of support; prohibit suspension of driver's license for being out of compliance with. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 180:** Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's licenses; bring forward code section regulating renewal after expiration. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1073:** Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 158:** Recreational off-highway vehicles; revise definition of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON

TRANSPORTATION AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 192:** License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman  
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 475:** IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1068:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 883:** Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1394:** Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 175:** Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 242:** Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 256:** Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Mississippi Main Street Association. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 472:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 473:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on statute prescribing powers and duties of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 512:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 516:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 684:** Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 961:** Personal delivery devices; provide for the regulation of the use of in pedestrian areas. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1001:** Alcoholic beverage, beer, light spirit product and light wine; allow any municipality to hold election to permit or prohibit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1064:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1131:** Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1213:** School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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Rep. Yancey called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2095: Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Title. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act."

SECTION 2. Definitions. For purposes of this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Allowable amount of medical cannabis" means an amount not to exceed the maximum amount of Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Units ("MMCEU").

(b) "Bona fide practitioner-patient relationship" means:

(i) A practitioner and patient have a treatment or consulting relationship, during the course of which the practitioner, within his or her scope of practice, has completed an in-person assessment of the patient's medical history and current mental health and medical condition and has documented their certification in the patient's medical file;

(ii) The practitioner has consulted in person with the patient with respect to the patient's debilitating medical condition; and

(iii) The practitioner is available to or offers to provide follow-up care and treatment to the patient.

(c) "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, the flower, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or its resin, including whole plant extracts. Such term shall not mean cannabis derived drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

(d) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that acquires, grows, cultivates and harvests medical cannabis in an indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area.

(e) "Cannabis disposal entity" means a business licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial disposal or destruction of medical cannabis.

(f) "Cannabis processing facility" means a business entity that is licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that:

(i) Acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cannabis cultivation facility;

(ii) Possesses cannabis with the intent to manufacture a cannabis product;

(iii) Manufactures or intends to manufacture a cannabis product from unprocessed cannabis or a cannabis extract; and

(iv) Sells or intends to sell a cannabis product to a medical cannabis dispensary, cannabis testing facility or cannabis research facility.

(g) "Cannabis products" means cannabis flower, concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts and products that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof and are intended for use or consumption by humans. The term includes, without limitation, edible cannabis products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, tinctures and suppositories that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and/or cannabidiol (CBD) except those products excluded from control under Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-136.

(h) "Cannabis research facility" or "research facility" means a research facility at any university or college in this state or an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health pursuant to this chapter that acquires cannabis from cannabis cultivation facilities and cannabis processing facilities in order to research cannabis, develop best practices for specific medical conditions, develop medicines and provide commercial access for medical use.

(i) "Cannabis testing facility" or "testing facility" means an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that analyzes the safety and potency of cannabis.

(j) "Cannabis transportation entity" means an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial transportation of medical cannabis.

(k) "Canopy" means the total surface area within a cultivation area that is dedicated to the cultivation of flowering cannabis plants. The surface area of the plant canopy must be calculated in square feet and measured and must include all of the area within the boundaries where the cultivation of the flowering cannabis plants occurs.

If the surface area of the plant canopy consists of noncontiguous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. If a tiered or shelving system is used in the cultivation area the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy. Calculation of the area of the plant canopy may not include the areas within the cultivation area that are used to cultivate immature cannabis plants and seedlings, prior to flowering, and that are not used at any time to cultivate mature cannabis plants.

(l) "Cardholder" means a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver who has been issued and possesses a valid registry identification card.

(m) "Chronic pain" means a pain state in which the cause of the pain cannot be removed or otherwise treated, and which in the generally accepted course of medical practice, no relief or cure of the cause of the pain is possible, or none has been found after reasonable efforts by a practitioner.

(n) "Concentrate" means a substance obtained by separating cannabinoids from cannabis by:

(i) A mechanical extraction process;

(ii) A chemical extraction process using a nonhydrocarbon-based or other solvent, such as water, vegetable glycerin, vegetable oils, animal fats, food-grade ethanol or steam distillation; or

(iii) A chemical extraction process using the hydrocarbon-based solvent carbon dioxide, provided that the process does not involve the use of high heat or pressure.

(o) "Debilitating medical condition" means:

(i) Cancer, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, muscular dystrophy, glaucoma, spastic quadriplegia, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, sickle-cell anemia, Alzheimer's disease, agitation of dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), autism, pain refractory to appropriate opioid management, diabetic/peripheral neuropathy, spinal cord disease or severe injury, or the treatment of these conditions;

(ii) A chronic, terminal or debilitating disease or medical condition, or its treatment, that produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome, chronic pain, severe or intractable nausea, seizures, or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or

(iii) Any other serious medical condition or its treatment added by the Mississippi Department of Health, as provided for in Section 9 of this act.

(p) "Designated caregiver" means a person who:

(i) Has agreed to assist with a registered qualifying patient's medical use of medical cannabis;

(ii) Assists no more than five (5) registered qualifying patients with their medical use of medical cannabis, unless the designated caregiver's registered qualifying patients each reside in or are admitted to a health care facility or facility providing residential care services or day care services where the designated caregiver is employed;

(iii) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age unless the person is the parent or legal guardian of each qualifying patient the person assists; and

(iv) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense.

(q) "Disqualifying felony offense" means:

(i) A conviction for a crime of violence, as defined in Section 97-3-2;

(ii) A conviction for a crime that was defined as a violent crime in the law of the jurisdiction in which the offense was committed, and that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted; or

(iii) A conviction for a violation of a state or federal controlled substances law that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted, including the service of any term of probation, incarceration or supervised release within the previous five (5) years and the offender has not committed

another similar offense since the conviction. Under this subparagraph (iii), a disqualifying felony offense shall not include a conviction that consisted of conduct for which this chapter would likely have prevented the conviction but for the fact that the conduct occurred before the effective date of this act.

(r) "Edible cannabis products" means products that:

(i) Contain or are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof;

(ii) Are intended for human consumption by oral ingestion; and

(iii) Are presented in the form of foodstuffs, beverages, extracts, oils, tinctures, lozenges and other similar products.

(s) "Entity" means a corporation, general partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company that has been registered with the Secretary of State as applicable.

(t) "MMCEU" means Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Unit.

One unit of MMCEU shall be considered equal to:

(i) Three and one-half (3.5) grams of medical cannabis flower;

(ii) One (1) gram of medical cannabis concentrate; or

(iii) One hundred (100) milligrams of THC in an infused product.

(u) "MDOH" means the Mississippi Department of Health.

(v) "MDOR" means the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

(w) "Medical cannabis" means cannabis, cannabis products and edible cannabis that are intended to be used by registered qualifying patients as provided in this chapter.

(x) "Medical cannabis dispensary" or "dispensary" means an entity licensed and registered with the MDOR that acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses medical cannabis, equipment used for medical cannabis, or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders.

(y) "Medical cannabis establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, cannabis testing facility, cannabis dispensary, cannabis transportation entity, cannabis disposal entity or cannabis research facility licensed and registered by the appropriate agency.

(z) "Medical cannabis establishment agent" means an owner, officer, board member, employee, volunteer or agent of a medical cannabis establishment.

(aa) "Medical use" includes the acquisition, administration, cultivation, processing, delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation, or use of medical cannabis or equipment relating to the administration of medical cannabis to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition. The term "medical use" does not include:

(i) The cultivation of cannabis unless the cultivation is done by a cannabis cultivation facility; or

(ii) The extraction of resin from cannabis by mechanical or chemical extraction unless the extraction is done by a cannabis processing facility.

(bb) "Nonresident cardholder" means a person who:

(i) Has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition by a practitioner in his or her respective state or territory, or is the parent, guardian, conservator or other person with authority to consent to the medical use of medical cannabis by a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition;

(ii) Is not a resident of Mississippi or who has been a resident of Mississippi for less than forty-five (45) days; and

(iii) Has submitted any documentation required by MDOH rules and regulations and has received confirmation of registration.

(cc) "Practitioner" means a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant or optometrist who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and the laws of this state.



In relation to a nonresident cardholder, the term means a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant or optometrist who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and under the laws of the state or territory in which the nonresident patient resides. For registered qualifying patients who are minors, "practitioner" shall mean a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and the laws of this state.

(dd) "Public place" means a church or any area to which the general public is invited or in which the general public is permitted, regardless of the ownership of the area, and any area owned or controlled by a municipality, county, state or federal government, including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks or other forms of public transportation. Such term shall not mean a private residential dwelling.

(ee) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as having a debilitating medical condition and has been issued a written certification.

(ff) "Registry identification card" means a document issued by the MDOH that identifies a person as a registered qualifying patient, nonresident registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver.

(gg) "School" means an institution for the teaching of children, consisting of a physical location, whether owned or leased, including instructional staff members and students, and which is in session each school year. This definition shall include, but not be limited to, public, private, church and parochial programs for kindergarten, elementary, junior high and high schools. Such term shall not mean a home instruction program.

(hh) "Scope of practice" means the defined parameters of various duties, services or activities that may be provided or performed by a certified nurse practitioner as authorized under Sections 73-15-5 and 73-15-20, by an optometrist as authorized under Section 73-19-1, by a physician as authorized under Section 73-25-33, or by a physician assistant under Section 73-26-5, and rules and regulations adopted by the respective licensing boards for those practitioners.

(ii) "THC" or "Tetrahydrocannabinol" means any and all forms of tetrahydrocannabinol that are contained naturally in the cannabis plant, as well as synthesized forms of THC and derived variations, derivatives, isomers and allotropes that have similar molecular and physiological characteristics of tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited to THCA, THC Delta 9, THC Delta 8, THC Delta 10 and THC Delta 6.

(jj) "Written certification" means a form approved by the MDOH, signed and dated by a practitioner, certifying that a person has a debilitating medical condition. A written certification shall include the following:

- (i) The date of issue and the effective date of the recommendation;
- (ii) The patient's name, date of birth and address;
- (iii) The practitioner's name, address, and federal Drug Enforcement Agency number; and
- (iv) The practitioner's signature.

SECTION 3. Authorization to use medical cannabis; requirements. (1) No person shall be authorized to use medical cannabis in this state unless the person (a) has been diagnosed by a practitioner, with whom the person has a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship within his or her scope of practice, as having a debilitating medical condition for which the practitioner believes, in his or her professional opinion, that the person would likely receive medical or palliative benefit from the medical use of medical cannabis to treat or alleviate the person's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the person's debilitating medical condition, (b) has received a written certification of that diagnosis from the practitioner, and (c) has been issued a registry identification card from the MDOH under Section 12 of this act. A person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be a qualifying patient, and the practitioner who has diagnosed the patient shall document that

diagnosis with a written certification. However, nothing herein shall require a practitioner to issue a written certification.

(2) A written certification shall:

- (a) Affirm that it is made in the course of a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship;
- (b) Remain current for twelve (12) months, unless the practitioner specifies a shorter period of time;
- (c) Be issued only after an in-person assessment of the patient by a practitioner;
- (d) Only be issued on behalf of a minor when the minor's parent or guardian is present and provides signed consent; and
- (e) Be limited to the allowable amount of cannabis in a thirty-day period.

(3) After a qualifying patient receives a written certification from a practitioner, the patient shall be required to make a follow-up visit with the practitioner not less than six (6) months after the date of issuance of the certification for the practitioner to evaluate and determine the effectiveness of the patient's medical use of medical cannabis to treat or alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition.

(4) Before dispensing medical cannabis to a cardholder, the dispensary from which the cardholder is obtaining medical cannabis shall verify the identity of the cardholder and the authority of the cardholder to use medical cannabis as provided in Section 20 of this act and shall determine the maximum amount of medical cannabis that a cardholder is eligible to receive and the amount of medical cannabis that the cardholder has received from all dispensaries during a specified period of time using the statewide seed-to-sale tracking system under Section 6 of this act.

(5) A practitioner shall be registered to issue written certifications to qualifying patients by completing the required application process as set forth by the MDOH. The MDOH shall require a practitioner to complete a minimum of eight (8) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis in order to issue written certifications. After the first year of registration, these practitioners shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis annually to maintain this registration.

(6) Only physicians and doctors of osteopathic medicine may issue written certifications to registered qualifying patients who are minors.

SECTION 4. General Responsibilities of Departments. (1) The MDOH shall have the ultimate authority for oversight of the administration of the medical cannabis program, and the MDOH shall coordinate the activities of the MDOH and MDOR under the provisions of this chapter in order to best effectuate the purpose and intent of this chapter.

(2) The MDOH may contract with other governmental agencies and public or private third parties to assist the MDOH with carrying out any of the responsibilities delegated to the MDOH under this subsection. However, the MDOH shall be ultimately responsible for the performance of any responsibilities that are exercised by any agency or third party with which the MDOH has contracted under the authority of this subsection.

(3) The MDOH shall be responsible for:

- (a) The licensing, oversight and inspection of cannabis testing facilities and cannabis research facilities;
  - (b) The licensing of cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis transportation entities and cannabis disposal entities;
  - (c) The application and licensing of registry identification cards for qualifying patients and designated caregivers;
  - (d) The registering of practitioners in accordance with this chapter;
- and

(e) The selection, certification and oversight of the statewide seed-to-sale tracking system as provided for in Section 6 of this act.

(4) Unless otherwise provided herein, the MDOR shall be responsible for the licensing, inspection and oversight of medical cannabis dispensaries.

(5) The MDOR and MDOH shall accept applications for and award licenses according to their respective duties as provided for in this chapter, subject to the following:

(a) After one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this act, the MDOH shall begin accepting applications, registering and licensing registry identification cards and practitioners.

(b) After one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this act, the MDOH shall begin licensing and registering cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis testing facilities, cannabis research facilities, cannabis disposal entities and cannabis transportation entities. After one hundred fifty (150) days from the effective date of this act, the MDOR shall issue licenses for medical cannabis dispensaries as provided for in this chapter within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application from an applicant or within thirty (30) days after the initial one hundred fifty (150) day period, whichever is the later date.

(6) The MDOR and MDOH shall issue a registration certificate and a random ten-digit alphanumeric identification number to each licensed medical cannabis establishment, as applicable.

(7) After one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this act, the MDOH shall issue licenses according to their respective duties as provided for in this chapter within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application from an applicant or within thirty (30) days after the initial one hundred twenty (120) day period, whichever is the later date. After one hundred fifty (150) days from the effective date of this act, the MDOR shall issue licenses according to their respective duties as provided for in this chapter within thirty (30) days of receipt of the application from an applicant or within thirty (30) days after the initial one-hundred-fifty-day period, whichever is the later date.

(8) It is the intent of the Legislature that the MDOH and MDOR and any other state agency, as needed, shall cooperate and collaborate together to accomplish the purposes of this chapter.

(9) (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, the Department of Public Safety shall not be involved in or have any role regarding the administration, regulation or oversight of the medical cannabis program established under this chapter; however, this provision does not prohibit the department from carrying out any law enforcement activities that a law enforcement agency may exercise under this chapter or that the department may exercise under the authority of any other law.

(b) The Department of Public Safety may assist the MDOH in conducting background checks of individuals as required under this chapter.

SECTION 5. Protections for the medical use of cannabis. (1) There is a presumption that a registered qualifying patient is engaged in the medical use of medical cannabis under this chapter if the person is in possession of a registry identification card and an amount of medical cannabis that does not exceed the allowable amount of medical cannabis. There is a presumption that a registered designated caregiver is assisting in the medical use of medical cannabis under this chapter if the person is in possession of a registry identification card and an amount of medical cannabis that does not exceed the allowable amount of medical cannabis. These presumptions may be rebutted by evidence that conduct related to medical cannabis was not for the purpose of treating or alleviating a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition under this chapter.

(2) Subject to the conditions, limitations, requirements and exceptions set forth in this chapter, the following activities related to medical cannabis shall be considered lawful:

(a) The purchase, transportation or possession of up to the allowable amount or medical use of medical cannabis;

(b) Financial reimbursement by a registered qualifying patient to the patient's registered designated caregiver for direct costs incurred by the registered designated caregiver for assisting with the registered qualifying patient's medical use of medical cannabis;

(c) Compensating a dispensary for goods or services provided;

(d) The provision, by a professional or occupational licensee, of advice or services related to medical cannabis activities allowed under this chapter, to the extent such advice or services meet or exceed the applicable professional or occupational standard of care;

(e) Providing or selling equipment used to ingest medical cannabis to a cardholder, nonresident cardholder or to a medical cannabis establishment;

(f) Acting as a designated caregiver to assist a registered qualifying patient with the act of using or administering medical cannabis;

(g) Activities by a medical cannabis establishment or a medical cannabis establishment agent that are allowed by its license and registration;

(h) Activities by a dispensary or a dispensary agent to possess, store or sell medical cannabis products, educational materials and products used to ingest medical cannabis to cardholders, nonresident cardholders and other dispensaries, or to purchase or otherwise acquire medical cannabis products from cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis research facilities or other dispensaries;

(i) Activities by a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility or agents of these facilities to:

(i) Possess, plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, produce, process, manufacture, compound, convert, prepare, pack, repack or store medical cannabis;

(ii) Purchase or otherwise acquire medical cannabis and cannabis products from medical cannabis establishments; or

(iii) Sell, supply or transfer medical cannabis products, equipment used to ingest medical cannabis, and related supplies and educational materials to other cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities or dispensaries.

(j) Activities by a cannabis research facility, a cannabis testing facility or agents of these facilities to:

(i) Purchase or otherwise acquire medical cannabis from medical cannabis establishments;

(ii) Possess, produce, process, compound, convert, prepare, pack, test, repack and store medical cannabis and cannabis products obtained from medical cannabis establishments; or

(iii) Sell, supply or transfer medical cannabis, educational materials and equipment used to ingest medical cannabis to cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis testing facilities and cannabis research facilities.

(k) Activities by a cannabis transportation entity or a cannabis disposal entity to transport, supply, deliver, dispose of or destroy cannabis, as applicable.

(3) Any medical cannabis, cannabis product, equipment used to ingest medical cannabis, or other interest in or right to property that is possessed, owned or used in connection with the medical use of medical cannabis as authorized by this chapter, or acts incidental to such use, shall not be seized or forfeited. This chapter shall not prevent the seizure or forfeiture of medical cannabis exceeding the allowable amounts of medical cannabis, nor shall it prevent seizure or forfeiture if the basis for the action is unrelated to the medical cannabis that is possessed, processed, transferred or used pursuant to this chapter.

(4) Possession of, or application for, a registry identification card shall not:

(a) Constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion;

(b) Be used to support a search of the person or property of the person possessing or applying for the registry identification card; or

(c) Subject the person or property of the person to inspection by any governmental agency.

(5) It is the public policy of the State of Mississippi that contracts related to medical cannabis that are entered into by cardholders, medical cannabis establishments, medical cannabis establishment agents and those who allow property to be used by those persons, should be enforceable to the extent that those activities comply with the other provisions of this chapter. It is the public policy of the State of Mississippi that no contract entered into by a cardholder, a medical cannabis establishment, or a medical cannabis establishment agent, or by a person who allows property to be used for activities that are authorized under this chapter, shall be unenforceable on the basis that activities related to cannabis are prohibited by federal law.

(6) An applicant for a professional or occupational license shall not be denied a license based on previous employment related to medical cannabis activities that are allowed under this chapter.

SECTION 6. Seed-to-sale tracking system. (1) Each medical cannabis establishment shall use a statewide seed-to-sale tracking system certified by the MDOH to track medical cannabis from seed or immature plant stage until the medical cannabis is purchased by a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver or destroyed. Records entered into the seed-to-sale tracking system shall include each day's beginning inventory, harvests, acquisitions, sales, disbursements, remediations, disposals, transfers, ending inventory, and any other data necessary for inventory control records in the statewide seed-to-sale tracking system. Each medical cannabis dispensary shall be responsible for ensuring that all medical cannabis sold or disbursed to a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver is recorded in the seed-to-sale tracking system as a purchase by or on behalf of the applicable registered qualifying patients.

(2) Amounts of medical cannabis shall be recorded in the following manner:

- (a) For dried, unprocessed cannabis, in ounces or grams;
- (b) For concentrates, in grams; or
- (c) For infused products, by milligrams of THC.

(3) The seed-to-sale tracking system used by cannabis cultivation facilities, dispensaries, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis testing facilities, cannabis research facilities, cannabis transportation entities and cannabis disposal entities shall be capable of:

- (a) Allowing those facilities and entities to interface with the statewide system such that a facility may enter and access information in the statewide system;
- (b) Providing the MDOR and MDOH with access to all information stored in the system's database;
- (c) Maintaining the confidentiality of all patient and caregiver data and records accessed or stored by the system such that all persons or entities other than the MDOR and MDOH may only access the information in the system that they are authorized by law to access;
- (d) Producing analytical reports to the MDOR and MDOH regarding the total quantity of daily, monthly, and yearly sales at the facility per product type; the average prices of daily, monthly, and yearly sales at the facility per product type; and total inventory or sales record adjustments at the facility; and
- (e) The ability to determine the amount of medical cannabis that a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver has purchased that day in real time by searching a patient registration number.

(4) Banks and other financial institutions may be allowed access to specific limited information from the seed-to-sale tracking system. The information that may be available to these institutions shall be limited to financial data of individuals and business entities that have a business relationship with these institutions. This information shall be limited to the information needed for banks to comply with applicable federal regulations and shall not disclose any medical or personal information about registered cardholders or designated caregivers.

SECTION 7. Limitations. (1) This chapter shall not be construed to do any of the following:

- (a) Require an organization for managed care, health benefit plan, private health insurer, government medical assistance program, employer, property and casualty, or workers' compensation insurer or self-insured group providing coverage for a medical, pharmacy or health care service to pay for or reimburse any other individual or entity for costs associated with the medical use of cannabis;
- (b) Require any employer to permit, accommodate, or allow the medical use of medical cannabis, or to modify any job or working conditions of any employee who engages in the medical use of medical cannabis or who for any reason seeks to engage in the medical use of medical cannabis;
- (c) Prohibit any employer from refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against an individual with respect to hiring, discharging, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment as a

result, in whole or in part, of that individual's medical use of medical cannabis, regardless of the individual's impairment or lack of impairment resulting from the medical use of medical cannabis;

(d) Prohibit or limit the ability of any employer from establishing or enforcing a drug testing policy;

(e) Interfere with, impair or impede any federal restrictions or requirements on employment or contracting, including, but not limited to, regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations;

(f) Permit, authorize, or establish any individual's right to commence or undertake any legal action against an employer for refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against an individual with respect to hiring, discharging, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment due to the individual's medical use of medical cannabis;

(g) Affect, alter or otherwise impact the workers' compensation premium discount available to employers who establish a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 71-3-201 et seq.;

(h) Affect, alter or otherwise impact an employer's right to deny or establish legal defenses to the payment of workers' compensation benefits to an employee on the basis of a positive drug test or refusal to submit to or cooperate with a drug test, as provided under Section 71-3-7 and Section 71-3-121; or

(i) Affect, alter or supersede any obligation or condition imposed on a parolee, probationer or an individual participating in a pretrial diversion program or other court-ordered substance abuse rehabilitation program.

(2) This chapter does not authorize any individual to engage in, and does not prevent the imposition of any civil, criminal or other penalties for engaging in, the following conduct:

(a) Acting with negligence, gross negligence, recklessness, in breach of any applicable professional or occupational standard of care, or to effect an intentional wrong, as a result, in whole or in part, of that individual's medical use of medical cannabis;

(b) Possessing medical cannabis or otherwise engaging in the medical use of medical cannabis in any correctional facility, unless the correctional facility has elected to allow the cardholder to engage in the use of medical cannabis;

(c) Smoking medical cannabis in a public place or in a motor vehicle; for purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "smoking" includes vaping and any other method of inhalation of medical cannabis;

(d) Operating, navigating, or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, train, motorboat or other conveyance in a manner that would violate Section 59-23-7, Section 63-11-30 or federal law as a result, in whole or in part, of that individual's medical use of medical cannabis;

(e) Possessing medical cannabis in excess of the allowable amount of medical cannabis; or

(f) Consumption, by a registered designated caregiver, of cannabis provided for use to a registered qualifying patient.

SECTION 8. Discrimination prohibited. (1) A person shall not be denied custody of or visitation rights or parenting time with a minor solely for the person's status as a cardholder.

(2) No school, landlord or employer may be penalized or denied any benefit under state law for enrolling, leasing to or employing a cardholder.

(3) A registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver shall not be denied the right to own, purchase or possess a firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition based solely on his or her status as a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver. No state or local agency, municipal or county governing authority shall restrict, revoke, suspend or otherwise infringe upon the right of a person to own, purchase or possess a firearm, firearm accessory or ammunition or any related firearms license or certification based solely on his or her status as a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver.

(4) Facilities such as schools, child care facilities and temporary care providers shall be allowed to administer medical cannabis in the same manner as with medical prescriptions.

(5) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as to create a private right of action by an employee against an employer.

(6) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to affect the existing legal relationship between an employer and employee or any existing law or regulation relating to such relationship.

SECTION 9. Addition of debilitating medical conditions. (1) Any resident of Mississippi may petition the MDOH to add serious medical conditions or their treatments to the list of debilitating medical conditions listed in Section 2 of this act. The MDOH shall consider petitions in accordance with its rules and regulations, including public notices and hearings. The MDOH shall approve or deny a petition within sixty (60) days of its submission.

(2) The approval or denial of any petition is a final decision of the MDOH. Any person aggrieved by a final decision may obtain judicial review thereof in accordance with Section 31 of this act.

SECTION 10. Acts not required and acts not prohibited. (1) Nothing in this chapter requires a government medical assistance program or private insurer to reimburse a person for costs associated with the medical use of medical cannabis.

(2) Nothing in this chapter prohibits an employer from disciplining an employee for ingesting medical cannabis in the workplace or for working while under the influence of medical cannabis.

(3) Any person or establishment that is in lawful possession of property may allow a guest, client, customer or other visitor to use medical cannabis on or in that property as authorized under this chapter.

(4) A landlord may, but shall not be required to, allow the lawful cultivation, processing, testing, research, sale or use of medical cannabis on rental property as authorized under this chapter.

SECTION 11. Facility restrictions. (1) Any nursing facility, hospital, hospice, assisted living facility, personal care home, adult day care facility, or adult foster care facility may adopt reasonable restrictions on the use of medical cannabis by registered qualifying patients who are receiving health care services, residential care services, or day care services from the facility, including:

(a) That the facility will not store or maintain the patient's supply of medical cannabis;

(b) That the facility, caregivers, or hospice agencies serving the facility's residents are not responsible for providing the medical cannabis for registered qualifying patients; and

(c) That medical cannabis be consumed only in a place specified by the facility.

(2) Nothing in this section requires a facility listed in subsection (1) of this section to adopt restrictions on the medical use of medical cannabis.

(3) A facility listed in subsection (1) of this section may not unreasonably limit a registered qualifying patient's access to or medical use of medical cannabis authorized under this chapter unless failing to do so would cause the facility to lose a monetary or licensing-related benefit under federal law or regulations.

SECTION 12. Issuance and denial of registry identification cards. (1) No later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act, the MDOH shall begin issuing registry identification cards to qualifying patients who submit the following:

(a) A written certification issued by a practitioner within sixty (60) days immediately preceding the date of the application;

(b) The application or renewal fee;

(c) The name, address, social security number, and date of birth of the qualifying patient;

(d) The name, address, and telephone number of the qualifying patient's practitioner issuing the written certification;

(e) The name, address, social security number, and date of birth of the designated caregiver, or designated caregivers, chosen by the qualifying patient; and

(f) If more than one (1) designated caregiver is designated at any given time, documentation demonstrating that a greater number of designated caregivers is needed due to the patient's age or medical condition.

(2) If the qualifying patient is unable to submit the information required by subsection (1) of this section due to the person's age or medical condition, the person responsible for making medical decisions for the qualifying patient may do so on behalf of the qualifying patient.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the MDOH shall:

(a) Verify the information contained in an application or renewal submitted under this section and approve or deny an application or renewal within thirty (30) days of receiving a completed application or renewal application; and

(b) Issue registry identification cards to a qualifying patient and his or her designated caregiver(s), if any, within five (5) days of approving the application or renewal. A designated caregiver must have a registry identification card for each of his or her qualifying patients.

(4) The MDOH shall conduct a background check of the prospective designated caregiver or caregivers in order to carry out the provisions of this section. The Department of Public Safety may assist the MDOH in conducting background checks.

(5) The MDOH shall not issue a registry identification card to a qualifying patient who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age unless:

(a) The qualifying patient's practitioner has explained the potential risks and benefits of the medical use of medical cannabis to the custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the qualifying patient; and

(b) The custodial parent or legal guardian with responsibility for health care decisions for the qualifying patient consents in writing to:

(i) Acknowledge the potential harms related to the use of medical cannabis;

(ii) Allow the qualifying patient's medical use of medical cannabis;

(iii) Serve as the qualifying patient's designated caregiver; and

(iv) Control the acquisition of the medical cannabis, the dosage and the frequency of the use of medical cannabis by the qualifying patient.

(6) If a designated caregiver is an entity licensed to provide health care services, residential care services or day care services, then:

(a) The MDOH may provide a single registry identification card to the entity, regardless of the number of registered qualifying patients the entity serves; and

(b) The MDOH may issue individual registry identification cards for employees of the entity that may transport medical cannabis.

(7) The MDOH shall provide an electronic or physical list of registered qualifying patients who have designated the entity as their caregiver. This list shall be updated with each additional designation.

(8) The MDOH may deny an application or renewal of a qualifying patient's registry identification card only if the applicant:

(a) Did not provide the required information or materials;

(b) Previously had a registry identification card revoked;

(c) Provided false information; or

(d) Failed to meet the other requirements of this chapter.

(9) The MDOH may deny an application or renewal for a designated caregiver chosen by a qualifying patient whose registry identification card was granted only if the applicant:

(a) Does not meet the definition of "designated caregiver" under Section 2 of this act;

(b) Did not provide the information required;

(c) Previously had a registry identification card revoked;

(d) Provided false information;

(e) Is younger than twenty-one (21) years of age and is not the parent or legal guardian of the qualifying patient who the designated caregiver would assist; or

(f) Failed to meet the other requirements of this chapter.



(10) The MDOH shall give written notice to the qualifying patient of the reason for denying a registry identification card to the qualifying patient or to the qualifying patient's designated caregiver.

(11) Denial of an application or renewal is considered a final MDOH action, subject to judicial review in accordance with Section 31 of this act.

SECTION 13. Registry identification cards. (1) Registry identification cards must contain all of the following:

- (a) The name of the cardholder;
- (b) A designation of whether the cardholder is a qualifying patient, a designated caregiver or a nonresident;
- (c) The date of issuance and expiration date of the registry identification card;
- (d) A random ten-digit alphanumeric identification number, containing at least four (4) numbers and at least four (4) letters, that is unique to the cardholder;
- (e) If the cardholder is a designated caregiver, the random identification number of the qualifying patient the designated caregiver will assist;
- (f) A photograph of the cardholder;
- (g) The toll-free phone number or internet address where the card can be verified;
- (h) A notice of the potential harm caused by medical cannabis; and
- (i) A notice of the MMCEU daily, monthly and possession limit.

(2) The expiration date shall be visible on the registry identification card. Except as provided in subsection (3) or subsection (4) of this section, the expiration date for registry identification cards for residents shall be one (1) year after the date of issuance. The expiration date for registry identification cards for nonresidents shall be fifteen (15) days after the date of issuance, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) If the practitioner stated in the written certification that the qualifying patient would benefit from the medical use of medical cannabis until a specified earlier date, then the registry identification card shall expire on that date, except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.

(4) (a) The expiration date for registry identification cards for residents that are issued not later than one hundred fifty (150) days after the effective date of this act shall be one (1) year after the initial one-hundred-fifty-day period.

(b) If the practitioner specified an earlier date for the expiration of the registry identification card as provided under subsection (3) of this section, then the registry identification card shall be valid for the period specified by the practitioner, which shall begin after the initial one-hundred-fifty-day period.

(c) The expiration date for registry identification cards for nonresidents that are issued not later than one hundred fifty (150) days after the effective date of this act shall be fifteen (15) days after the initial one-hundred-fifty-day period.

SECTION 14. Annual reports. (1) No later than December 31, 2022, and every December 31 thereafter, the MDOH and MDOR shall provide an annual report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Chairman of the House of Representatives Public Health and Human Services Committee and the Chairmen of the Drug Policy Committees and Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The MDOH and MDOR shall report every year to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Chairman of the House of Representatives Public Health and Human Services Committee and the Chairmen of the Drug Policy Committees and Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on the number of applications for registry identification cards received, the amount of fees, fines and taxes collected, any changes to the fees allowed to be charged under this chapter, any addition to the list of debilitating medical conditions, the number of qualifying patients and designated caregivers approved, the number of registry identification cards revoked and

expenses incurred by the MDOH and MDOR. The MDOH shall not include identifying information on qualifying patients, designated caregivers or practitioners in the report.

(3) The MDOR shall provide quarterly reports for all sales of medical cannabis sold by dispensaries to registered qualified patients to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Chairman of the House of Representatives Public Health and Human Services Committee, and the Chairmen of the Drug Policy Committees and Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. The MDOR shall report every year on the number of each type of medical cannabis establishments that are licensed and registered and the expenses incurred and revenues generated from the medical cannabis program to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Chairman of the House of Representatives Public Health and Human Services Committee, and the Chairmen of the Drug Policy Committees and Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 15. Verification system. (1) The MDOH shall maintain a confidential list of the persons to whom the MDOH has issued registry identification cards and their addresses, phone numbers, and registry identification numbers. This confidential list shall not be combined or linked in any manner with any other lists or databases, nor shall it be used for any purpose not provided for in this chapter.

(2) All records containing the identity of registered qualifying patients, registered designated caregivers or practitioners shall be confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act or any related statute, rule or regulation pertaining to public disclosure of records. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of this act, the MDOH shall establish a secure phone and internet-based verification system. The verification system must allow law enforcement personnel and medical cannabis establishments to enter a registry identification number to determine whether the number corresponds with a current, valid registry identification card. The system may disclose only:

- (a) Whether the identification card is valid;
- (b) The name of the cardholder;
- (c) Whether the cardholder is a registered qualifying patient, a registered designated caregiver, or a nonresident; and
- (d) If a cardholder is a registered designated caregiver, the registry identification number of any affiliated registered qualifying patient.

SECTION 16. Notifications to department and responses. (1) The following notifications and MDOH responses are required:

- (a) A registered qualifying patient shall notify the MDOH of any change in his or her name or address, or if the registered qualifying patient ceases to have his or her diagnosed debilitating medical condition, within twenty (20) days of the change.
- (b) A registered designated caregiver shall notify the MDOH of any change in his or her name or address, or if the designated caregiver becomes aware that the registered qualifying patient passed away, within twenty (20) days of the change.
- (c) Before a registered qualifying patient changes his or her registered designated caregiver, the registered qualifying patient must notify the MDOH.
- (d) If a cardholder loses his or her registry identification card, he or she shall notify the MDOH within ten (10) days of becoming aware that the card has been lost.

(2) Each notification that a registered qualifying patient is required to make shall instead be made by the patient's registered designated caregiver if the qualifying patient is unable to make the notification due to his or her age or medical condition.

(3) When a cardholder notifies the MDOH of any of the circumstances listed in subsection (1) of this section but remains eligible under this chapter, the MDOH shall issue the cardholder a new registry identification card within ten (10) days of receiving the updated information and a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25.00) fee. If the person notifying the MDOH is a registered qualifying patient, the MDOH shall also issue his or her registered designated caregiver, if any, a new registry identification card within ten (10) days of receiving the updated information.

(4) If the registered qualifying patient's certifying practitioner notifies the patient and the MDOH in writing that either the registered qualifying patient has ceased to have a debilitating medical condition or that the practitioner no longer believes, in his or her professional opinion and within his or her scope of practice, that the patient would likely receive medical or palliative benefit from the medical use of medical cannabis to treat or alleviate the patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition, the card shall become null and void.

(5) A medical cannabis establishment shall notify the MDOH within one (1) business day of any theft or loss of medical cannabis.

(6) A medical cannabis establishment shall notify its licensing agency within one (1) business day if there is a change of ownership or closure of the entity.

SECTION 17. Reporting requirement of dispensaries. Medical cannabis dispensaries shall report medical cannabis dispensing information every twenty-four (24) hours to the Prescription Monitoring Program provided for in Section 73-21-127. Dispensaries shall submit information as required by the Prescription Monitoring Program, including, but not limited to, the qualified patient's registry identification card number and the amount of medical cannabis dispensed to the patient.

SECTION 18. Licensing of medical cannabis establishments. (1) The MDOH shall issue licenses for cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis transportation entities, cannabis disposal entities, cannabis research facilities and cannabis testing facilities. The MDOR shall issue licenses for medical cannabis dispensaries.

(2) The cannabis cultivation facility license application fee shall be subject to the following tiers:

(a) Micro-cultivators.

(i) Tier 1. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of one thousand (1,000) square feet or less shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

(ii) Tier 2. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of more than one thousand (1,000) square feet but not more than two thousand (2,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

(b) Cultivators.

(i) Tier 1. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than two thousand (2,000) square feet but not more than five thousand (5,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

(ii) Tier 2. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than five thousand (5,000) square feet but not more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

(iii) Tier 3. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet but not more than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

(iv) Tier 4. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet but not more than sixty thousand (60,000) square feet shall be subject to a onetime nonrefundable license application fee of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).

(v) Tier 5. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than sixty thousand (60,000) square feet but not more than one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee

of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

(vi) Tier 6. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet or more shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).

(3) The cannabis processing facility license application fee shall be subject to the following tiers:

(a) Micro-processors.

(i) Tier 1. A cannabis processing facility which processes less than two thousand (2,000) pounds of dried biomass cannabis material annually shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

(ii) Tier 2. A cannabis processing facility which processes not less than two thousand (2,000) pounds but less than three thousand (3,000) pounds of dried biomass cannabis material annually shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

(b) Processors. A cannabis processing facility which processes not less than three thousand (3,000) pounds of biomass cannabis material annually shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

(4) A medical cannabis dispensary shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

(5) Cannabis transportation entities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(6) Cannabis disposal entities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(7) Cannabis testing facilities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and an annual license fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). A cannabis testing facility shall not employ an agent or employee who also is employed or has ownership at any other medical cannabis establishment.

(8) Cannabis research facilities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and an annual license fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). A research facility at any university or college in this state shall be exempt from all fees imposed under this section.

(9) No individual or business entity shall have a direct or indirect ownership or economic interest of greater than ten percent (10%) in:

- (a) More than one (1) cannabis cultivation facility license;
- (b) More than one (1) cannabis processing facility license; and
- (c) More than five (5) medical cannabis dispensary licenses.

(10) Minimum qualifications for applicants for a cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis processing facility, a medical cannabis dispensary, a medical cannabis transportation entity or a medical cannabis disposal entity license(s) are as follows:

(a) An individual applicant for a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, medical cannabis dispensary, medical cannabis transportation entity or medical cannabis disposal license shall be a natural person who:

- (i) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (ii) Has not previously held a license for a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, medical cannabis dispensary, medical cannabis transportation entity or medical cannabis disposal entity that has been revoked;

(iii) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense;

(iv) If possessing a professional or occupational license, that the license is in good standing;

(v) Has submitted a sworn statement indicating that he or she is a true and actual owner of the entity for which the license is desired, and that he or she intends to carry on the business authorized for himself or herself and the entity and not as the agent for any other entity.

(vi) Has no outstanding tax delinquencies owed to the State of Mississippi;

(vii) Is not serving as a member of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi House of Representatives through December 31, 2022;

(viii) Is not the spouse of a person serving as a member of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi House of Representatives through December 31, 2022; and

(b) If the applicant is applying on behalf of an entity, in addition to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the individual applicant shall:

(i) Be legally authorized to submit an application on behalf of the entity;

(ii) Serve as the primary point of contact with the MDOR and MDOH;

(iii) Submit sufficient proof that the entity has no owner, board member, officer, or anyone with an economic interest in the entity who:

1. Is under the age of twenty-one (21);

2. Has previously been an owner of a medical cannabis dispensary, cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis processing facility, medical cannabis transportation entity or medical cannabis disposal entity that has had its license revoked;

3. Has been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense;

4. Owes delinquent taxes to the State of Mississippi;

5. Is serving as a member of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi House of Representatives through December 31, 2022; and

6. Is the spouse of a person serving as a member of the Mississippi Senate or Mississippi House of Representatives through December 31, 2022; and

(iv) Submit sufficient proof that if an owner, board member, officer or anyone with an economic interest in the entity has or had a professional or occupational license, that the license is in good standing.

(11) Applicants for cannabis cultivation facility licenses and cannabis processing facility licenses shall both meet the minimum qualifications in subsection (10) of this section and shall also submit sufficient proof of the following:

(a) If a natural person, proof that the person has been a resident of the State of Mississippi and a citizen of the United States of America for at least three (3) years prior to the application date; or

(b) If a business entity, proof that at least thirty-five percent (35%) of the equity ownership interests in the entity are held by individuals who have been residents of the State of Mississippi and citizens of the United States of America for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to the application date.

This subsection (11) shall stand repealed on December 31, 2022.

(12) A micro-cultivator or a micro-processor shall both meet the minimum qualifications in subsection (10) of this section and shall also submit sufficient proof of the following:

(a) If a natural person, proof that the person has been a resident of the State of Mississippi and a citizen of the United States of America for at least three (3) years prior to the application date; or

(b) If a business entity, provide proof that:

(i) It was registered as an entity with the Secretary of State in Mississippi; and

(ii) One-hundred percent (100%) of the equity ownership interests in the entity are held by individuals who have been residents of the State of Mississippi and citizens of the United States of America for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to the application date.

(13) For purposes of this section, it shall be sufficient to prove Mississippi residency for the individual(s) to submit two (2) of the following source documents:

(a) Mississippi Tax Return Form 80-105 or Form 80-205 for each of the three (3) years preceding the application without schedules, worksheets, or attachments, and redacted to remove all financial information and all but the last four (4) digits of the individual's social security number for the three (3) years preceding the application;

(b) Ownership, lease, or rental documents for place of primary domicile for the three (3) years preceding the application;

(c) Billing statements, including utility bills for the three (3) years preceding the application; or

(d) Vehicle registration for the three (3) years preceding the application.

(14) Ownership in a cannabis cultivation facility license, cannabis processing facility license or a medical cannabis dispensary license or investment in a business that supports or benefits from such a license shall not disqualify or otherwise negatively impact the license or finding of suitability of such owner who is otherwise engaged in any other form of business operation in the state, if such business requires the owner to hold a license or be found suitable under state law.

(15) Any business or state entity applying for registration as a medical cannabis establishment must meet all the requirements specified in this chapter.

(16) A prospective medical cannabis establishment shall submit all of the following:

(a) An application, including:

(i) The legal name of the prospective medical cannabis establishment;

(ii) The physical address of the prospective medical cannabis establishment, which shall not be within one thousand (1,000) feet of the nearest property boundary line of a school, church or child care facility which exists or has acquired necessary real property for the operation of such facility before the date of the medical cannabis establishment application unless the entity has received approval from the school, church or child care facility and received the applicable waiver from their licensing agency, provided that the main point of entry of the cannabis establishment is not located within five hundred (500) feet of the nearest property boundary line of any school, church or child care facility;

(iii) The name of each principal officer and board member of the proposed medical cannabis establishment; and

(iv) Any additional information requested by the MDOR and MDOH.

(b) Operating procedures consistent with rules and regulations for oversight of the proposed medical cannabis establishment, including procedures to ensure accurate record keeping and adequate security measures.

(c) If the municipality or county where the proposed medical cannabis establishment would be located has enacted zoning restrictions, a sworn statement certifying that the proposed medical cannabis establishment is in compliance with the restrictions.

(d) If the municipality or county where the proposed medical cannabis establishment would be located requires a local registration, license, or permit, then proof of receiving such registration, license or permit.

(e) If the application is on behalf of an entity, verification that none of the principal officers or board members have served as a principal officer or board member for a medical cannabis establishment that has had its license revoked.

(f) If the application is on behalf of an entity, verification that none of the principal officers or board members is under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(17) The MDOR and MDOH shall issue a renewal registration certificate within ten (10) days of receipt of the prescribed renewal application and renewal fee from a medical cannabis establishment if its license is not under suspension and has not been revoked.

(18) A licensing agency shall require disclosure only of persons, entities or affiliated entities who directly or indirectly own ten percent (10%) or more of a medical cannabis establishment issued a license by the licensing agency.

(19) Otherwise eligible applicants for licenses to operate as medical cannabis establishments under this chapter shall not be disqualified from receipt of a license based on:

(a) Their location on Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation Lands;

or

(b) The involvement of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians or any entity owned or operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as an owner or co-owner of such license, provided that such license shall be subject to revocation for material noncompliance with this chapter on the same basis as any other license.

(20) A cannabis processing facility that produces edible cannabis products shall hold a permit to operate as a food establishment and shall comply with all applicable requirements for food establishments as set by the MDOH.

(21) Denial of an application or renewal is considered a final MDOH or MDOR action, subject to judicial review in accordance with Section 31 of this act.

SECTION 19. Local ordinances. (1) A municipality or county may enact ordinances or regulations not in conflict with this chapter, or with regulations enacted under this chapter, governing the time, place, and manner of medical cannabis establishment operations in the locality. A municipality or county may establish penalties for violation of an ordinance or regulation governing the time, place and manner of a medical cannabis establishment that may operate in the municipality or county.

(2) No municipality or county may prohibit dispensaries either expressly or through the enactment of ordinances or regulations that make their operation impracticable in the jurisdiction. The main point of entry of a medical cannabis establishment shall not be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of the nearest property boundary line of any school, church or child care facility. A medical cannabis establishment may receive a waiver to this distance restriction by receiving approval from the school, church or child care facility and by applying for a waiver with its respective licensing agency, provided that the main point of entry of the cannabis establishment is not located within five hundred (500) feet of the nearest property boundary line of any school, church or child care facility.

(3) A dispensary, cannabis research facility or cannabis testing facility may be located in any area in a municipality or county that is zoned as commercial or for which commercial use is otherwise authorized or not prohibited, provided that it being located there does not violate any other provisions of this chapter. A cannabis cultivation facility and/or cannabis processing facility may be located in any area in a municipality or county that is zoned as agricultural or industrial or for which agricultural or industrial use is otherwise authorized or not prohibited, provided that it being there does not violate any other provision of this chapter. A cannabis cultivation facility and/or cannabis processing facility may be located in any area in a municipality or county that is zoned as commercial or for which commercial use is otherwise authorized or not prohibited, provided that the municipality or county has authorized the entity to be located in such area and that it being there does not violate any other provision of this chapter. The municipality or county may authorize this by granting a variance to an existing zoning ordinance or by adopting a change in the zoning ordinance that allows for those entities to be located in specific commercial areas.

(4) A municipality or county may require a medical cannabis establishment to obtain a local license, permit or registration to operate, and may charge a reasonable fee for the local license, permit or registration, provided that this fee is consistent with fees charged to businesses that are not involved in the cannabis industry.

(5) No medical cannabis dispensary may be located within a one-thousand-five-hundred-foot radius from the main point of entry of the dispensary to the main point of entry of another medical cannabis dispensary. If the sole basis of denial by the licensing agency in refusing to issue the medical cannabis dispensary a license to operate is that the dispensary fails the distance requirement of this subsection (5), then the licensing agency may refund all or part of the license application fee in Section 18(5) of this act to the applicant.

SECTION 20. Requirements, prohibitions and penalties. (1) Medical cannabis establishments shall conduct a background check into the criminal history of every person seeking to become a principal officer, board member, agent, volunteer, or employee before the person begins working at or for the medical cannabis establishment.

(2) A medical cannabis establishment may not employ any person who:

- (a) Was convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; or
- (b) Is under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(3) The operating documents of a medical cannabis establishment must include procedures for the oversight of the medical cannabis establishment and procedures to ensure accurate record keeping and adequate security measures.

(4) A medical cannabis establishment shall implement appropriate security measures designed to deter and prevent the theft of medical cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing medical cannabis.

(5) All cultivation, harvesting, processing and packaging of medical cannabis must take place in an enclosed, locked and secure facility with a physical address provided to the MDOH during the licensing and registration process. The facility shall be equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by agents of the medical cannabis establishment, emergency personnel or adults who are twenty-one (21) years of age and older and who are accompanied by medical cannabis establishment agents.

(6) No medical cannabis establishment other than a cannabis processing facility or cannabis research facility may produce cannabis concentrates, cannabis extractions, or other cannabis products.

(7) A medical cannabis establishment may not share office space with or refer patients to a practitioner.

(8) Medical cannabis establishments are subject to inspection by the MDOR and MDOH during business hours.

(9) Before medical cannabis may be dispensed to a cardholder, a dispensary agent must:

- (a) Require that the individual present a registry identification card;
- (b) Make a diligent effort to verify that the registry identification card presented to the dispensary is valid;
- (c) Make a diligent effort to verify that the person presenting the registry identification card is the person identified on the registry identification card presented to the dispensary agent; and
- (d) Not believe that the amount of medical cannabis dispensed would cause the person to possess more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis.

(10) A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis to a cardholder. A resident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of six (6) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in a week from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries. A resident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twenty-four (24) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in thirty (30) days from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries.

The possession limit for resident cardholders of the allowable amount of medical cannabis shall be a total of twenty-eight (28) MMCEUs. There shall not be a possession limit on nonconsumable medical cannabis, including, but not limited to, suppositories, ointments, soaps, and lotions or other topical agents.

(11) For purposes of this chapter, total THC is defined as THCA multiplied by .877 plus THC Delta 9 and all other psychoactive forms or isomers of THC added together. A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell cannabis flower or trim that has a potency of greater than thirty percent (30%) total THC. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell cannabis tinctures, oils or concentrates that have a potency of greater than sixty



percent (60%) total THC. Cannabis products that have a potency of over thirty percent (30%) total THC shall be clearly labeled as "extremely potent." Edible cannabis products, including food or drink products, that have been combined with usable cannabis or cannabis products shall be physically demarked and labeled with a clear determination of how much total THC is in a single-serving size and how much THC is in the entire package.

A medical cannabis product shall contain a notice of harm regarding the use of cannabis products. Edible cannabis products shall be homogenized to ensure uniform disbursement of cannabinoids throughout the product. All molded edible cannabis products shall be presented in the form of geometric shapes and shall not be molded to contain any images or characters designed or likely to appeal to minors, such as cartoons, toys, animals or children.

(12) A dispensary may not dispense more than the allowable amount of cannabis to a registered qualifying patient or a nonresident cardholder, directly or via a registered designated caregiver. Dispensaries shall ensure compliance with this limitation by maintaining internal, confidential records that include records specifying how much medical cannabis is being dispensed to the registered qualifying patient or nonresident cardholder and whether it was dispensed directly to a registered qualifying patient, nonresident cardholder or to the registered designated caregiver.

(13) A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of six (6) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in a week from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries. A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twelve (12) MMCEUs of allowable cannabis from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries in a fifteen-day period.

(14) A nonresident may apply to receive a nonresident registry identification card up to thirty (30) days before arriving in Mississippi. A nonresident registry identification card shall be valid for fifteen (15) days. After the expiration of the card, a nonresident may apply for a renewal of the card and may be granted another card which shall be valid for another fifteen-day period. A nonresident registry identification card shall only be valid, at a maximum, for two (2) separate periods of fifteen (15) days in a three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. An applicant may indicate on his or her application the specific time period that he or she wishes for the card to be valid. The possession limit of the allowable amount of medical cannabis for nonresident cardholders shall be fourteen (14) MMCEUs.

(15) A medical cannabis dispensary agent or employee shall not issue a written certification. Employees and agents of a medical cannabis dispensary shall complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis as regulated by the MDOR in order to be certified to work at a medical cannabis dispensary. After the first year of employment, these employees shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis annually to maintain this certification.

(16) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a patient with a debilitating medical condition who is between eighteen (18) years to twenty-five (25) years of age is not eligible for a medical cannabis registry identification card unless two (2) practitioners from separate medical practices have diagnosed the patient as having a debilitating medical condition after an in-person consultation. One (1) of these practitioners must be a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

If one (1) of the recommending practitioners is not the patient's primary care practitioner, the recommending practitioner shall review the records of a diagnosing practitioner. The requirement that the two (2) practitioners be from separate medical practices does not apply if the patient is homebound or if the patient had a registry identification card before the age of eighteen (18).

(17) A medical cannabis establishment shall not allow an individual who is younger than twenty-one (21) years old to enter the premises of the establishment unless the individual possesses a registry identification card and is accompanied by his or her legal guardian.

(18) A medical cannabis establishment shall only purchase, grow, cultivate, and use cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state. Any medical cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state shall not be transported outside of this state.

(19) Employees of all medical cannabis establishments shall apply for a work permit with the MDOH and MDOR, as applicable, before beginning employment with any establishment. The licensing agency for the respective medical cannabis establishment may issue work permits to these individuals. These licensing agencies shall maintain a work registry of all applicants and work permits issued. The fee for a work permit shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and the permit shall be valid for five (5) years. Work permits shall be the property of the employee and shall not be transferable to other employees.

(20) For purposes of this subsection, "plant growth regulator cannabis" shall mean a cannabis plant whose growth and structure has been modified using plant growth hormones. A cannabis cultivation facility shall not cultivate and a cannabis dispensary shall not sell, transfer or provide for consumption plant growth regulator cannabis.

(21) A medical cannabis dispensary shall only make sales to cardholders inside the dispensary. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell or otherwise convey medical cannabis to a cardholder through the means of a drive-through, curbside delivery or other delivery outside the premises of the dispensary.

(22) Any and all contracts or agreements entered into by the MDOH and MDOR for information technology software, hardware, and/or services for the purpose of implementing and/or operating under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall include language reasonably limiting the ability of the vendor to escalate the ongoing cost of such software, hardware, and/or services during the term of the contract, including any amendments and/or extensions.

(23) The MDOR and MDOH shall not share the name, address or personal data of a registry identification cardholder to any federal government entity.

SECTION 21. Agencies to issue rules and regulations. (1) From and after the effective date of this act, the MDOH and MDOR shall each, where relevant to the role of that particular agency, establish and promulgate the following rules and regulations:

(a) Governing the manner in which it shall consider petitions from the public to add debilitating medical conditions or treatments to the list of debilitating medical conditions set forth in Section 2 of this act, including public notice of and opportunities to comment in public hearings on the petitions;

(b) Establishing the form and content of license and renewal applications and written certifications submitted under this chapter;

(c) Governing the manner in which it shall consider applications for and renewals of registry identification cards, which may include creating a standardized written certification form;

(d) Governing medical cannabis establishments with the goals of ensuring the health and safety of registered qualifying patients and preventing diversion and theft of medical cannabis without imposing an undue burden or compromising the confidentiality of cardholders, including:

(i) Oversight requirements;

(ii) Recordkeeping requirements;

(iii) Qualifications that are directly and demonstrably related to the operation of medical cannabis establishments;

(iv) Security requirements, including lighting, physical security, and alarm requirements;

(v) Health and safety regulations, including restrictions on the use of pesticides, herbicides or other chemicals that are injurious to human health;

(vi) Standards for the processing of cannabis products and the indoor cultivation of cannabis by cannabis cultivation facilities;

(vii) Requirements for the transportation and storage of cannabis by medical cannabis establishments;

(viii) Employment and training requirements, including requiring that each medical cannabis establishment create an identification badge for each agent of the establishment;

(ix) Standards for the safe processing of medical cannabis products, including extracts and concentrates;

(x) Restrictions on the advertising, signage, and display of medical cannabis, provided that the restrictions may not prevent appropriate signs on the property of a dispensary, listings in business directories, including phone books, listings

in cannabis-related or medical publications, or the sponsorship of health or not-for-profit charity or advocacy events;

(xi) Requirements and procedures for the safe and accurate packaging and labeling of medical cannabis, including prohibiting the use of any images designed or likely to appeal to minors, such as cartoons, packaging that resembles popular candy brands, toys, animals or children, or any other likeness or image containing characters or phrases to advertise to minors;

(xii) Standards for cannabis testing facilities, including requirements for equipment and qualifications for personnel;

(xiii) Protocol development for the safe delivery of medical cannabis from dispensaries to cardholders;

(xiv) Reasonable requirements to ensure the applicant has sufficient property or capital to operate the applicant's proposed medical cannabis establishment;

(xv) Procedures for suspending or terminating the licenses or registry identification cards of cardholders and medical cannabis establishments that commit multiple or serious violations of the provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this section;

(xvi) Procedures for the selection, certification and oversight of a seed-to-sale tracking system as provided for in Section 6 of this act;

(xvii) Requirements for labeling medical cannabis and cannabis products, including requiring medical cannabis product labels to include the following:

1. The length of time it typically takes for the product to take effect;

2. Disclosure of ingredients and possible allergens;

3. A nutritional fact panel;

4. The amount of THC and CBD in the product;

5. A notice of the potential harm caused by consuming medical cannabis; and

6. For edible cannabis products, when practicable, a standard symbol indicating that the product contains cannabis;

(xviii) Procedures for the registration of nonresident cardholders, which must require the submission of:

1. A practitioner's statement confirming that the patient has a debilitating medical condition; and

2. Documentation demonstrating that the nonresident cardholder is allowed to possess medical cannabis or cannabis preparations in the jurisdiction where he or she resides;

(xix) The amount of cannabis products, including the amount of concentrated cannabis, each cardholder and nonresident cardholder can possess;

(xx) Reasonable application and renewal fees for registry identification cards and registration certificates, according to the following:

1. The fee schedule shall be set as follows:

a. The qualifying patient registry identification card application fee shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

b. The designated caregiver registry identification card application fee shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

c. The designated caregiver criminal background fee shall be Thirty-seven Dollars (\$37.00);

d. The fee for a renewal or replacement of a card shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00);

e. The fee for a card for a nonresident patient shall be Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00);

f. The qualifying patient registry identification card application fee for a Medicaid participant shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) and the fee for a renewal of such card shall be Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00); and

g. The application fee for a qualifying patient registry identification card for disabled veterans or disabled first responders shall be waived. A disabled veteran or first responder may prove their disability by providing written documentation from their practitioner attesting to their debilitating medical condition, documentation from the Social Security Disability Office, or documentation that attests the applicant is a one-hundred percent (100%) disabled veteran as determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and codified at 38 C.F.R., Section 3.340(a)(2013); and

2. The MDOH may accept donations from private sources to reduce the amount of the application and renewal fees;

(xxi) Any other rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer this chapter.

(2) The initial rules filed by the MDOH to implement the medical cannabis program in accordance with this chapter shall be effective immediately upon their filing.

SECTION 22. Public registry. (1) The MDOH and MDOR shall jointly create and maintain a public registry of medical cannabis establishments, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

- (a) The name of the establishment;
- (b) The owner and, if applicable, the beneficial owner of the establishment;
- (c) The physical address, including municipality and zip code, of the establishment;
- (d) The mailing address, including municipality and zip code, of the establishment;
- (e) The county in which the establishment is domiciled;
- (f) The phone number of the establishment;
- (g) The electronic mail address of the establishment;
- (h) The license number of the establishment;
- (i) The issuance date of the establishment's license;
- (j) The expiration date of the establishment's license;
- (k) The NAICS code of the establishment;
- (l) Any changes to the license holder's status; and
- (m) Any other information determined necessary by the MDOH and MDOR.

(2) The public registry shall not include personal information of an owner of a medical cannabis establishment.

(3) The public registry shall be maintained electronically and shall be easily accessible to the public.

SECTION 23. Violations. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to cultivate, process, transport, use, possess, purchase, sell or transfer cannabis except as authorized by this chapter.

(2) A cardholder or medical cannabis establishment that purposely or knowingly fails to provide a notice required by Section 16 of this act is guilty of a civil offense, punishable by a fine of no more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), which may be assessed and collected by the licensing agency.

(3) A medical cannabis establishment or an agent of a medical cannabis establishment that purposely, knowingly, or recklessly sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis other than to a cardholder, a nonresident cardholder, or to a medical cannabis establishment or its agent as authorized under this chapter is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both. A person convicted under this subsection may not continue to be affiliated with the medical cannabis establishment and is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(4) A cardholder or nonresident cardholder who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis to a person or other entity is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both. A person convicted under this subsection is disqualified from further

participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter. (5) A person who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly makes a false statement to a law enforcement official about any fact or circumstance relating to the medical use of cannabis to avoid arrest or prosecution is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both. If a person convicted of violating this subsection is a cardholder, the person is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(6) A person who purposely submits false records or documentation for an application for a license for a medical cannabis establishment under this chapter is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both. A person convicted under this subsection may not continue to be affiliated with the medical cannabis establishment and is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(7) A practitioner who purposely refers patients to a specific medical cannabis establishment or to a registered designated caregiver, who advertises in a medical cannabis establishment, or who issues written certifications while holding a financial interest in a medical cannabis establishment, is guilty of a civil offense for every false certification and shall be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by the MDOH.

(8) Any person, including an employee or official of an agency or local government, who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly breaches the confidentiality of information obtained under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred eighty (180) days in the county jail, or both.

(9) No person, other than a cannabis processing facility or its agents, complying with this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated under it, may extract compounds from cannabis that involves a chemical extraction process using a nonhydrocarbon-based or other solvent, such as water, vegetable glycerin, vegetable oils, animal fats, steam distillation, food-grade ethanol, or hydrocarbon-based solvent carbon dioxide. No person may extract compounds from cannabis using ethanol in the presence or vicinity of an open flame. It shall be a felony punishable by commitment to the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for up to three (3) years and a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) fine for any person to purposely, knowingly, or recklessly violate this subsection.

(10) A medical cannabis establishment is guilty of a civil offense for any purposeful, knowing or reckless violation of this chapter or the rules and regulations issued under this chapter where no penalty has been specified, and shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each such violation by its licensing agency.

(11) The penalties provided for under this section are in addition to any other criminal, civil or administrative penalties provided for under law, rule or regulation.

(12) In addition to peace officers within their jurisdiction, all law enforcement officers of MDOH and MDOR may enforce the provisions made unlawful by this chapter.

SECTION 24. Fines, suspensions and revocations. (1) The licensing agency may fine, suspend or revoke a license at its discretion for a violation of this chapter or any rules and regulations under this chapter by the licensee or any of its employees or agents. If a licensee wishes to appeal this decision, the licensee shall file its administrative appeal within twenty (20) days of receipt of the initial notice. The licensing agency shall then conduct a hearing on the record pursuant to the licensing agency's rules and regulations governing such hearings, at which time the burden shall be on the licensee to prove that the agency's decision was:

- (a) Unsupported by substantial evidence;
- (b) Arbitrary or capricious;
- (c) Beyond the power of the administrative agency to make; or
- (d) Violated some statutory or constitutional right of the aggrieved

party.

If the licensee fails to appeal the initial notice within the prescribed time, the decision becomes final and cannot be further appealed.

(2) The licensing agency shall provide its initial notice of suspension, revocation, fine or other sanction by personal delivery or mailing by certified mail, signature required, to the medical cannabis establishment at the address on the registration certificate. A suspension shall not be for a longer period than six (6) months.

(3) A medical cannabis establishment may continue to possess and cultivate cannabis as otherwise authorized to do so under its license during a suspension, but it may not dispense, transfer or sell cannabis.

(4) The MDOH shall immediately revoke the registry identification card of any cardholder who sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis to a person or other entity, and the cardholder shall be disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, the MDOH may revoke the registry identification card of any cardholder who knowingly commits a violation of this chapter.

(6) The hearing decision of the agency on a revocation, suspension or fine is a final decision of the applicable agency subject to judicial review in accordance with Section 31 of this act.

(7) No license issued by the MDOH or MDOR shall be transferred by the license holder to any other person or entity except with the written consent of the applicable licensing agency.

SECTION 25. Confidentiality. (1) Data in license and registration applications and supporting data submitted by registered qualifying patients, registered designated caregivers, medical cannabis establishments and nonresident cardholders, including data on registered designated caregivers and practitioners, shall be considered private data on individuals that is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Sections 25-61-1 through 25-61-17.

(2) Data kept or maintained by an agency shall not be used for any purpose not provided for in this chapter and shall not be combined or linked in any manner with any other list or database.

(3) Data kept or maintained by an agency may be disclosed as necessary for:

(a) The verification of registration certificates and registry identification cards under this chapter;

(b) Submission of the annual report required by this chapter;

(c) Notification of state or local law enforcement of apparent criminal violations of this chapter;

(d) Notification of state and local law enforcement about falsified or fraudulent information submitted for purposes of obtaining or renewing a registry identification card; or

(e) Notification of the State Board of Medical Licensure or other occupational or professional licensing board or entity if there is reason to believe that a practitioner provided a written certification in violation of this chapter, or if the MDOH has reason to believe the practitioner otherwise violated the standard of care for evaluating medical conditions.

(4) Any information kept or maintained by medical cannabis establishments must identify cardholders by their registry identification numbers and must not contain names or other personally identifying information.

(5) At a cardholder's request, the MDOH may confirm the cardholder's status as a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver to a third party, such as a landlord, school, medical professional, or court.

(6) Any agency hard drives or other data-recording media that are no longer in use and that contain cardholder information shall be destroyed.

SECTION 26. Business expenses, deductions. Notwithstanding any federal tax law to the contrary, in computing net income for medical cannabis establishments, there shall be allowed as a deduction from income taxes imposed under Section 27-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, all the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on a trade or business as a medical cannabis establishment, including reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered.

SECTION 27. Banks to be held harmless. (1) A bank may provide any services to any person or entity licensed in this state to engage in the business of medical cannabis, or with any person or entity engaging in business dealings with such licensee, if the bank provides those services to any other business.

(2) A bank and its officers, directors, agents and employees shall not be held liable pursuant to any state law or regulation solely for:

(a) Providing financial services to a licensed medical cannabis establishment; or

(b) Investing any income derived from providing financial services to a licensed medical cannabis establishment.

(3) Nothing in this section shall require a bank to provide financial services to a licensed medical cannabis establishment.

SECTION 28. Not applicable to CBD solution. This chapter does not apply to or supersede any of the provisions of Section 41-29-136.

SECTION 29. Medical cannabis taxes. (1) (a) For purposes of this section:

(i) "Cannabis cultivation facility," "dispensary," "medical cannabis" and "medical cannabis establishments" shall be defined as provided in Section 2 of this act.

(ii) "Cannabis flower" means the flower, including abnormal and immature flowers, of a plant of the genus cannabis that has been harvested, dried and cured, and prior to any processing whereby the flower material is transformed into a cannabis product. "Cannabis flower" does not include the leaves or stem of such plant or hemp.

(iii) "Cannabis trim" means all parts, including abnormal or immature parts, of a plant of the genus cannabis, other than cannabis flower, that have been harvested, dried and cured, and prior to any processing whereby the plant material is transformed into a cannabis product. "Cannabis trim" does not include hemp.

(2) (a) There is hereby imposed, levied and assessed an excise tax on medical cannabis cultivation facilities. A cannabis cultivation facility shall collect and remit an excise tax on forms and in a manner specified by the Commissioner of Revenue.

(b) The excise tax on cannabis cultivation facilities shall be based on the sales price for which a cannabis cultivation facility first sells cannabis flower or cannabis trim, as the case may be, to a medical cannabis establishment, and the rate of the excise tax shall be five percent (5%) of such sales price. However, if there is common ownership or other interest between the cannabis cultivation facility and the medical cannabis establishment to which the cannabis cultivation facility first sells or transfers the cannabis flower or cannabis trim, as the case may be, the excise tax shall be based on the fair market value of the cannabis flower or cannabis trim, as the case may be, at the time that the cannabis cultivation facility first sells or transfers the cannabis flower or cannabis trim to the medical cannabis establishment, and the rate of the excise tax shall be five percent (5%) of such fair market value. The fair market value of cannabis flower and cannabis trim shall initially be determined by the MDOR not later than November 1, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, the MDOR shall recalculate and adjust the fair market value of cannabis flower and cannabis trim twice per calendar year on January 1 and July 1.

(c) The excise tax imposed by this subsection shall apply regardless of the ownership of the medical cannabis establishment to which the cannabis cultivation facility sells or transfers the cannabis flower or cannabis trim, as the case may be.

(d) All administrative provisions of the sales tax law and amendments thereto, including those which fix damages, penalties and interest for nonpayment of taxes and for noncompliance with the provision of said sales tax law, and all other requirements and duties imposed upon a taxpayer, shall apply to all persons liable for taxes under the provisions of this subsection. The commissioner shall exercise all power and authority and perform all duties with respect to taxpayers under this subsection as are provided in said sales tax law, except where there is conflict, then the provisions of this subsection shall control.

(e) All excise taxes collected under the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(3) A dispensary, on forms and in a manner specified by the Commissioner of Revenue, shall collect and remit the sales tax levied in Section 27-65-17(1)(a) from the gross proceeds derived from each retail sale of medical cannabis.

SECTION 30. Local government option. (1) The cultivation, processing, sale and distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as performed in accordance to the provisions of this chapter, shall be legal in every county and municipality of this state unless a county or municipality opts out through a vote by the board of supervisors of the county or governing authorities of the municipality, as applicable, within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act. The governing authorities of the municipality or the board of supervisors of the county, as applicable, shall provide a notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (Section 25-41-1 et seq.) of its intent of holding a vote regarding opting out of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable. The governing authorities of the municipality or the board of supervisors of the county, as applicable, may opt out of allowing one or more of the following: cultivation, processing, sale or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products. The governing authorities of a municipality, by a vote entered upon their minutes, may opt out of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the municipality. The board of supervisors of a county, by a vote entered upon its minutes, may opt out of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the unincorporated areas of the county.

(2) If the board of supervisors of a county or the governing authorities of a municipality do not opt out of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, within ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act, then no vote by the board of supervisors or governing authorities, as applicable, may be held to so opt out, and the provisions of this chapter shall remain applicable and operative in the county or municipality, as applicable. If the board of supervisors of a county or governing authorities of a municipality have opted out of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, then the board of supervisors or governing authorities of a municipality may later opt in regarding the same through a vote by the board of supervisors or governing authorities, as applicable, entered upon its or their minutes, or an election duly held according to subsection (3) or (4) of this section, as applicable.

(3) (a) Upon presentation and filing of a proper petition requesting that the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, be legal in the unincorporated areas of the county signed by at least twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever number is the lesser, of the qualified electors of the county, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to call an election at which there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the county the question of whether or not the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, shall be legal in the unincorporated areas of such county as provided in this chapter. Such election shall be held and conducted by the county election commissioners on a date fixed by the order of the board of supervisors, which date shall not be more than sixty (60) days from the date of the filing of the petition. Notice thereof shall be given by publishing such notice once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the county or if no newspaper be published therein, by such publication in a newspaper in an adjoining county and having a general circulation in the county involved. The election shall be held not earlier than fifteen (15) days from the first publication of such notice.

(b) The election shall be held and conducted as far as may be possible in the same manner as is provided by law for the holding of general elections. The ballots used at the election shall contain a brief statement of the proposition submitted and, on separate lines, the words "I vote FOR allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the unincorporated areas of \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of County] ( )" or "I vote AGAINST allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the unincorporated areas of \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of County] ( )" with appropriate boxes in which the voters may express their choice. All qualified electors



may vote by marking the ballot with a cross (x) or check (✓) mark opposite the words of their choice.

(c) The election commissioners shall canvass and determine the results of the election and shall certify the same to the board of supervisors which shall adopt and spread upon its minutes an order declaring such results. If, in such election, a majority of the qualified electors participating therein vote in favor of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the unincorporated areas of the county, this chapter shall be applicable and operative in the unincorporated areas of such county, and the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the unincorporated areas of the county shall be lawful to the extent and in the manner permitted in this chapter. If, on the other hand, a majority of the qualified electors participating in the election vote against allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, then it shall be illegal to cultivate, process, sell and/or distribute medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in the unincorporated areas of the county. In either case, no further election shall be held in the county under the provisions of this section for a period of two (2) years from the date of the prior election and then only upon the filing of a petition requesting same signed by at least twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever number is the lesser, of the qualified electors of the county as provided in this section.

(4) (a) Upon presentation and filing of a proper petition requesting that the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, be legal in the municipality signed by at least twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever number is the lesser, of the qualified electors of the municipality, it shall be the duty of the governing authorities of the municipality to call an election at which there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the municipality the question of whether or not the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, shall be legal in the municipality as provided in this chapter. Such election shall be held and conducted on a date fixed by the order of the governing authorities of the municipality, which date shall not be more than sixty (60) days from the date of the filing of the petition. Notice thereof shall be given by publishing such notice once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in the municipality or if no newspaper be published therein, by such publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality involved. The election shall be held not earlier than fifteen (15) days from the first publication of such notice.

(b) The election shall be held and conducted as far as may be possible in the same manner as is provided by law for the holding of municipal elections. The ballots used at the election shall contain a brief statement of the proposition submitted and, on separate lines, the words "I vote FOR allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Municipality] ( )" or "I vote AGAINST allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in \_\_\_\_\_ [Name of Municipality] ( )" with appropriate boxes in which the voters may express their choice. All qualified electors may vote by marking the ballot with a cross (x) or check (✓) mark opposite the words of their choice.

(c) The election commissioners shall canvass and determine the results of the election and shall certify the same to the governing authorities which shall adopt and spread upon their minutes an order declaring such results. If, in such election, a majority of the qualified electors participating therein vote in favor of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, this chapter shall be applicable and operative in such municipality and the cultivation, processing, sale, and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, therein shall be lawful to the extent and in the manner permitted in this chapter. If, on the other hand, a majority of the qualified electors participating in the election vote against allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, then it shall be illegal to cultivate, process, sell and/or distribute medical cannabis and cannabis products, as applicable, in

the municipality. In either case, no further election shall be held in the municipality under the provisions of this section for a period of two (2) years from the date of the prior election and then only upon the filing of a petition requesting same signed by at least twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever number is the lesser, of the qualified electors of the municipality as provided in this section.

(5) Regardless of whether a county or municipality opts out of allowing the cultivation, processing, sale and/or distribution of medical cannabis and cannabis products, cardholders, cannabis testing facilities, cannabis research facilities, cannabis transportation entities and cannabis disposal entities may possess medical cannabis in the municipality or county if done in accordance with this chapter.

(6) (a) If a municipality that has opted out under this section annexes a geographic area which contains a licensed entity operating under the provisions of this chapter, then the licensed entity may continue its operation in that municipality's newly annexed geographic area.

(b) If a licensed entity operating under the provisions of this chapter is located in a municipality that contracts its corporate boundaries thereby causing the geographic area in which the licensed entity is located to no longer be in the municipality and instead in an unincorporated area of a county that has opted out under this section, then the licensed entity may continue its operation in that area of the county.

SECTION 31. Judicial review. (1) Any person or entity aggrieved by a final decision or order of an agency under the provisions of this chapter may petition for judicial review of the final decision or order.

(2) (a) The petition shall be filed within twenty (20) days after the issuance of the agency's final decision or order. The petition shall be filed in the circuit court of the county in which the appellant resides. If the appellant is a nonresident of this state, the appeal shall be made to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

(b) Any person or entity aggrieved by the decision of the circuit court may appeal to the Mississippi Supreme Court.

SECTION 32. Fees and fines allocation. All fees and fines collected by the MDOR and MDOH according to the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

SECTION 33. Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee. (1) (a) There is established a Medical Cannabis Advisory Committee, which shall be the committee that is required to advise the Legislature about medical cannabis and cannabis product, patient care, services and industry.

(b) The advisory committee shall consist of nine (9) members, as follows:

(i) The Governor shall appoint three (3) members to the committee, as follows:

1. One (1) representative from the MDOH;
2. One (1) registered qualifying patient; and
3. One (1) physician with experience in medical

cannabis issues;

(ii) The Lieutenant Governor shall appoint three (3) members, as follows:

1. One (1) owner or agent of a medical cannabis
2. One (1) representative from the MDOH; and
3. One (1) qualified certified nurse practitioner,

physician assistant or optometrist;

(iii) The Speaker of the House shall appoint three (3) members, as follows:

1. One (1) owner or agent of a medical cannabis
2. One (1) owner or agent of a medical cannabis
3. One (1) representative from the MDOR.

processing facility;

dispensary; and

(c) The advisory committee shall meet at least two (2) times per year for the purpose of evaluating and making recommendations to the Legislature and the MDOH and MDOR regarding:

(i) The ability of qualifying patients in all areas of the state to obtain timely access to high-quality medical cannabis;

(ii) The effectiveness of the medical cannabis establishments in serving the needs of registered qualifying patients, including the provision of educational and support services by dispensaries, the reasonableness of their prices, security issues, and the sufficiency of the number operating to serve the state's registered qualifying patients;

(iii) The effectiveness of the cannabis testing facilities, including whether a sufficient number are operating;

(iv) The sufficiency of the regulatory and security safeguards contained in this chapter and adopted by the MDOH to ensure that access to and use of cannabis cultivated is provided only to cardholders;

(v) Any recommended additions or revisions to the MDOH and MDOR rules and regulations or this chapter, including relating to security, safe handling, labeling, nomenclature, and whether additional types of licenses should be made available; and

(vi) Any research studies regarding health effects of medical cannabis for patients.

(d) The advisory committee shall accept public comment in writing and in-person at least once per year. The advisory committee shall meet at least two (2) times per year and advisory committee members shall be furnished written notice of the meetings at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting.

(e) The chairman of the advisory committee shall be elected by the voting members of the committee annually and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive years as chairman.

(f) The members of the advisory committee specified in paragraph (b) of this subsection shall serve for terms that are concurrent with the terms of members of the Legislature, and any member appointed under paragraph (b) may be reappointed to the advisory committee. The members of the advisory committee specified in paragraph (b) shall serve without compensation, but shall receive reimbursement to defray actual expenses incurred in the performance of committee business as authorized by law.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on December 31, 2025.

SECTION 34. Section 25-53-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-53-5. The authority shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

(a) (i) The authority shall provide for the development of plans for the efficient acquisition and utilization of computer equipment and services by all agencies of state government, and provide for their implementation. In so doing, the authority may use the MDITS' staff, at the discretion of the executive director of the authority, or the authority may contract for the services of qualified consulting firms in the field of information technology and utilize the service of such consultants as may be necessary for such purposes. Pursuant to Section 25-53-1, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Department of Human Services for a period of three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2017. Pursuant to Section 25-53-1, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Department of Child Protection Services for a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2017.

(ii) [Repealed]

(b) The authority shall immediately institute procedures for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and supervise the efficient execution of the powers and duties of the office of executive director of the authority. In the execution of its functions under this chapter, the authority shall maintain as a paramount consideration the successful internal organization and operation of the several agencies so that efficiency existing therein shall not be adversely affected or impaired. In executing its functions in relation to the institutions of higher learning and junior colleges in the state, the authority

shall take into consideration the special needs of such institutions in relation to the fields of teaching and scientific research.

(c) Title of whatever nature of all computer equipment now vested in any agency of the State of Mississippi is hereby vested in the authority, and no such equipment shall be disposed of in any manner except in accordance with the direction of the authority or under the provisions of such rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted by the authority in relation thereto.

(d) The authority shall adopt rules, regulations, and procedures governing the acquisition of computer and telecommunications equipment and services which shall, to the fullest extent practicable, insure the maximum of competition between all manufacturers of supplies or equipment or services. In the writing of specifications, in the making of contracts relating to the acquisition of such equipment and services, and in the performance of its other duties the authority shall provide for the maximum compatibility of all information systems hereafter installed or utilized by all state agencies and may require the use of common computer languages where necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. The authority may establish by regulation and charge reasonable fees on a nondiscriminatory basis for the furnishing to bidders of copies of bid specifications and other documents issued by the authority.

(e) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations governing the sharing with, or the sale or lease of information technology services to any nonstate agency or person. Such regulations shall provide that any such sharing, sale or lease shall be restricted in that same shall be accomplished only where such services are not readily available otherwise within the state, and then only at a charge to the user not less than the prevailing rate of charge for similar services by private enterprise within this state.

(f) The authority may, in its discretion, establish a special technical advisory committee or committees to study and make recommendations on technology matters within the competence of the authority as the authority may see fit. Persons serving on the Information Resource Council, its task forces, or any such technical advisory committees shall be entitled to receive their actual and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of such duties, together with mileage as provided by law for state employees, provided the same has been authorized by a resolution duly adopted by the authority and entered on its minutes prior to the performance of such duties.

(g) The authority may provide for the development and require the adoption of standardized computer programs and may provide for the dissemination of information to and the establishment of training programs for the personnel of the various information technology centers of state agencies and personnel of the agencies utilizing the services thereof.

(h) The authority shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations requiring the reporting to the authority through the office of executive director of such information as may be required for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and may also establish such reasonable procedures to be followed in the presentation of bills for payment under the terms of all contracts for the acquisition of computer equipment and services now or hereafter in force as may be required by the authority or by the executive director in the execution of their powers and duties.

(i) The authority shall require such adequate documentation of information technology procedures utilized by the various state agencies and may require the establishment of such organizational structures within state agencies relating to information technology operations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(j) The authority may adopt such further reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the purposes of this chapter. All rules and regulations adopted by the authority shall be published and disseminated in readily accessible form to all affected state agencies, and to all current suppliers of computer equipment and services to the state, and to all prospective suppliers requesting the same. Such rules and regulations shall be kept current, be periodically revised, and copies thereof shall be available at all times for inspection by the public at reasonable hours in the offices of the authority. Whenever possible no rule, regulation or any proposed amendment to such rules and regulations shall be finally adopted or enforced until copies

of the proposed rules and regulations have been furnished to all interested parties for their comment and suggestions.

(k) The authority shall establish rules and regulations which shall provide for the submission of all contracts proposed to be executed by the executive director for computer equipment or services to the authority for approval before final execution, and the authority may provide that such contracts involving the expenditure of less than such specified amount as may be established by the authority may be finally executed by the executive director without first obtaining such approval by the authority.

(l) The authority is authorized to purchase, lease, or rent computer equipment or services and to operate that equipment and use those services in providing services to one or more state agencies when in its opinion such operation will provide maximum efficiency and economy in the functions of any such agency or agencies.

(m) Upon the request of the governing body of a political subdivision or instrumentality, the authority shall assist the political subdivision or instrumentality in its development of plans for the efficient acquisition and utilization of computer equipment and services. An appropriate fee shall be charged the political subdivision by the authority for such assistance.

(n) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations governing the protest procedures to be followed by any actual or prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract for the acquisition of computer equipment or services. Such rules and regulations shall prescribe the manner, time and procedure for making protests and may provide that a protest not timely filed shall be summarily denied. The authority may require the protesting party, at the time of filing the protest, to post a bond, payable to the state, in an amount that the authority determines sufficient to cover any expense or loss incurred by the state, the authority or any state agency as a result of the protest if the protest subsequently is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been filed without any substantial basis or reasonable expectation to believe that the protest was meritorious; however, in no event may the amount of the bond required exceed a reasonable estimate of the total project cost. The authority, in its discretion, also may prohibit any prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who is a party to any litigation involving any such contract with the state, the authority or any agency of the state to participate in any other such bid, offer or contract, or to be awarded any such contract, during the pendency of the litigation.

(o) The authority shall make a report in writing to the Legislature each year in the month of January. Such report shall contain a full and detailed account of the work of the authority for the preceding year as specified in Section 25-53-29(3).

All acquisitions of computer equipment and services involving the expenditure of funds in excess of the dollar amount established in Section 31-7-13(c), or rentals or leases in excess of the dollar amount established in Section 31-7-13(c) for the term of the contract, shall be based upon competitive and open specifications, and contracts therefor shall be entered into only after advertisements for bids are published in one or more daily newspapers having a general circulation in the state not less than fourteen (14) days prior to receiving sealed bids therefor. The authority may reserve the right to reject any or all bids, and if all bids are rejected, the authority may negotiate a contract within the limitations of the specifications so long as the terms of any such negotiated contract are equal to or better than the comparable terms submitted by the lowest and best bidder, and so long as the total cost to the State of Mississippi does not exceed the lowest bid. If the authority accepts one (1) of such bids, it shall be that which is the lowest and best. Through December 31, 2022, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to acquisitions of information technology equipment and services made by the Mississippi Department of Health and/or the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purposes of implementing, administering and/or enforcing the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(p) When applicable, the authority may procure equipment, systems and related services in accordance with the law or regulations, or both, which govern the Bureau of Purchasing of the Office of General Services or which govern the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services procurement of telecommunications equipment, software and services.

(q) The authority is authorized to purchase, lease, or rent information technology and services for the purpose of establishing pilot projects to investigate emerging technologies. These acquisitions shall be limited to new technologies and shall be limited to an amount set by annual appropriation of the Legislature. These acquisitions shall be exempt from the advertising and bidding requirement.

(r) All fees collected by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall be deposited into the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Revolving Fund unless otherwise specified by the Legislature.

(s) The authority shall work closely with the council to bring about effective coordination of policies, standards and procedures relating to procurement of remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS) resources. In addition, the authority is responsible for development, operation and maintenance of a delivery system infrastructure for geographic information systems data. The authority shall provide a warehouse for Mississippi's geographic information systems data.

(t) The authority shall manage one or more State Data Centers to provide information technology services on a cost-sharing basis. In determining the appropriate services to be provided through the State Data Center, the authority should consider those services that:

(i) Result in savings to the state as a whole;

(ii) Improve and enhance the security and reliability of the state's information and business systems; and

(iii) Optimize the efficient use of the state's information technology assets, including, but not limited to, promoting partnerships with the state institutions of higher learning and community colleges to capitalize on advanced information technology resources.

(u) The authority shall increase federal participation in the cost of the State Data Center to the extent provided by law and its shared technology infrastructure through providing such shared services to agencies that receive federal funds. With regard to state institutions of higher learning and community colleges, the authority may provide shared services when mutually agreeable, following a determination by both the authority and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, as the case may be, that the sharing of services is mutually beneficial.

(v) The authority, in its discretion, may require new or replacement agency business applications to be hosted at the State Data Center. With regard to state institutions of higher learning and community colleges, the authority and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, as the case may be, may agree that institutions of higher learning or community colleges may utilize business applications that are hosted at the State Data Center, following a determination by both the authority and the applicable board that the hosting of those applications is mutually beneficial. In addition, the authority may establish partnerships to capitalize on the advanced technology resources of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, following a determination by both the authority and the applicable board that such a partnership is mutually beneficial.

(w) The authority shall provide a periodic update regarding reform-based information technology initiatives to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees.

From and after July 1, 2018, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund. In addition, in order to receive the maximum use and benefit from information technology and services, expenses for the provision of statewide shared services that facilitate cost-effective information processing and telecommunication solutions shall be defrayed by pass-through funding and shall be deposited into the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Revolving Fund unless otherwise specified by the Legislature. These funds shall only be utilized to pay the actual costs incurred by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services for providing these shared services to state agencies. Furthermore, state agencies shall work in full cooperation with the Board of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services to identify computer equipment or services to minimize

duplication, reduce costs, and improve the efficiency of providing common technology services across agency boundaries.

SECTION 35. Section 27-104-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-203. \* \* \* From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent, audit fee, personnel fee or other charge for services or resources received. The provisions of this section shall not apply (a) to grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or other charges for services between state agencies and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, nor (b) to charges for services between the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, nor (c) to federal grants, pass-through funds, cost allocation charges, surplus property charges or project fees between state agencies as approved or determined by the State Fiscal Officer, nor (d) telecommunications, data center services, and/or other information technology services that are used on an as-needed basis and those costs shall be passed through to the using agency, nor (e) to federal grants, special funds, or pass-through funds, available for payment by state agencies to the Department of Finance and Administration related to Mississippi Management and Reporting Systems (MMRS) Statewide Application charges and utilities as approved or determined by the State Fiscal Officer, nor (f) \* \* \* to grants, contracts, pass-through funds, project fees or charges for services between the State Department of Health and the State Department of Revenue, and other state agencies or entities, including, but not limited to, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education, for the operation of the \* \* \* medical \* \* \* cannabis program as established by \* \* \* the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, any public university, the Mississippi Community College Board, any public community or junior college, and the State Department of Education shall retain the authority to charge and be charged for expenditures that they deemed nonrecurring in nature by the State Fiscal Officer.

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SECTION 36. Section 17-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

17-1-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 17-1-21(2) and in Article VII of the Chickasaw Trail Economic Development Compact described in Section 57-36-1, for the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals, or the general welfare of the community, the governing authority of any municipality, and, with respect to the unincorporated part of any county, the governing authority of any county, in its discretion, are empowered to regulate the height, number of stories and size of building and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of the yards, courts and other open spaces, the density of population, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes, but no permits shall be required with reference to land used for agricultural purposes, including forestry activities as defined in Section 95-3-29(2)(b), or for the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures, including forestry buildings and structures, outside the corporate limits of municipalities. The governing authority of each county and municipality may create playgrounds and public parks, and for these purposes, each of such governing authorities shall possess the power, where requisite, of eminent domain and the right to apply public money thereto, and may issue bonds therefor as otherwise permitted by law.

(2) Local land use regulation ordinances involving the placement, screening, or height of amateur radio antenna structures must reasonably accommodate amateur communications and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish local authorities' legitimate purposes of addressing health, safety, welfare and aesthetic considerations. Judgments as to the types of reasonable accommodation to be made and the minimum practicable regulation necessary to address these purposes will be determined by local governing authorities within the parameters of the law. This

legislation supports the amateur radio service in preparing for and providing emergency communications for the State of Mississippi and local emergency management agencies.

SECTION 37. Section 19-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

19-5-9. The construction codes published by a nationally recognized code group which sets minimum standards and has the proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments are adopted as minimum standard guides for building, plumbing, electrical, gas, sanitary, and other related codes in Mississippi. Any county within the State of Mississippi, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, may adopt building codes, plumbing codes, electrical codes, sanitary codes, or other related codes dealing with general public health, safety or welfare, or a combination of the same, within but not exceeding the provisions of the construction codes published by nationally recognized code groups, by order or resolution in the manner prescribed in this section, but those codes so adopted shall apply only to the unincorporated areas of the county. However, those codes shall not apply to the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures, except as may be required under the terms of the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973," and shall apply to a master planned community as defined in Section 19-5-10 only to the extent allowed in Section 19-5-10. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the adoption of any code which applies to the installation, repair or maintenance of electric wires, pipelines, apparatus, equipment or devices by or for a utility rendering public utility services, required by it to be utilized in the rendition of its duly authorized service to the public. Before any such code shall be adopted, it shall be either printed or typewritten and shall be presented in pamphlet form to the board of supervisors at a regular meeting. The order or resolution adopting the code shall not set out the code in full, but shall merely identify the same. The vote or passage of the order or resolution shall be the same as on any other order or resolution. After its adoption, the code or codes shall be certified to by the president and clerk of the board of supervisors and shall be filed as a permanent record in the office of the clerk who shall not be required to transcribe and record the same in the minute book as other orders and resolutions.

If the board of supervisors of any county adopts or has adopted construction codes which do not have proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments, specifications in such codes for cements used in portland cement concrete shall be superseded by nationally recognized specifications referenced in any code adopted by the Mississippi Building Code Council.

All provisions of this section shall apply to amendments and revisions of the codes mentioned in this section. The provisions of this section shall be in addition and supplemental to any existing laws authorizing the adoption, amendment or revision of county orders, resolutions or codes.

Any code adopted under the provisions of this section shall not be in operation or force until sixty (60) days have elapsed from the adoption of same; however, any code adopted for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare may be effective from and after its adoption by a unanimous vote of the members of the board. Within five (5) days after the adoption or passage of an order or resolution adopting that code or codes the clerk of the board of supervisors shall publish in a legal newspaper published in the county the full text of the order or resolution adopting and approving the code, and the publication shall be inserted at least three (3) times, and shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the passage of the order or resolution.

Any person or persons objecting to the code or codes may object in writing to the provisions of the code or codes within sixty (60) days after the passage of the order or resolution approving same, and if the board of supervisors adjudicates that ten percent (10%) or more of the qualified electors residing in the affected unincorporated areas of the county have objected in writing to the code or codes, then in such event the code shall be inoperative and not in effect unless adopted for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare until approved by a special election called by the board of supervisors as other special elections are called and conducted by the election commissioners of the county as other special elections are conducted, the special election to be participated in by all the qualified electors of the county residing in the unincorporated areas of the county. If the voters approve the code or codes in the special



election it shall be in force and in operation thereafter until amended or modified as provided in this section. If the majority of the qualified electors voting in the special election vote against the code or codes, then, in such event, the code or codes shall be void and of no force and effect, and no other code or codes dealing with that subject shall be adopted under the provisions of this section until at least two (2) years thereafter.

After any such code shall take effect the board of supervisors is authorized to employ such directors and other personnel as the board, in its discretion, deems necessary and to expend general county funds or any other funds available to the board to fulfill the purposes of this section.

For the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals or the general welfare of the community, the governing authority of any municipality, and, with respect to the unincorporated part of any county, the governing authority of any county, in its discretion, is empowered to regulate the height, number of stories and size of building and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of the yards, courts and other open spaces, the density or population, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes, but no permits shall be required except as may be required under the terms of the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973" for the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures outside the corporate limits of municipalities.

The authority granted in this section is cumulative and supplemental to any other authority granted by law.

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any code adopted by a county before or after April 12, 2001, is subject to the provisions of Section 41-26-14(10).

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the Boards of Supervisors of Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Stone and Pearl River Counties shall enforce the requirements imposed under Section 17-2-1 as provided in such section.

SECTION 38. Section 25-43-1.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-1.103. (1) This chapter applies to all agencies and all proceedings not expressly exempted under this chapter.

(2) This chapter creates only procedural rights and imposes only procedural duties. They are in addition to those created and imposed by other statutes.

(3) Specific statutory provisions which govern agency proceedings and which are in conflict with any of the provisions of this chapter shall continue to be applied to all proceedings of any such agency to the extent of such conflict only.

(4) The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to amend, repeal or supersede the provisions of any other law; and, to the extent that the provisions of any other law conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of such other law shall govern and control.

(5) An agency may grant procedural rights to persons in addition to those conferred by this chapter so long as rights conferred upon other persons by any provision of law are not substantially prejudiced.

SECTION 39. Section 25-43-2.101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-2.101. (1) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the Secretary of State shall prescribe a uniform numbering system, form, style and transmitting format for all proposed and adopted rules caused to be published by him and, with prior approval of each respective agency involved, may edit rules for publication and codification without changing the meaning or effect of any rule.

(2) The Secretary of State shall cause an administrative bulletin to be published in a format and at such regular intervals as the Secretary of State shall prescribe by rule. Upon proper filing of proposed rules, the Secretary of State shall publish them in the administrative bulletin as expeditiously as possible. The administrative bulletin must contain:

(a) Notices of proposed rule adoption prepared so that the text of the proposed rule shows the text of any existing rule proposed to be changed and the change proposed;

(b) Any other notices and materials designated by law for publication therein; and

(c) An index to its contents by subject.

(3) The Secretary of State shall cause an administrative bulletin to be published in a format and at such regular intervals as the Secretary of State shall prescribe by rule. Upon proper filing of newly adopted rules, the Secretary of State shall publish them as expeditiously as possible. The administrative bulletin must contain:

(a) Newly filed adopted rules prepared so that the text shows the text of any existing rule being changed and the change being made;

(b) Any other notices and materials designated by law for publication therein; and

(c) An index to its contents by subject.

(4) The Secretary of State retains the authority to reject proposed and newly adopted rules not properly filed in accordance with the Secretary of State's rules prescribing the numbering system, form, style or transmitting format for such filings. The Secretary of State shall not be empowered to reject filings for reasons of the substance or content or any proposed or newly adopted rule. The Secretary of State shall notify the agency of its rejection of a proposed or newly adopted rule as expeditiously as possible and accompany such notification with a stated reason for the rejection. A rejected filing of a proposed or newly adopted rule does not constitute filing pursuant to Section 25-43-3.101 et seq. of this chapter.

(5) (a) The Secretary of State shall cause an administrative code to be compiled, indexed by subject and published in a format prescribed by the Secretary of State by rule. All of the effective rules of each agency must be published and indexed in that publication. The Secretary of State shall also cause supplements to the administrative code to be published in a format and at such regular intervals as the Secretary of State shall prescribe by rule.

(b) The Joint Legislative Committee on Compilation, Revision and Publication of Legislation is hereby authorized to contract with a reputable and competent publishing company on such terms and conditions and at such prices as may be deemed proper to digest, compile, annotate, index and publish the state agency rules and regulations.

(6) (a) Copyrights of the Mississippi Administrative Code, including, but not limited to, cross references, tables of cases, notes of decisions, tables of contents, indices, source notes, authority notes, numerical lists and codification guides, other than the actual text of rules or regulations, shall be taken by and in the name of the publishers of said compilation. Such publishers shall thereafter promptly assign the same to the State of Mississippi and said copyright shall be owned by the state.

(b) Any information appearing on the same leaf with the text of any rule or regulation may be incidentally reproduced in connection with the reproduction of such rule or regulation, if such reproduction is for private use and not for resale.

(7) The Secretary of State may omit from the administrative bulletin or code any proposed or filed adopted rule, the publication in hard copy of which would be unduly cumbersome, expensive or otherwise inexpedient, if:

(a) Knowledge of the rule is likely to be important to only a small class of persons;

(b) On application to the issuing agency, the proposed or adopted rule in printed or processed form is made available at no more than its cost of reproduction; and

(c) The administrative bulletin or code contains a notice stating in detail the specific subject matter of the omitted proposed or adopted rule and how a copy of the omitted material may be obtained.

(8) The administrative bulletin and administrative code with supplements must be furnished to designated officials without charge and to all subscribers at a reasonable cost to be determined by the Secretary of State. Each agency shall also make available for public inspection and copying those portions of the administrative bulletin and administrative code containing all rules adopted or used by the agency in the discharge of its functions, and the index to those rules.

SECTION 40. Section 25-43-3.102, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.102. (1) Each agency shall maintain a current, public rule-making docket.

(2) The rule-making docket may, but need not, contain a listing of the subject matter of possible rules currently under active consideration within the agency for proposal under Section 25-43-3.103 and the name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate with respect to the matter.

(3) The rule-making docket must list each pending rule-making proceeding. A rule-making proceeding is pending from the time it is commenced, by proper filing with the Secretary of State of a notice of proposed rule adoption, to the time it is terminated by the filing with the Secretary of State of a notice of termination or the rule becoming effective. For each pending rule-making proceeding, the docket must indicate:

- (a) The subject matter of the proposed rule;
- (b) A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding;
- (c) Where written submissions or written requests for an opportunity to make oral presentations on the proposed rule may be inspected;
- (d) The time during which written submissions may be made;
- (e) If applicable, where and when oral presentations may be made;
- (f) Where any economic impact statement and written requests for the issuance of and other information concerning an economic impact statement of the proposed rule may be inspected;
- (g) The current status of the proposed rule;
- (h) The date of the rule's adoption; and
- (i) When the rule will become effective.

SECTION 41. Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.103. (1) At least twenty-five (25) days before the adoption of a rule an agency shall cause notice of its contemplated action to be properly filed with the Secretary of State for publication in the administrative bulletin. The notice of proposed rule adoption must include:

- (a) A short explanation of the purpose of the proposed rule and the agency's reasons for proposing the rule;
- (b) The specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rules;
- (c) A reference to all rules repealed, amended or suspended by the proposed rule;
- (d) Subject to Section 25-43-2.101(5), the text of the proposed rule;
- (e) Where, when and how persons may present their views on the proposed rule; and
- (f) Where, when and how persons may demand an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if the notice does not already provide for one.

(2) Within three (3) days after its proper filing with the Secretary of State for publication in the administrative bulletin, the agency shall cause a copy of the notice of proposed rule adoption to be provided to each person who has made a timely request to the agency to be placed on the mailing list maintained by the agency of persons who have requested notices of proposed rule adoptions. An agency may mail the copy to the person and may charge the person a reasonable fee for such service, which fee may be in excess of the actual cost of providing the person with a mailed copy. Alternatively, the agency may provide the copy via the Internet or by transmitting it to the person by electronic means, including, but not limited to, facsimile transfer or e-mail at no charge to the person, if the person consents to this form of delivery.

SECTION 42. Section 25-43-3.104, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.104. (1) For at least twenty-five (25) days after proper filing with the Secretary of State of the notice of proposed rule adoption, an agency shall afford persons the opportunity to submit, in writing, argument, data and views on the proposed rule.

(2) (a) An agency, in its discretion, may schedule an oral proceeding on any proposed rule. However, an agency shall schedule an oral proceeding on a proposed

rule if, within twenty (20) days after the proper filing of the notice of proposed rule adoption, a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. At that proceeding, persons may present oral or written argument, data and views on the proposed rule.

(b) An oral proceeding on a proposed rule, if required, may not be held earlier than twenty (20) days after notice of its location and time is properly filed with the Secretary of State for publication in the administrative bulletin. Within three (3) days after its proper filing with the Secretary of State for publication in the administrative bulletin, the agency shall cause a copy of the notice of the location and time of the oral proceeding to be mailed to each person who has made a timely request to the agency to be placed on the mailing list maintained by the agency of persons who have requested notices of proposed rule adoptions.

(c) The agency, a member of the agency, or another presiding officer designated by the agency shall preside at a required oral proceeding on a proposed rule. Oral proceedings must be open to the public and may be recorded by stenographic or other means.

(d) An agency may issue rules for the conduct of oral rule-making proceedings or prepare reasonable guidelines or procedures for the conduct of any such proceedings. Those rules may include, but not be limited to, provisions calculated to prevent undue repetition in the oral proceedings.

SECTION 43. Section 25-43-3.105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.105. (1) Prior to giving the notice required in Section 25-43-3.103, each agency proposing the adoption of a rule or significant amendment of an existing rule imposing a duty, responsibility or requirement on any person shall consider the economic impact the rule will have on the citizens of our state and the benefits the rule will cause to accrue to those citizens. For purposes of this section, a "significant amendment" means any amendment to a rule for which the total aggregate cost to all persons required to comply with that rule exceeds One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

(2) Each agency shall prepare a written report providing an economic impact statement for the adoption of a rule or significant amendment to an existing rule imposing a duty, responsibility or requirement on any person, except as provided in subsection (7) of this section. The economic impact statement shall include the following:

(a) A description of the need for and the benefits which will likely accrue as the result of the proposed action;

(b) An estimate of the cost to the agency, and to any other state or local government entities, of implementing and enforcing the proposed action, including the estimated amount of paperwork, and any anticipated effect on state or local revenues;

(c) An estimate of the cost or economic benefit to all persons directly affected by the proposed action;

(d) An analysis of the impact of the proposed rule on small business;

(e) A comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of not adopting the proposed rule or significantly amending an existing rule;

(f) A determination of whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule where reasonable alternative methods exist which are not precluded by law;

(g) A description of reasonable alternative methods, where applicable, for achieving the purpose of the proposed action which were considered by the agency and a statement of reasons for rejecting those alternatives in favor of the proposed rule; and

(h) A detailed statement of the data and methodology used in making estimates required by this subsection.

(3) No rule or regulation shall be declared invalid based on a challenge to the economic impact statement for the rule unless the issue is raised in the agency proceeding. No person shall have standing to challenge a rule, based upon the economic impact statement or lack thereof, unless that person provided the agency with information sufficient to make the agency aware of specific concerns regarding the statement in an oral proceeding or in written comments regarding the rule. The grounds for invalidation

of an agency action, based upon the economic impact statement, are limited to the agency's failure to adhere to the procedure for preparation of the economic impact statement as provided in this section, or the agency's failure to consider information submitted to the agency regarding specific concerns about the statement, if that failure substantially impairs the fairness of the rule-making proceeding.

(4) A concise summary of the economic impact statement must be properly filed with the Secretary of State for publication in the administrative bulletin and the period during which persons may make written submissions on the proposed rule shall not expire until at least twenty (20) days after the date of such proper filing.

(5) The properly filed summary of the economic impact statement must also indicate where persons may obtain copies of the full text of the economic impact statement and where, when and how persons may present their views on the proposed rule and demand an oral proceeding on the proposed rule if one is not already provided.

(6) If the agency has made a good-faith effort to comply with the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the rule may not be invalidated on the ground that the contents of the economic impact statement are insufficient or inaccurate.

(7) This section does not apply to the adoption of:

(a) Any rule which is required by the federal government pursuant to a state/federal program delegation agreement or contract;

(b) Any rule which is expressly required by state law; and

(c) A temporary rule adopted pursuant to Section 25-43-3.108.

SECTION 44. Section 25-43-3.106, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.106. (1) An agency may not adopt a rule until the period for making written submissions and oral presentations has expired.

(2) Following the proper filing with the Secretary of State of the notice of proposed rule adoption, an agency shall adopt a rule pursuant to the rule-making proceeding or terminate the proceeding by proper filing with the Secretary of State of a notice to that effect for publication in the administrative bulletin.

(3) Before the adoption of a rule, an agency shall consider the written submissions, oral submissions or any memorandum summarizing oral submissions, and any economic impact statement, provided for by this Article III.

(4) Within the scope of its delegated authority, an agency may use its own experience, technical competence, specialized knowledge and judgment in the adoption of a rule.

SECTION 45. Section 25-43-3.107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.107. (1) An agency shall not adopt a rule that differs from the rule proposed in the notice of proposed rule adoption on which the rule is based unless all of the following apply:

(a) The differences are within the scope of the matter announced in the notice of proposed rule adoption and are in character with the issues raised in that notice;

(b) The differences are a logical outgrowth of the contents of that notice of proposed rule adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto; and

(c) The notice of proposed rule adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of that rulemaking proceeding could be the rule in question.

(2) In determining whether the notice of proposed rule adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of that rulemaking proceeding could be the rule in question, an agency shall consider all of the following factors:

(a) The extent to which persons who will be affected by the rule should have understood that the rulemaking proceeding on which it is based could affect their interests;

(b) The extent to which the subject matter of the rule or issues determined by the rule are different from the subject matter or issues contained in the notice of proposed rule adoption; and

(c) The extent to which the effects of the rule differ from the effects of the proposed rule contained in the notice of proposed rule adoption.

SECTION 46. Section 25-43-3.108, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-43-3.108. If an agency finds that an imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare requires adoption of a rule upon fewer than twenty-five (25) days' notice and states in writing its reasons for that finding, it may proceed without prior notice of hearing or upon any abbreviated notice and hearing that it finds practicable to adopt an emergency rule. The rule may be effective for a period of not longer than one hundred twenty (120) days, renewable once for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, but the adoption of an identical rule under \* \* \* this Article III is not precluded.

SECTION 47. Section 25-43-3.109, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.109. (1) Each rule adopted by an agency must contain the text of the rule and:

- (a) The date the agency adopted the rule;
- (b) An indication of any change between the text of the proposed rule contained in the published notice of proposed rule adoption and the text of the rule as finally adopted, with the reasons for any substantive change;
- (c) Any changes to the information contained in the notice of proposed rule adoption as required by subsection (1)(a), (b) or (c) of Section 25-43-3.103;
- (d) Any findings required by any provision of law as a prerequisite to adoption or effectiveness of the rule; and
- (e) The effective date of the rule if other than that specified in Section 25-43-3.113(1).

(2) To the extent feasible, each rule should be written in clear and concise language understandable to persons who may be affected by it.

(3) An agency may incorporate, by reference in its rules and without publishing the incorporated matter in full, all or any part of a code, standard, rule or regulation that has been adopted by an agency of the United States or of this state, another state or by a nationally recognized organization or association, if incorporation of its text in agency rules would be unduly cumbersome, expensive or otherwise inexpedient. The reference in the agency rules must fully identify the incorporated matter with an appropriate citation. An agency may incorporate by reference such matter in its rules only if the agency, organization or association originally issuing that matter makes copies of it readily available to the public. The rules must state if copies of the incorporated matter are available from the agency issuing the rule or where copies of the incorporated matter are available from the agency of the United States, this state, another state or the organization or association originally issuing that matter.

(4) In preparing its rules pursuant to this Article III, each agency shall follow the uniform numbering system, form and style prescribed by the Secretary of State.

SECTION 48. Section 25-43-3.110, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.110. (1) An agency shall maintain an official rule-making record for each rule it (a) proposes or (b) adopts. The agency has the exclusive authority to prepare and exclusive authority to certify the record or any part thereof, including, but not limited to, any transcript of the proceedings, and the agency's certificate shall be accepted by the court and by any other agency. The record must be available for public inspection.

(2) The agency rule-making record must contain:

- (a) Copies of all notices of proposed rule-making or oral proceedings or other publications in the administrative bulletin with respect to the rule or the proceeding upon which the rule is based;
- (b) Copies of any portions of the agency's public rule-making docket containing entries relating to the rule or the proceeding upon which the rule is based;
- (c) All written requests, submissions and comments received by the agency and all other written materials considered by the agency in connection with the formulation, proposal or adoption of the rule or the proceeding upon which the rule is based;
- (d) Any official transcript of oral presentations made in the proceeding upon which the rule is based or, if not transcribed, any tape recording or stenographic record of those presentations, and any memorandum prepared by a

presiding official summarizing the contents of those presentations. The word "transcript" includes a written transcript, a printed transcript, an audible audiotape or videotape that is indexed and annotated so that it is readily accessible and any other means that the agency may have by rule provided for the reliable and accessible preservation of the proceeding;

(e) A copy of any economic impact statement prepared for the proceeding upon which the rule is based; and

(f) A copy of the rule and related information set out in Section 25-43-3.109 as filed in the Office of the Secretary of State.

(3) The agency shall have authority to engage such persons and acquire such equipment as may be reasonably necessary to record and preserve in any technically and practicably feasible manner all matters and all proceedings had at any rule-making proceeding.

(4) Upon judicial review, the record required by this section constitutes the official agency rule-making record with respect to a rule. Except as otherwise required by a provision of law, the agency rule-making record need not constitute the exclusive basis for agency action on that rule or for judicial review thereof.

SECTION 49. Section 25-43-3.113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-43-3.113. (1) Except to the extent subsection (2) or (3) of this section provides otherwise, each rule adopted after July 1, 2005, becomes effective thirty (30) days after its proper filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

(2) (a) A rule becomes effective on a date later than that established by subsection (1) of this section if a later date is required by another statute or specified in the rule.

(b) A rule may become effective immediately upon its filing or on any subsequent date earlier than that established by subsection (1) of this section if the agency establishes such an effective date and finds that:

(i) It is required by Constitution, statute or court order;

(ii) The rule only confers a benefit or removes a restriction on the public or some segment thereof;

(iii) The rule only delays the effective date of another rule that is not yet effective; or

(iv) The earlier effective date is necessary because of imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare.

(c) The finding and a brief statement of the reasons therefor required by paragraph (b) of this subsection must be made a part of the rule. In any action contesting the effective date of a rule made effective under paragraph (b) of this subsection, the burden is on the agency to justify its finding.

(d) A temporary rule may become effective immediately upon its filing or on any subsequent date earlier than that established by subsection (1) of this section.

(e) Each agency shall make a reasonable effort to make known to persons who may be affected by it a rule made effective before any date established by subsection (1) of this section.

(3) This section does not relieve an agency from compliance with any provision of law requiring that some or all of its rules be approved by other designated officials or bodies before they become effective.

SECTION 50. Section 27-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed as deductions:

(1) Business deductions.

(a) Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he had no

equity. Expense incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. There shall also be allowed a deduction for expenses as provided in Section 26 of this act.

(b) Interest. All interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks, the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of this article; provided, however, in the case of securities dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is reported as income. Investment interest expense shall be limited to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness incurred for the purpose of directly purchasing tax-free bonds and does not apply to any other indebtedness incurred in the regular course of the taxpayer's business. Any corporation, association, organization or other entity taxable under Section 27-7-23(c) shall allocate interest expense as provided in Section 27-7-23(c)(3)(l).

(c) Taxes. Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section are to be claimed thereunder.

(d) Business losses.

(i) Losses sustained during the taxable year not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

(ii) Limitations on losses from passive activities and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) Bad debts. Losses from debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer; provided, that such losses shall be allowed only when the taxpayer has reported as income, on the accrual basis, the amount of such debt or account.

(f) Depreciation. A reasonable allowance for exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to that date. In the case of new or used aircraft, equipment, engines, or other parts and tools used for aviation, allowance for bonus depreciation conforms with the federal bonus depreciation rates and reasonable allowance for depreciation under this section is no less than one hundred percent (100%).

(g) Depletion. In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

(h) Contributions or gifts. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (p) of this subsection or subsection (3)(a) of this section for individuals, contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable year to corporations, organizations, associations or institutions, including Community Chest funds, foundations and trusts created solely and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. This deduction shall be allowed in an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the net income. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and



regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor. Contributions made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as a deduction, subject to the limitations herein provided, in an amount equal to the actual market value of the contributions at the time the contribution is actually made and consummated.

(i) Reserve funds - insurance companies. In the case of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at maturity.

(j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends, paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when such income has been included in gross income.

(k) Contributions to employee pension plans. Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder, provided that:

(i) The plan or trust be irrevocable.

(ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries, for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

(iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision has been made under the laws of the United States of America, making such contributions deductible from income for federal income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(l) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers. A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen (15) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991.

For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.

The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall not be allowed in computing same:

(i) No net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.

(ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be allowed.

(iii) Allowable deductions which are not attributable to taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of gross income not derived from such trade or business.

Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue and shall be made by the due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating loss for which the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

(m) Amortization of pollution or environmental control facilities. Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or environmental control facilities to the same extent as that allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder.

(n) Dividend distributions - real estate investment trusts. "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition:

(i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.

(ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder or related party would have received the dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

(iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section 27-7-15(4)(t).

(iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax.

(o) Contributions to college savings trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-17.

(p) Contributions of human pharmaceutical products. To the extent that a "major supplier" as defined in Section 27-13-13(2)(d) contributes human pharmaceutical products in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) as determined under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, the charitable contribution limitation associated with those donations shall follow the federal limitation but cannot result in the Mississippi net income being reduced below zero.

(q) Contributions to ABLE trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program account are deductible as provided under Section 43-28-13.

(2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible expenses and interest expenses with a related member.

(a) As used in this subsection (2):

(i) "Intangible expenses and costs" include:

1. Expenses, losses and costs for, related to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in determining taxable income under this chapter;

2. Expenses or losses related to or incurred in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions or discounting transactions;

3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright fees;

4. Licensing fees; and

5. Other similar expenses and costs.

(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and similar types of intangible assets.

(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

(iv) "Related member" means an entity or person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is a related entity, a component member as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, or is an entity or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(v) "Related entity" means:

1. A stockholder who is an individual or a member of the stockholder's family, as defined in regulations prescribed by the commissioner, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

2. A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and corporations own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

3. A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock under regulation prescribed by the commissioner;

4. Any entity or person which would be a related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered a corporation for purposes of this section.

(b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued to or incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.

(c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish meets one (1) of the following:

(i) The related member directly or indirectly paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same income year who is not a related member; or

(ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer pays, accrues or incurs to a related member.

(e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount transactions.

## (3) Individual nonbusiness deductions.

(a) The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize deductions on his federal return except the following:

(i) The deduction for state income taxes paid or other taxes allowed for federal purposes in lieu of state income taxes paid;

(ii) The deduction for gaming losses from gaming establishments;

(iii) The deduction for taxes collected by licensed gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-901;

(iv) The deduction for taxes collected by gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-903.

(b) In lieu of the individual nonbusiness itemized deductions authorized in paragraph (a), for all purposes other than ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, an optional standard deduction of:

(i) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined return;

(ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate returns;

(iii) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) in the case of a head of family; or

(iv) Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) in the case of an individual who is not married.

In the case of a husband and wife living together, having separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the taxable income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction.

(c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.

SECTION 51. Section 27-65-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-111. The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are not industrial, agricultural or governmental, or which do not relate to utilities or taxes, or which are not properly classified as one (1) of the exemption classifications of this chapter, shall be confined to persons or property exempted by this section or by the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No exemptions as now provided by any other section, except the classified exemption sections of this chapter set forth herein, shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent exemption from the tax levied hereunder, except as indicated above, shall be provided by amendments to this section.

No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales of tangible personal property and services to hospitals or infirmaries owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which are subject to and governed by Sections 41-7-123 through 41-7-127.

Only sales of tangible personal property or services which are ordinary and necessary to the operation of such hospitals and infirmaries are exempted from tax.

(b) Sales of daily or weekly newspapers, and periodicals or publications of scientific, literary or educational organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as it exists as of March 31, 1975, and subscription sales of all magazines.

(c) Sales of coffins, caskets and other materials used in the preparation of human bodies for burial.

(d) Sales of tangible personal property for immediate export to a foreign country.

(e) Sales of tangible personal property to an orphanage, old men's or ladies' home, supported wholly or in part by a religious denomination, fraternal nonprofit organization or other nonprofit organization.

(f) Sales of tangible personal property, labor or services taxable under Sections 27-65-17, 27-65-19 and 27-65-23, to a YMCA, YWCA, a Boys' or Girls' Club owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual.

(g) Sales to elementary and secondary grade schools, junior and senior colleges owned and operated by a corporation or association in which no part of the net earnings inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, group or individual, and which are exempt from state income taxation, provided that this exemption does not apply to sales of property or services which are not to be used in the ordinary operation of the school, or which are to be resold to the students or the public.

(h) The gross proceeds of retail sales and the use or consumption in this state of drugs and medicines:

(i) Prescribed for the treatment of a human being by a person authorized to prescribe the medicines, and dispensed or prescription filled by a registered pharmacist in accordance with law; or

(ii) Furnished by a licensed physician, surgeon, dentist or podiatrist to his own patient for treatment of the patient; or

(iii) Furnished by a hospital for treatment of any person pursuant to the order of a licensed physician, surgeon, dentist or podiatrist; or

(iv) Sold to a licensed physician, surgeon, podiatrist, dentist or hospital for the treatment of a human being; or

(v) Sold to this state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof, for use in the treatment of a human being or furnished for the treatment of a human being by a medical facility or clinic maintained by this state or any political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof.

"Medicines," as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include any substance or preparation intended for use by external or internal application to the human body in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease and which is commonly recognized as a substance or preparation intended for such use; provided that "medicines" do not include any auditory, prosthetic, ophthalmic or ocular device or appliance, any dentures or parts thereof or any artificial limbs or their replacement parts, articles which are in the nature of splints, bandages, pads, compresses, supports, dressings, instruments, apparatus, contrivances, appliances, devices or other mechanical, electronic, optical or physical equipment or article or the component parts and accessories thereof, or any alcoholic beverage or any other drug or medicine not commonly referred to as a prescription drug.

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence of this paragraph (h), "medicines" as used in this paragraph (h), shall mean and include sutures, whether or not permanently implanted, bone screws, bone pins, pacemakers and other articles permanently implanted in the human body to assist the functioning of any natural organ, artery, vein or limb and which remain or dissolve in the body.

The exemption provided in this paragraph (h) shall not apply to medical cannabis sold in accordance with the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

"Hospital," as used in this paragraph (h), shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 41-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Insulin furnished by a registered pharmacist to a person for treatment of diabetes as directed by a physician shall be deemed to be dispensed on prescription within the meaning of this paragraph (h).

(i) Retail sales of automobiles, trucks and truck-tractors if exported from this state within forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another state.

(j) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Salvation Army and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc.

(k) From July 1, 1985, through December 31, 1992, retail sales of "alcohol-blended fuel" as such term is defined in Section 75-55-5. The gasoline-alcohol blend or the straight alcohol eligible for this exemption shall not contain alcohol distilled outside the State of Mississippi.

(l) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Institute for Technology Development.

(m) The gross proceeds of retail sales of food and drink for human consumption made through vending machines serviced by full-line vendors from and not connected with other taxable businesses.

(n) The gross proceeds of sales of motor fuel.

(o) Retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food stamps issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or other federal agency, from and after October 1, 1987, or from and after the expiration of any waiver granted pursuant to federal law, the effect of which waiver is to permit the collection by the state of tax on such retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food stamps.

(p) Sales of cookies for human consumption by the Girl Scouts of America no part of the net earnings from which sales inures to the benefit of any private group or individual.

(q) Gifts or sales of tangible personal property or services to public or private nonprofit museums of art.

(r) Sales of tangible personal property or services to alumni associations of state-supported colleges or universities.

(s) Sales of tangible personal property or services to National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc., and chapters of the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries, Inc.

(t) Sales of tangible personal property or services to domestic violence shelters which qualify for state funding under Sections 93-21-101 through 93-21-113.

(u) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mississippi Chapter.

(v) Retail sales of food for human consumption purchased with food instruments issued the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians under the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(w) Sales of tangible personal property or services to a private company, as defined in Section 57-61-5, which is making such purchases with proceeds of bonds issued under Section 57-61-1 et seq., the Mississippi Business Investment Act.

(x) The gross collections from the operation of self-service, coin-operated car washing equipment and sales of the service of washing motor vehicles with portable high-pressure washing equipment on the premises of the customer.

(y) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

(z) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide foster care, adoption services and temporary housing for unwed mothers and their children if the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(aa) Sales of tangible personal property to nonprofit organizations that provide residential rehabilitation for persons with alcohol and drug dependencies if the organization is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(bb) (i) Retail sales of an article of clothing or footwear designed to be worn on or about the human body and retail sales of school supplies if the sales price of the article of clothing or footwear or school supply is less than One Hundred Dollars

(\$100.00) and the sale takes place during a period beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in July and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Saturday. This paragraph (bb) shall not apply to:

1. Accessories including jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches, briefcases, garment bags and similar items carried on or about the human body, without regard to whether worn on the body in a manner characteristic of clothing;

2. The rental of clothing or footwear; and

3. Skis, swim fins, roller blades, skates and similar items worn on the foot.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (bb), "school supplies" means items that are commonly used by a student in a course of study. The following is an all-inclusive list:

1. Backpacks;
2. Binder pockets;
3. Binders;
4. Blackboard chalk;
5. Book bags;
6. Calculators;
7. Cellophane tape;
8. Clays and glazes;
9. Compasses;
10. Composition books;
11. Crayons;
12. Dictionaries and thesauruses;
13. Dividers;
14. Erasers;
15. Folders: expandable, pocket, plastic and

manila;

16. Glue, paste and paste sticks;
17. Highlighters;
18. Index card boxes;
19. Index cards;
20. Legal pads;
21. Lunch boxes;
22. Markers;
23. Notebooks;
24. Paintbrushes for artwork;
25. Paints: acrylic, tempera and oil;
26. Paper: loose-leaf ruled notebook paper,

copy paper, graph paper, tracing paper, manila paper, colored paper, poster board and construction paper;

27. Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes;
28. Pencil sharpeners;
29. Pencils;
30. Pens;
31. Protractors;
32. Reference books;
33. Reference maps and globes;
34. Rulers;
35. Scissors;
36. Sheet music;
37. Sketch and drawing pads;
38. Textbooks;
39. Watercolors;
40. Workbooks; and
41. Writing tablets.

(iii) From and after January 1, 2010, the governing authorities of a municipality, for retail sales occurring within the corporate limits of the

municipality, may suspend the application of the exemption provided for in this paragraph (bb) by adoption of a resolution to that effect stating the date upon which the suspension shall take effect. A certified copy of the resolution shall be furnished to the Department of Revenue at least ninety (90) days prior to the date upon which the municipality desires such suspension to take effect.

(cc) The gross proceeds of sales of tangible personal property made for the sole purpose of raising funds for a school or an organization affiliated with a school.

As used in this paragraph (cc), "school" means any public or private school that teaches courses of instruction to students in any grade from Kindergarten through Grade 12.

(dd) Sales of durable medical equipment and home medical supplies when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician for medical purposes of a patient. As used in this paragraph (dd), "durable medical equipment" and "home medical supplies" mean equipment, including repair and replacement parts for the equipment or supplies listed under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or under the state plan for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, prosthetics, orthotics, hearing aids, hearing devices, prescription eyeglasses, oxygen and oxygen equipment. Payment does not have to be made, in whole or in part, by any particular person to be eligible for this exemption. Purchases of home medical equipment and supplies by a provider of home health services or a provider of hospice services are eligible for this exemption if the purchases otherwise meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(ee) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Mississippi Blood Services.

(ff) (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (ff), retail sales of firearms, ammunition and hunting supplies if sold during the annual Mississippi Second Amendment Weekend holiday beginning at 12:01 a.m. on the last Friday in August and ending at 12:00 midnight the following Sunday. For the purposes of this paragraph (ff), "hunting supplies" means tangible personal property used for hunting, including, and limited to, archery equipment, firearm and archery cases, firearm and archery accessories, hearing protection, holsters, belts and slings. Hunting supplies does not include animals used for hunting.

(ii) This paragraph (ff) shall apply only if one or more of the following occur:

1. Title to and/or possession of an eligible item is transferred from a seller to a purchaser; and/or

2. A purchaser orders and pays for an eligible item and the seller accepts the order for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the time period provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (ff), provided that the purchaser has not requested or caused the delay in shipment.

(gg) Sales of nonperishable food items to charitable organizations that are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and operate a food bank or food pantry or food lines.

(hh) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the United Way of the Pine Belt Region, Inc.

(ii) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Children's Museum or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof operating a satellite or branch museum within this state.

(jj) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Jackson Zoological Park.

(kk) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Hattiesburg Zoo.

(ll) Gross proceeds from sales of food, merchandise or other concessions at an event held solely for religious or charitable purposes at livestock facilities, agriculture facilities or other facilities constructed, renovated or expanded with funds for the grant program authorized under Section 18, Chapter 530, Laws of 1995.

(mm) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi and the Mississippi Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



(nn) Sales of potting soil, mulch, or other soil amendments used in growing ornamental plants which bear no fruit of commercial value when sold to commercial plant nurseries that operate exclusively at wholesale and where no retail sales can be made.

(oo) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the University of Mississippi Medical Center Research Development Foundation.

(pp) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., and all affiliates of Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc.

(qq) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Friends of Children's Hospital.

(rr) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Pinecrest Weekend Snackpacks for Kids located in Corinth, Mississippi.

(ss) Sales of hearing aids when ordered or prescribed by a licensed physician, audiologist or hearing aid specialist for the medical purposes of a patient.

(tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

(uu) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Junior League of Jackson.

(vv) Sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation for use in the construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities and infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi. This paragraph (vv) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

(ww) Sales of tangible personal property or services to MS Gulf Coast Buddy Sports, Inc.

(xx) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Biloxi Lions, Inc.

(yy) Sales of tangible personal property or services to Lions Sight Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

(zz) Sales of tangible personal property and services to the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL).

SECTION 52. Section 33-13-520, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

33-13-520. (1) Any person subject to this code who uses, while on duty, any controlled substance listed in the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, not legally prescribed, or is found, by a chemical analysis of such person's blood or urine, to have in his blood, while on duty, any controlled substance described in subsection (3), not legally prescribed, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(2) Any person subject to this code who wrongfully uses, possesses, manufactures, distributes, imports into the customs territory of the United States, exports from the United States, or introduces into an installation, vessel, vehicle or aircraft used by or under the control of the state military forces a substance described in subsection (3) shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

(3) The substances referred to in subsections (1) and (2) are the following:

(a) Opium, heroin, cocaine, amphetamine, lysergic acid diethylamide, methamphetamine, phencyclidine, barbituric acid, and marijuana and any compound or derivative of any such substance. For the purposes of this paragraph (a), "marijuana" shall not include medical cannabis that is lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

(b) Any substance not specified in paragraph (a) that is listed on a schedule of controlled substance prescribed by the President for the purposes of the federal Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(c) Any other substance not specified in paragraph (a) or contained on a list prescribed by the President under paragraph (b) that is listed in Schedules I through V of Section 202 of the federal Controlled Substances Act (21 USCS 812).

SECTION 53. Section 37-11-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-11-29. (1) Any principal, teacher or other school employee who has knowledge of any unlawful activity which occurred on educational property or during a school related activity or which may have occurred shall report such activity to the

superintendent of the school district or his designee who shall notify the appropriate law enforcement officials as required by this section. In the event of an emergency or if the superintendent or his designee is unavailable, any principal may make a report required under this subsection.

(2) Whenever any person who shall be an enrolled student in any school or educational institution in this state supported in whole or in part by public funds, or who shall be an enrolled student in any private school or educational institution, is arrested for, and lawfully charged with, the commission of any crime and convicted upon the charge for which he was arrested, or convicted of any crime charged against him after his arrest and before trial, the office or law enforcement department of which the arresting officer is a member, and the justice court judge and any circuit judge or court before whom such student is tried upon said charge or charges, shall make or cause to be made a report thereof to the superintendent or the president or chancellor, as the case may be, of the school district or other educational institution in which such student is enrolled.

If the charge upon which such student was arrested, or any other charges preferred against him are dismissed or not pressed, or if upon trial he is either convicted or acquitted of such charge or charges, same shall be reported to said respective superintendent or president, or chancellor, as the case may be. A copy of said report shall be sent to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning of the State of Mississippi, at Jackson, Mississippi.

Said report shall be made within one (1) week after the arrest of such student and within one (1) week after any charge placed against him is dismissed or not pressed, and within one (1) week after he shall have pled guilty, been convicted, or have been acquitted by trial upon any charge placed against him. This section shall not apply to ordinary traffic violations involving a penalty of less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and costs.

The State Superintendent of Public Education shall gather annually all of the reports provided under this section and prepare a report on the number of students arrested as a result of any unlawful activity which occurred on educational property or during a school related activity. All data must be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, school, offense and law enforcement agency involved. However, the report prepared by the State Superintendent of Public Education shall not include the identity of any student who was arrested.

On or before January 1 of each year, the State Superintendent of Public Education shall report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Joint PEER Committee on this section. The report must include data regarding arrests as a result of any unlawful activity which occurred on educational property or during a school related activity.

(3) When the superintendent or his designee has a reasonable belief that an act has occurred on educational property or during a school related activity involving any of the offenses set forth in subsection (6) of this section, the superintendent or his designee shall immediately report the act to the appropriate local law enforcement agency. For purposes of this subsection, "school property" shall include any public school building, bus, public school campus, grounds, recreational area or athletic field in the charge of the superintendent. The State Board of Education shall prescribe a form for making reports required under this subsection. Any superintendent or his designee who fails to make a report required by this section shall be subject to the penalties provided in Section 37-11-35.

(4) The law enforcement authority shall immediately dispatch an officer to the educational institution and with probable cause the officer is authorized to make an arrest if necessary as provided in Section 99-3-7.

(5) Any superintendent, principal, teacher or other school personnel participating in the making of a required report pursuant to this section or participating in any judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall be presumed to be acting in good faith. Any person reporting in good faith shall be immune from any civil liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed.

(6) For purposes of this section, "unlawful activity" means any of the following:

- (a) Possession or use of a deadly weapon, as defined in Section 97-37-1;
- (b) Possession, sale or use of any controlled substance;

- (c) Aggravated assault, as defined in Section 97-3-7;
- (d) Simple assault, as defined in Section 97-3-7, upon any school employee;
- (e) Rape, as defined under Mississippi law;
- (f) Sexual battery, as defined under Mississippi law;
- (g) Murder, as defined under Mississippi law;
- (h) Kidnapping, as defined under Mississippi law; or
- (i) Fondling, touching, handling, etc., a child for lustful purposes, as defined in Section 97-5-23.

For the purposes of this subsection (6), the term "controlled substance" does not include the possession or use of medical cannabis that is lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 54. Section 41-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

41-3-15. (1) (a) There shall be a State Department of Health.

(b) The State Board of Health shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) To formulate the policy of the State Department of Health regarding public health matters within the jurisdiction of the department;

(ii) To adopt, modify, repeal and promulgate, after due notice and hearing, and enforce rules and regulations implementing or effectuating the powers and duties of the department under any and all statutes within the department's jurisdiction, and as the board may deem necessary;

(iii) To apply for, receive, accept and expend any federal or state funds or contributions, gifts, trusts, devises, bequests, grants, endowments or funds from any other source or transfers of property of any kind;

(iv) To enter into, and to authorize the executive officer to execute contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private institution located inside or outside the State of Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in connection with carrying out the provisions of this chapter, if it finds those actions to be in the public interest and the contracts or agreements do not have a financial cost that exceeds the amounts appropriated for those purposes by the Legislature;

(v) To appoint, upon recommendation of the Executive Officer of the State Department of Health, a Director of Internal Audit who shall be either a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor, and whose employment shall be continued at the discretion of the board, and who shall report directly to the board, or its designee; and

(vi) To discharge such other duties, responsibilities and powers as are necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter.

(c) The Executive Officer of the State Department of Health shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) To administer the policies of the State Board of Health within the authority granted by the board;

(ii) To supervise and direct all administrative and technical activities of the department, except that the department's internal auditor shall be subject to the sole supervision and direction of the board;

(iii) To organize the administrative units of the department in accordance with the plan adopted by the board and, with board approval, alter the organizational plan and reassign responsibilities as he or she may deem necessary to carry out the policies of the board;

(iv) To coordinate the activities of the various offices of the department;

(v) To employ, subject to regulations of the State Personnel Board, qualified professional personnel in the subject matter or fields of each office, and such other technical and clerical staff as may be required for the operation of the department. The executive officer shall be the appointing authority for the department, and shall have the power to delegate the authority to appoint or dismiss employees to

appropriate subordinates, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board;

(vi) To recommend to the board such studies and investigations as he or she may deem appropriate, and to carry out the approved recommendations in conjunction with the various offices;

(vii) To prepare and deliver to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1 of each year, and at such other times as may be required by the Legislature or Governor, a full report of the work of the department and the offices thereof, including a detailed statement of expenditures of the department and any recommendations the board may have;

(viii) To prepare and deliver to the Chairmen of the Public Health and Welfare/Human Services Committees of the Senate and House on or before January 1 of each year, a plan for monitoring infant mortality in Mississippi and a full report of the work of the department on reducing Mississippi's infant mortality and morbidity rates and improving the status of maternal and infant health; and

(ix) To enter into contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private institution located inside or outside the State of Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in connection with carrying out the provisions of this chapter, if he or she finds those actions to be in the public interest and the contracts or agreements do not have a financial cost that exceeds the amounts appropriated for those purposes by the Legislature. Each contract or agreement entered into by the executive officer shall be submitted to the board before its next meeting.

(2) The State Board of Health shall have the authority to establish an Office of Rural Health within the department. The duties and responsibilities of this office shall include the following:

(a) To collect and evaluate data on rural health conditions and needs;

(b) To engage in policy analysis, policy development and economic impact studies with regard to rural health issues;

(c) To develop and implement plans and provide technical assistance to enable community health systems to respond to various changes in their circumstances;

(d) To plan and assist in professional recruitment and retention of medical professionals and assistants; and

(e) To establish information clearinghouses to improve access to and sharing of rural health care information.

(3) The State Board of Health shall have general supervision of the health interests of the people of the state and to exercise the rights, powers and duties of those acts which it is authorized by law to enforce.

(4) The State Board of Health shall have authority:

(a) To make investigations and inquiries with respect to the causes of disease and death, and to investigate the effect of environment, including conditions of employment and other conditions that may affect health, and to make such other investigations as it may deem necessary for the preservation and improvement of health.

(b) To make such sanitary investigations as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the protection and improvement of health and to investigate nuisance questions that affect the security of life and health within the state.

(c) To direct and control sanitary and quarantine measures for dealing with all diseases within the state possible to suppress same and prevent their spread.

(d) To obtain, collect and preserve such information relative to mortality, morbidity, disease and health as may be useful in the discharge of its duties or may contribute to the prevention of disease or the promotion of health in this state.

(e) To charge and collect reasonable fees for health services, including immunizations, inspections and related activities, and the board shall charge fees for those services; however, if it is determined that a person receiving services is unable to pay the total fee, the board shall collect any amount that the person is able to pay. Any increase in the fees charged by the board under this paragraph shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

(f) (i) To establish standards for, issue permits and exercise control over, any cafes, restaurants, food or drink stands, sandwich manufacturing establishments, and all other establishments, other than churches, church-related and private schools, and other nonprofit or charitable organizations, where food or drink is regularly prepared, handled and served for pay; and

(ii) To require that a permit be obtained from the Department of Health before those persons begin operation. If any such person fails to obtain the permit required in this subparagraph (ii), the State Board of Health, after due notice and opportunity for a hearing, may impose a monetary penalty not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation. However, the department is not authorized to impose a monetary penalty against any person whose gross annual prepared food sales are less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Money collected by the board under this subparagraph (ii) shall be deposited to the credit of the State General Fund of the State Treasury.

(g) To promulgate rules and regulations and exercise control over the production and sale of milk pursuant to the provisions of Sections 75-31-41 through 75-31-49.

(h) On presentation of proper authority, to enter into and inspect any public place or building where the State Health Officer or his representative deems it necessary and proper to enter for the discovery and suppression of disease and for the enforcement of any health or sanitary laws and regulations in the state.

(i) To conduct investigations, inquiries and hearings, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and records at any hearing when authorized and required by statute to be conducted by the State Health Officer or the State Board of Health.

(j) To promulgate rules and regulations, and to collect data and information, on (i) the delivery of services through the practice of telemedicine; and (ii) the use of electronic records for the delivery of telemedicine services.

(k) To enforce and regulate domestic and imported fish as authorized under Section 69-7-601 et seq.

(5) (a) The State Board of Health shall have the authority, in its discretion, to establish programs to promote the public health, to be administered by the State Department of Health. Specifically, those programs may include, but shall not be limited to, programs in the following areas:

- (i) Maternal and child health;
- (ii) Family planning;
- (iii) Pediatric services;
- (iv) Services to crippled and disabled children;
- (v) Control of communicable and noncommunicable disease;
- (vi) Chronic disease;
- (vii) Accidental deaths and injuries;
- (viii) Child care licensure;
- (ix) Radiological health;
- (x) Dental health;
- (xi) Milk sanitation;
- (xii) Occupational safety and health;
- (xiii) Food, vector control and general sanitation;
- (xiv) Protection of drinking water;
- (xv) Sanitation in food handling establishments open to the public;
- (xvi) Registration of births and deaths and other vital events;
- (xvii) Such public health programs and services as may be assigned to the State Board of Health by the Legislature or by executive order; and
- (xviii) Regulation of domestic and imported fish for human consumption.

(b) The State Board of Health and State Department of Health shall not be authorized to sell, transfer, alienate or otherwise dispose of any of the home health

agencies owned and operated by the department on January 1, 1995, and shall not be authorized to sell, transfer, assign, alienate or otherwise dispose of the license of any of those home health agencies, except upon the specific authorization of the Legislature by an amendment to this section. However, this paragraph (b) shall not prevent the board or the department from closing or terminating the operation of any home health agency owned and operated by the department, or closing or terminating any office, branch office or clinic of any such home health agency, or otherwise discontinuing the providing of home health services through any such home health agency, office, branch office or clinic, if the board first demonstrates that there are other providers of home health services in the area being served by the department's home health agency, office, branch office or clinic that will be able to provide adequate home health services to the residents of the area if the department's home health agency, office, branch office or clinic is closed or otherwise discontinues the providing of home health services. This demonstration by the board that there are other providers of adequate home health services in the area shall be spread at length upon the minutes of the board at a regular or special meeting of the board at least thirty (30) days before a home health agency, office, branch office or clinic is proposed to be closed or otherwise discontinue the providing of home health services.

(c) The State Department of Health may undertake such technical programs and activities as may be required for the support and operation of those programs, including maintaining physical, chemical, bacteriological and radiological laboratories, and may make such diagnostic tests for diseases and tests for the evaluation of health hazards as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the people of the state.

(6) (a) The State Board of Health shall administer the local governments and rural water systems improvements loan program in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-16.

(b) The State Board of Health shall have authority:

(i) To enter into capitalization grant agreements with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or any successor agency thereto;

(ii) To accept capitalization grant awards made under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended;

(iii) To provide annual reports and audits to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as may be required by federal capitalization grant agreements; and

(iv) To establish and collect fees to defray the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund or emergency fund if the State Board of Health determines that those costs will exceed the limitations established in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended. The administration fees may be included in loan amounts to loan recipients for the purpose of facilitating payment to the board; however, those fees may not exceed five percent (5%) of the loan amount.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The department shall issue a license to Alexander Milne Home for Women, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, for the construction, conversion, expansion and operation of not more than forty-five (45) beds for developmentally disabled adults who have been displaced from New Orleans, Louisiana, with the beds to be located in a certified ICF-MR facility in the City of Laurel, Mississippi. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program for the person receiving the license under this subsection (7). The license described in this subsection shall expire five (5) years from the date of its issue. The license authorized by this subsection shall be issued upon the initial payment by the licensee of an application fee of Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000.00) and a monthly fee of Sixty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000.00) after the issuance of the license, to be paid as long as the licensee continues to operate. The initial and monthly licensing fees shall be deposited by the State Department of Health into the special fund created under Section 41-7-188.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized to issue a license to an existing home health agency for the transfer of a county from that agency to another existing home health agency, and to charge a fee for

reviewing and making a determination on the application for such transfer not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the authorized fee assessed for the original application for the home health agency, with the revenue to be deposited by the State Department of Health into the special fund created under Section 41-7-188.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: For the period beginning July 1, 2010, through July 1, 2017, the State Department of Health is authorized and empowered to assess a fee in addition to the fee prescribed in Section 41-7-188 for reviewing applications for certificates of need in an amount not to exceed twenty-five one-hundredths of one percent (.25 of 1%) of the amount of a proposed capital expenditure, but shall be not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) regardless of the amount of the proposed capital expenditure, and the maximum additional fee permitted shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Provided that the total assessments of fees for certificate of need applications under Section 41-7-188 and this section shall not exceed the actual cost of operating the certificate of need program.

(10) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized to extend and renew any certificate of need that has expired, and to charge a fee for reviewing and making a determination on the application for such action not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the authorized fee assessed for the original application for the certificate of need, with the revenue to be deposited by the State Department of Health into the special fund created under Section 41-7-188.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized and empowered, to revoke, immediately, the license and require closure of any institution for the aged or infirm, including any other remedy less than closure to protect the health and safety of the residents of said institution or the health and safety of the general public.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized and empowered, to require the temporary detainment of individuals for disease control purposes based upon violation of any order of the State Health Officer, as provided in Section 41-23-5. For the purpose of enforcing such orders of the State Health Officer, persons employed by the department as investigators shall have general arrest powers. All law enforcement officers are authorized and directed to assist in the enforcement of such orders of the State Health Officer.

SECTION 55. Section 41-29-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-125. (1) The State Board of Pharmacy may promulgate rules and regulations relating to the registration and control of the manufacture, distribution and dispensing of controlled substances within this state and the distribution and dispensing of controlled substances into this state from an out-of-state location.

(a) Every person who manufactures, distributes or dispenses any controlled substance within this state or who distributes or dispenses any controlled substance into this state from an out-of-state location, or who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribution or dispensing of any controlled substance within this state or the distribution or dispensing of any controlled substance into this state from an out-of-state location, must obtain a registration issued by the State Board of Pharmacy, the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing or the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine, as appropriate, in accordance with its rules and the law of this state. Such registration shall be obtained annually or biennially, as specified by the issuing board, and a reasonable fee may be charged by the issuing board for such registration.

(b) Persons registered by the State Board of Pharmacy, with the consent of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing or the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine to manufacture, distribute, dispense or conduct research with controlled substances may possess, manufacture, distribute,

dispense or conduct research with those substances to the extent authorized by their registration and in conformity with the other provisions of this article.

(c) The following persons need not register and may lawfully possess controlled substances under this article:

(1) An agent or employee of any registered manufacturer, distributor or dispenser of any controlled substance if he is acting in the usual course of his business or employment;

(2) A common or contract carrier or warehouse, or an employee thereof, whose possession of any controlled substance is in the usual course of business or employment;

(3) An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled substance pursuant to a valid prescription or in lawful possession of a Schedule V substance as defined in Section 41-29-121.

(d) The State Board of Pharmacy may waive by rule the requirement for registration of certain manufacturers, distributors or dispensers if it finds it consistent with the public health and safety.

(e) A separate registration is required at each principal place of business or professional practice where an applicant within the state manufactures, distributes or dispenses controlled substances and for each principal place of business or professional practice located out-of-state from which controlled substances are distributed or dispensed into the state.

(f) The State Board of Pharmacy, the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, the State Board of Medical Licensure, the State Board of Dental Examiners, the Mississippi Board of Nursing and the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medicine may inspect the establishment of a registrant or applicant for registration in accordance with the regulations of these agencies as approved by the board.

(2) Whenever a pharmacy ships, mails or delivers any Schedule II controlled substance listed in Section 41-29-115 to a private residence in this state, the pharmacy shall arrange with the entity that will actually deliver the controlled substance to a recipient in this state that the entity will: (a) deliver the controlled substance only to a person who is eighteen (18) years of age or older; and (b) obtain the signature of that person before delivering the controlled substance. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to a pharmacy serving a nursing facility or to a pharmacy owned and/or operated by a hospital, nursing facility or clinic to which the general public does not have access to purchase pharmaceuticals on a retail basis.

(3) This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 56. Section 41-29-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-127. (a) The State Board of Pharmacy shall register an applicant to manufacture or distribute controlled substances included in Sections 41-29-113 through 41-29-121 unless it determines that the issuance of that registration would be inconsistent with the public interest. In determining the public interest, the State Board of Pharmacy shall consider the following factors:

(1) Maintenance of effective controls against diversion of controlled substances into other than legitimate medical, scientific, or industrial channels;

(2) Compliance with applicable state and local law;

(3) Any convictions of the applicant under any federal and state laws relating to any controlled substance;

(4) Past experience in the manufacture or distribution of controlled substances and the existence in the applicant's establishment of effective controls against diversion;

(5) Furnishing by the applicant of false or fraudulent material in any application filed under this article;

(6) Suspension or revocation of the applicant's federal registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances as authorized by federal law; and



(7) Any other factors relevant to and consistent with the public health and safety.

(b) Registration under subsection (a) does not entitle a registrant to manufacture and distribute controlled substances in Schedule I or II, as set out in Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-115, other than those specified in the registration.

(c) Practitioners must be registered to dispense any controlled substances or to conduct research with controlled substances in Schedules II through V, as set out in Sections 41-29-115 through 41-29-121, if they are authorized to dispense or conduct research under the law of this state. The State Board of Pharmacy need not require separate registration under this section for practitioners engaging in research with nonnarcotic controlled substances in the said Schedules II through V where the registrant is already registered therein in another capacity. Practitioners registered under federal law to conduct research with Schedule I substances, as set out in Section 41-29-113, may conduct research with Schedule I substances within this state upon furnishing the State Board of Health evidence of that federal registration.

(d) Compliance by manufacturers and distributors with the provisions of the federal law respecting registration (excluding fees) entitles them to be registered under this article.

(e) This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 57. Section 41-29-136, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-136. (1) "CBD solution" means a pharmaceutical preparation consisting of processed cannabis plant extract in oil or other suitable vehicle.

(2) (a) CBD solution prepared from (i) cannabis plant extract that is provided by the National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals, or (ii) cannabis extract from hemp produced pursuant to Sections 69-25-201 through 69-25-221, which is prepared and tested to meet compliance with regulatory specifications, may be dispensed by the Department of Pharmacy Services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC Pharmacy) after mixing the extract with a suitable vehicle. The CBD solution may be prepared by the UMMC Pharmacy or by another pharmacy or laboratory in the state under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals and registrations.

(b) The patient or the patient's parent, guardian or custodian must execute a hold-harmless agreement that releases from liability the state and any division, agency, institution or employee thereof involved in the research, cultivation, processing, formulating, dispensing, prescribing or administration of CBD solution obtained from entities authorized under this section to produce or possess cannabidiol for research under appropriate federal and state regulatory approvals and registrations.

(c) The National Center for Natural Products Research at the University of Mississippi and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at Mississippi State University are the only entities authorized to produce cannabis plants for cannabidiol research.

(d) Research of CBD solution under this section must comply with the provisions of Section 41-29-125 regarding lawful possession of controlled substances, of Section 41-29-137 regarding record-keeping requirements relative to the dispensing, use or administration of controlled substances, and of Section 41-29-133 regarding inventory requirements, insofar as they are applicable. Authorized entities may enter into public-private partnerships to facilitate research.

(3) (a) In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of marijuana under the laws of this state, it is an affirmative and complete defense to prosecution that:

(i) The defendant suffered from a debilitating epileptic condition or related illness and the use or possession of CBD solution was pursuant to the order of a physician as authorized under this section; or

(ii) The defendant is the parent, guardian or custodian of an individual who suffered from a debilitating epileptic condition or related illness and the use or possession of CBD solution was pursuant to the order of a physician as authorized under this section.

(b) An agency of this state or a political subdivision thereof, including any law enforcement agency, may not initiate proceedings to remove a child from the home based solely upon the possession or use of CBD solution by the child or parent, guardian or custodian of the child as authorized under this section.

(c) An employee of the state or any division, agency, institution thereof involved in the research, cultivation, processing, formulation, dispensing, prescribing or administration of CBD solution shall not be subject to prosecution for unlawful possession, use, distribution or prescription of marijuana under the laws of this state for activities arising from or related to the use of CBD solution in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with a debilitating epileptic condition.

(4) This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

( \*\* \*5) This section shall be known as "Harper Grace's Law."

( \*\* \*6) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 58. Section 41-29-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-137. (a) (1) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacy, to an ultimate user, no controlled substance in Schedule II, as set out in Section 41-29-115, may be dispensed without the written valid prescription of a practitioner. A practitioner shall keep a record of all controlled substances in Schedule I, II and III administered, dispensed or professionally used by him otherwise than by prescription.

(2) In emergency situations, as defined by rule of the State Board of Pharmacy, Schedule II drugs may be dispensed upon the oral valid prescription of a practitioner, reduced promptly to writing and filed by the pharmacy. Prescriptions shall be retained in conformity with the requirements of Section 41-29-133. No prescription for a Schedule II substance may be refilled unless renewed by prescription issued by a licensed medical doctor.

(b) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner, other than a pharmacy, to an ultimate user, a controlled substance included in Schedule III or IV, as set out in Sections 41-29-117 and 41-29-119, shall not be dispensed without a written or oral valid prescription of a practitioner. The prescription shall not be filled or refilled more than six (6) months after the date thereof or be refilled more than five (5) times, unless renewed by the practitioner.

(c) A controlled substance included in Schedule V, as set out in Section 41-29-121, shall not be distributed or dispensed other than for a medical purpose.

(d) An optometrist certified to prescribe and use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents under Sections 73-19-153 through 73-19-165 shall be authorized to prescribe oral analgesic controlled substances in Schedule IV or V, as pertains to treatment and management of eye disease by written prescription only.

(e) Administration by injection of any pharmaceutical product authorized in this section is expressly prohibited except when dispensed directly by a practitioner other than a pharmacy.

(f) (1) For the purposes of this article, Title 73, Chapter 21, and Title 73, Chapter 25, Mississippi Code of 1972, as it pertains to prescriptions for controlled substances, a "valid prescription" means a prescription that is issued for a legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of professional practice by:

(A) A practitioner who has conducted at least one (1) in-person medical evaluation of the patient, except as otherwise authorized by Section 41-29-137.1; or

(B) A covering practitioner.

(2) (A) "In-person medical evaluation" means a medical evaluation that is conducted with the patient in the physical presence of the practitioner, without regard to whether portions of the evaluation are conducted by other health professionals.

(B) "Covering practitioner" means a practitioner who conducts a medical evaluation other than an in-person medical evaluation at the request of a practitioner who has conducted at least one (1) in-person medical evaluation of the patient or an evaluation of the patient through the practice of telemedicine within the

previous twenty-four (24) months and who is temporarily unavailable to conduct the evaluation of the patient.

(3) A prescription for a controlled substance based solely on a consumer's completion of an online medical questionnaire is not a valid prescription.

(4) Nothing in this subsection (f) shall apply to:

(A) A prescription issued by a practitioner engaged in the practice of telemedicine as authorized under state or federal law; or

(B) The dispensing or selling of a controlled substance pursuant to practices as determined by the United States Attorney General by regulation.

(g) This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 59. Section 41-29-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-139. (a) Transfer and possession with intent to transfer. Except as authorized by this article, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally:

(1) To sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, distribute or dispense, a controlled substance; or

(2) To create, sell, barter, transfer, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to create, sell, barter, transfer, distribute or dispense, a counterfeit substance.

(b) Punishment for transfer and possession with intent to transfer. Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-29-142, any person who violates subsection (a) of this section shall be, if convicted, sentenced as follows:

(1) For controlled substances classified in Schedule I or II, as set out in Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-115, other than marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids:

(A) If less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(B) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(C) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than thirty (30) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(2) (A) For marijuana:

1. If thirty (30) grams or less, by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years or a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or both;

2. If more than thirty (30) grams but less than two hundred fifty (250) grams, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

3. If two hundred fifty (250) or more grams but less than five hundred (500) grams, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years or a fine of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or both;

4. If five hundred (500) or more grams but less than one (1) kilogram, by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(B) For synthetic cannabinoids:

1. If ten (10) grams or less, by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years or a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or both;

2. If more than ten (10) grams but less than twenty (20) grams, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

3. If twenty (20) or more grams but less than forty (40) grams, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than ten (10) years or a fine of not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or both;

4. If forty (40) or more grams but less than two hundred (200) grams, by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(3) For controlled substances classified in Schedules III and IV, as set out in Sections 41-29-117 and 41-29-119:

(A) If less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

(B) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both;

(C) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years or a fine of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or both;

(D) If thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units, but less than five hundred (500) grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(4) For controlled substances classified in Schedule V, as set out in Section 41-29-121:

(A) If less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both;

(B) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both;

(C) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years or a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both;

(D) For thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units, but less than five hundred (500) grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(c) Simple possession. Except as otherwise provided under subsection (i) of this section for actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess any controlled substance unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to, a valid prescription or order of a practitioner while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by this article. The penalties for any violation of this subsection (c) with respect to a controlled substance classified in Schedules I, II, III, IV or V, as set out in Section 41-29-113, 41-29-115, 41-29-117, 41-29-119 or 41-29-121, including marijuana or synthetic cannabinoids, shall be based on dosage unit as defined herein or the weight of the controlled substance as set forth herein as appropriate:

"Dosage unit (d.u.);" means a tablet or capsule, or in the case of a liquid solution, one (1) milliliter. In the case of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) the term, "dosage unit" means a stamp, square, dot, microdot, tablet or capsule of a controlled substance.

For any controlled substance that does not fall within the definition of the term "dosage unit," the penalties shall be based upon the weight of the controlled substance.

The weight set forth refers to the entire weight of any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of the controlled substance.

If a mixture or substance contains more than one (1) controlled substance, the weight of the mixture or substance is assigned to the controlled substance that results in the greater punishment.

A person shall be charged and sentenced as follows for a violation of this subsection with respect to:

(1) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II, except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids:

(A) If less than one-tenth (0.1) gram or two (2) dosage units, the violation is a misdemeanor and punishable by imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(B) If one-tenth (0.1) gram or more or two (2) or more dosage units, but less than two (2) grams or ten (10) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than three (3) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(C) If two (2) or more grams or ten (10) or more dosage units, but less than ten (10) grams or twenty (20) dosage units, by imprisonment for not more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(D) If ten (10) or more grams or twenty (20) or more dosage units, but less than thirty (30) grams or forty (40) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than three (3) years nor more than twenty (20) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(2) (A) Marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids:

1. If thirty (30) grams or less of marijuana or ten (10) grams or less of synthetic cannabinoids, by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). The provisions of this paragraph (2)(A) may be enforceable by summons if the offender provides proof of identity satisfactory to the arresting officer and gives written promise to appear in court satisfactory to the arresting officer, as directed by the summons. A second conviction under this section within two (2) years is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), not more than sixty (60) days in the county jail, and mandatory participation in a drug education program approved by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse of the State Department of Mental Health, unless the court enters a written finding that a drug education program is inappropriate. A third or subsequent conviction under this paragraph (2)(A) within two (2) years is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and confinement for not more than six (6) months in the county jail.

Upon a first or second conviction under this paragraph (2)(A), the courts shall forward a report of the conviction to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics which shall make and maintain a private, nonpublic record for a period not to exceed two (2) years from the date of conviction. The private, nonpublic record shall be solely for the use of the courts in determining the penalties which attach upon conviction under this paragraph (2)(A) and shall not constitute a criminal record for the purpose of private or administrative inquiry and the record of each conviction shall be expunged at the end of the period of two (2) years following the date of such conviction;

2. Additionally, a person who is the operator of a motor vehicle, who possesses on his person or knowingly keeps or allows to be kept in a motor vehicle within the area of the vehicle normally occupied by the driver or passengers, more than one (1) gram, but not more than thirty (30) grams of marijuana or not more than ten (10) grams of synthetic cannabinoids is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or confined for not more than ninety (90) days in the county jail, or both. For the purposes of this subsection, such area of the vehicle shall not include the trunk of the motor vehicle or the areas not normally occupied by the driver or passengers if the vehicle is not equipped with a trunk. A utility or glove compartment shall be deemed to be within the area occupied by the driver and passengers \* \* \*.

(B) Marijuana:

1. If more than thirty (30) grams but less than two hundred fifty (250) grams, by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or confinement in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both; or by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than three (3) years, or both;

2. If two hundred fifty (250) or more grams but less than five hundred (500) grams, by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than eight (8) years or by a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both;

3. If five hundred (500) or more grams but less than one (1) kilogram, by imprisonment for not less than four (4) years nor more than sixteen (16) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both;

4. If one (1) kilogram or more but less than five (5) kilograms, by imprisonment for not less than six (6) years nor more than twenty-four (24) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both;

5. If five (5) kilograms or more, by imprisonment for not less than ten (10) years nor more than thirty (30) years or a fine of not more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or both.

(C) Synthetic cannabinoids:

1. If more than ten (10) grams but less than twenty (20) grams, by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or confinement in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both; or by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than three (3) years, or both;

2. If twenty (20) or more grams but less than forty (40) grams, by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than eight (8) years or by a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both;

3. If forty (40) or more grams but less than two hundred (200) grams, by imprisonment for not less than four (4) years nor more than sixteen (16) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both;

4. If two hundred (200) or more grams, by imprisonment for not less than six (6) years nor more than twenty-four (24) years or a fine of not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(3) A controlled substance classified in Schedule III, IV or V as set out in Sections 41-29-117 through 41-29-121, upon conviction, may be punished as follows:

(A) If less than fifty (50) grams or less than one hundred (100) dosage units, the offense is a misdemeanor and punishable by not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(B) If fifty (50) or more grams or one hundred (100) or more dosage units, but less than one hundred fifty (150) grams or five hundred (500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than four (4) years or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(C) If one hundred fifty (150) or more grams or five hundred (500) or more dosage units, but less than three hundred (300) grams or one thousand (1,000) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than eight (8) years or a fine of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or both.

(D) If three hundred (300) or more grams or one thousand (1,000) or more dosage units, but less than five hundred (500) grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) dosage units, by imprisonment for not less than four (4) years nor more than sixteen (16) years or a fine of not more than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or both.

(d) Paraphernalia. (1) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (i) of this section for actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder, it is unlawful for a person who

is not authorized by the State Board of Medical Licensure, State Board of Pharmacy, or other lawful authority to use, or to possess with intent to use, paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Any person who violates this subsection (d)(1) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both; however, no person shall be charged with a violation of this subsection when such person is also charged with the possession of thirty (30) grams or less of marijuana under subsection (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(2) It is unlawful for any person to deliver, sell, possess with intent to deliver or sell, or manufacture with intent to deliver or sell, paraphernalia, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that it will be used to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Except as provided in subsection (d)(3), a person who violates this subsection (d)(2) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(3) Any person eighteen (18) years of age or over who violates subsection (d)(2) of this section by delivering or selling paraphernalia to a person under eighteen (18) years of age who is at least three (3) years his junior is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(4) It is unlawful for any person to place in any newspaper, magazine, handbill, or other publication any advertisement, knowing, or under circumstances where one reasonably should know, that the purpose of the advertisement, in whole or in part, is to promote the sale of objects designed or intended for use as paraphernalia. Any person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be confined in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or both.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any physician practicing medicine in this state to prescribe, dispense or administer any amphetamine or amphetamine-like anorectics and/or central nervous system stimulants classified in Schedule II, pursuant to Section 41-29-115, for the exclusive treatment of obesity, weight control or weight loss. Any person who violates this subsection, upon conviction, is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be confined for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

(f) Trafficking. (1) Any person trafficking in controlled substances shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned for a term of not less than ten (10) years nor more than forty (40) years and shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The ten-year mandatory sentence shall not be reduced or suspended. The person shall not be eligible for probation or parole, the provisions of Sections 41-29-149, 47-5-139, 47-7-3 and 47-7-33, to the contrary notwithstanding.

(2) "Trafficking in controlled substances" as used herein means:

(A) A violation of subsection (a) of this section involving thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units of a Schedule I or II controlled substance except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids;

(B) A violation of subsection (a) of this section involving five hundred (500) or more grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) or more dosage units of a Schedule III, IV or V controlled substance;

(C) A violation of subsection (c) of this section involving thirty (30) or more grams or forty (40) or more dosage units of a Schedule I or II controlled substance except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids;

(D) A violation of subsection (c) of this section involving five hundred (500) or more grams or two thousand five hundred (2,500) or more dosage units of a Schedule III, IV or V controlled substance; or

(E) A violation of subsection (a) of this section involving one (1) kilogram or more of marijuana or two hundred (200) grams or more of synthetic cannabinoids.

(g) Aggravated trafficking. Any person trafficking in Schedule I or II controlled substances, except marijuana and synthetic cannabinoids, of two hundred (200) grams or more shall be guilty of aggravated trafficking and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to a term of not less than twenty-five (25) years nor more than life in prison and shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) nor more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The twenty-five-year sentence shall be a mandatory sentence and shall not be reduced or suspended. The person shall not be eligible for probation or parole, the provisions of Sections 41-29-149, 47-5-139, 47-7-3 and 47-7-33, to the contrary notwithstanding.

(h) Sentence mitigation. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a person who has been convicted of an offense under this section that requires the judge to impose a prison sentence which cannot be suspended or reduced and is ineligible for probation or parole may, at the discretion of the court, receive a sentence of imprisonment that is no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the sentence prescribed by the applicable statute. In considering whether to apply the departure from the sentence prescribed, the court shall conclude that:

(A) The offender was not a leader of the criminal enterprise;

(B) The offender did not use violence or a weapon during the crime;

(C) The offense did not result in a death or serious bodily injury of a person not a party to the criminal enterprise; and

(D) The interests of justice are not served by the imposition of the prescribed mandatory sentence.

The court may also consider whether information and assistance were furnished to a law enforcement agency, or its designee, which, in the opinion of the trial judge, objectively should or would have aided in the arrest or prosecution of others who violate this subsection. The accused shall have adequate opportunity to develop and make a record of all information and assistance so furnished.

(2) If the court reduces the prescribed sentence pursuant to this subsection, it must specify on the record the circumstances warranting the departure.

(i) This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 60. Section 41-29-141, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-141. It is unlawful for any person:

(1) Who is subject to Section 41-29-125 to distribute or dispense a controlled substance in violation of Section 41-29-137;

(2) Who is a registrant under Section 41-29-125 to manufacture a controlled substance not authorized by his registration, or to distribute or dispense a controlled substance not authorized by his registration to another registrant or other authorized person;

(3) To refuse or fail to make, keep or furnish any record, notification, order form, statement, invoice or information required under this article;

(4) To refuse a lawful entry into any premises for any inspection authorized by this article; or

(5) Knowingly to keep or maintain any store, shop, warehouse, dwelling, building, vehicle, boat, aircraft, or other structure or place, which is resorted to by persons using controlled substances in violation of this article for the purpose of using these substances, or which is used for keeping or selling them in violation of this article.



Any person who violates this section shall, with respect to such violation, be subject to a civil penalty payable to the State of Mississippi of not more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

In addition to the civil penalty provided in the preceding paragraph, any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section shall be guilty of a crime and upon conviction thereof may be confined for a period of not more than one (1) year or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 61. Section 41-29-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-143. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally:

(1) To distribute as a registrant a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II, as set out in Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-115, except pursuant to an order form as required by Section 41-29-135;

(2) To use in the course of the manufacture or distribution of a controlled substance a registration number which is fictitious, revoked, suspended, or issued to another person \* \* \*;

(3) To furnish false or fraudulent material information in, or omit any material information from, any application, report, or other document required to be kept or filed under this article, or any record required to be kept by this article; or

(4) To make, distribute, or possess any punch, die, plate, stone, or other thing designed to print, imprint, or reproduce the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint or device of another or any likeness of any of the foregoing upon any drug or container or labeling thereof so as to render the drug a counterfeit substance.

Any person who violates this section is guilty of a crime and upon conviction may be confined for not more than one (1) year or fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or both. This section does not apply to any of the actions that are lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 62. Section 43-21-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-301. (1) No court other than the youth court shall issue an arrest warrant or custody order for a child in a matter in which the youth court has exclusive original jurisdiction but shall refer the matter to the youth court.

(2) Except as otherwise provided, no child in a matter in which the youth court has exclusive original jurisdiction shall be taken into custody by a law enforcement officer, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, or any other person unless the judge or his designee has issued a custody order to take the child into custody.

(3) The judge or his designee may require a law enforcement officer, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, or any suitable person to take a child into custody for a period not longer than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory state holidays.

(a) Custody orders under this subsection may be issued if it appears that there is probable cause to believe that:

(i) The child is within the jurisdiction of the court;

(ii) Custody is necessary because of any of the following reasons: the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm, any person would be in danger of a significant risk of harm by the child, to ensure the child's attendance in court at such time as required, or a parent, guardian or custodian is not available to provide for the care and supervision of the child; and

(iii) There is no reasonable alternative to custody.

A finding of probable cause under this subsection (3)(a) shall not be based solely upon a positive drug test of a newborn or parent for marijuana or solely upon the status of a parent as a cardholder under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; however, a finding of probable cause may be based upon an evidence-based finding of harm to the child or a parent's inability to provide for the care and supervision of the child due to the

parent's use of marijuana. Probable cause for unlawful use of any controlled substance, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (3)(a) for marijuana, may be based: 1. upon a parent's positive drug test for unlawful use of a controlled substance only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and 2. upon a newborn's positive drug screen for a controlled substance that was used unlawfully only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody.

(b) Custody orders under this subsection shall be written. In emergency cases, a judge or his designee may issue an oral custody order, but the order shall be reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours of its issuance.

(c) Each youth court judge shall develop and make available to law enforcement a list of designees who are available after hours, on weekends and on holidays.

(4) The judge or his designee may order, orally or in writing, the immediate release of any child in the custody of any person or agency. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, custody orders as provided by this chapter and authorizations of temporary custody may be written or oral, but, if oral, reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory state holidays. The written order shall:

(a) Specify the name and address of the child, or, if unknown, designate him or her by any name or description by which he or she can be identified with reasonable certainty;

(b) Specify the age of the child, or, if unknown, that he or she is believed to be of an age subject to the jurisdiction of the youth court;

(c) Except in cases where the child is alleged to be a delinquent child or a child in need of supervision, state that the effect of the continuation of the child's residing within his or her own home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, that the placement of the child in foster care is in the best interests of the child, and unless the reasonable efforts requirement is bypassed under Section 43-21-603(7)(c), also state that (i) reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his or her own home, but that the circumstances warrant his removal and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; or (ii) the circumstances are of such an emergency nature that no reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his own home, and that there is no reasonable alternative to custody. If the court makes a finding in accordance with (ii) of this paragraph, the court shall order that reasonable efforts be made toward the reunification of the child with his or her family;

(d) State that the child shall be brought immediately before the youth court or be taken to a place designated by the order to be held pending review of the order;

(e) State the date issued and the youth court by which the order is issued; and

(f) Be signed by the judge or his designee with the title of his office.

(5) The taking of a child into custody shall not be considered an arrest except for evidentiary purposes.

(6) (a) No child who has been accused or adjudicated of any offense that would not be a crime if committed by an adult shall be placed in an adult jail or lockup. An accused status offender shall not be held in secure detention longer than twenty-four (24) hours prior to and twenty-four (24) hours after an initial court appearance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory state holidays, except under the following circumstances: a status offender may be held in secure detention for violating a valid court order pursuant to the criteria as established by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, and any subsequent amendments thereto, and out-of-state runaways may be detained pending return to their home state.

(b) No accused or adjudicated juvenile offender, except for an accused or adjudicated juvenile offender in cases where jurisdiction is waived to the adult criminal court, shall be detained or placed into custody of any adult jail or lockup for a period in excess of six (6) hours.

(c) If any county violates the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, the state agency authorized to allocate federal funds received pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, 88 Stat. 2750 (codified in scattered Sections of 5, 18, 42 USCS), shall withhold the county's share of such funds.

(d) Any county that does not have a facility in which to detain its juvenile offenders in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection may enter into a contractual agreement to detain or place into custody the juvenile offenders of that county with any county or municipality that does have such a facility, or with the State of Mississippi, or with any private entity that maintains a juvenile correctional facility.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this subsection, all counties shall be allowed a one-year grace period from March 27, 1993, to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 63. Section 43-21-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-303. (1) No child in a matter in which the youth court has original exclusive jurisdiction shall be taken into custody by any person without a custody order except that:

(a) A law enforcement officer may take a child in custody if:

(i) Grounds exist for the arrest of an adult in identical circumstances; and

(ii) Such law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that custody is necessary as defined in Section 43-21-301; and

(iii) Such law enforcement officer can find no reasonable alternative to custody; or

(b) A law enforcement officer or an agent of the Department of Child Protection Services or the Department of Human Services may take a child into immediate custody if:

(i) There is probable cause to believe that the child is in immediate danger of personal harm; however, probable cause shall not be based solely upon a positive drug test of a newborn or parent for marijuana or solely upon the status of a parent as a cardholder under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, but a finding of probable cause may be based upon an evidence-based finding of harm to the child or a parent's inability to provide for the care and supervision of the child due to the parent's use of marijuana. Probable cause for unlawful use of any controlled substance, except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph (i) for marijuana, may be based: 1. upon a parent's positive drug test for unlawful use of a controlled substance only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and 2. upon a newborn's positive drug screen for a controlled substance that was used unlawfully only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and

(ii) There is probable cause to believe that immediate custody is necessary as set forth in Section 43-21-301(3); and

(iii) There is no reasonable alternative to custody; and

(c) Any other person may take a child into custody if grounds exist for the arrest of an adult in identical circumstances. Such other person shall immediately surrender custody of the child to the proper law enforcement officer who shall thereupon continue custody only as provided in subsection (1)(a) of this section.

(2) When it is necessary to take a child into custody, the least restrictive custody should be selected.

(3) Unless the child is immediately released, the person taking the child into custody shall immediately notify the judge or his designee. A person taking a child into custody shall also make continuing reasonable efforts to notify the child's parent, guardian or custodian and invite the parent, guardian or custodian to be present during any questioning.

(4) A child taken into custody shall not be held in custody for a period longer than reasonably necessary, but not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours, and shall be

released to his parent, guardian or custodian unless the judge or his designee authorizes temporary custody.

SECTION 64. Section 45-9-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-9-101. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to issue licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers to persons qualified as provided in this section. Such licenses shall be valid throughout the state for a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance, except as provided in subsection (25) of this section. Any person possessing a valid license issued pursuant to this section may carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or concealed revolver.

(b) The licensee must carry the license, together with valid identification, at all times in which the licensee is carrying a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver and must display both the license and proper identification upon demand by a law enforcement officer. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph (b) shall constitute a noncriminal violation with a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be enforceable by summons.

(2) The Department of Public Safety shall issue a license if the applicant:

(a) Is a resident of the state. However, this residency requirement may be waived if the applicant possesses a valid permit from another state, is a member of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, is the spouse of a member of any active or reserve component branch of the United States of America Armed Forces stationed in Mississippi, or is a retired law enforcement officer establishing residency in the state;

(b) (i) Is twenty-one (21) years of age or older; or

(ii) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21) years of age and the applicant:

1. Is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, including National Guard or Reserve; and

2. Holds a valid Mississippi driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety or a valid and current tribal identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe containing a photograph of the holder;

(c) Does not suffer from a physical infirmity which prevents the safe handling of a stun gun, pistol or revolver;

(d) Is not ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted of a felony in a court of this state, of any other state, or of the United States without having been pardoned or without having been expunged for same;

(e) Does not chronically or habitually abuse controlled substances to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses controlled substances to the extent that his faculties are impaired if the applicant has been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a treatment facility for the abuse of a controlled substance or been found guilty of a crime under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law or similar laws of any other state or the United States relating to controlled substances within a three-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

(f) Does not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired if the applicant has been voluntarily or involuntarily committed as an alcoholic to a treatment facility or has been convicted of two (2) or more offenses related to the use of alcohol under the laws of this state or similar laws of any other state or the United States within the three-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted;

(g) Desires a legal means to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver to defend himself;

(h) Has not been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or has waited five (5) years from the date of his restoration to capacity by court order;

(i) Has not been voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a mental institution or mental health treatment facility unless he possesses a certificate from a

psychiatrist licensed in this state that he has not suffered from disability for a period of five (5) years;

(j) Has not had adjudication of guilt withheld or imposition of sentence suspended on any felony unless three (3) years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled;

(k) Is not a fugitive from justice; and

(l) Is not disqualified to possess a weapon based on federal law.

(3) The Department of Public Safety may deny a license if the applicant has been found guilty of one or more crimes of violence constituting a misdemeanor unless three (3) years have elapsed since probation or any other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled or expunction has occurred prior to the date on which the application is submitted, or may revoke a license if the licensee has been found guilty of one or more crimes of violence within the preceding three (3) years. The department shall, upon notification by a law enforcement agency or a court and subsequent written verification, suspend a license or the processing of an application for a license if the licensee or applicant is arrested or formally charged with a crime which would disqualify such person from having a license under this section, until final disposition of the case. The provisions of subsection (7) of this section shall apply to any suspension or revocation of a license pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(4) The application shall be completed, under oath, on a form promulgated by the Department of Public Safety and shall include only:

(a) The name, address, place and date of birth, race, sex and occupation of the applicant;

(b) The driver's license number or social security number of applicant;

(c) Any previous address of the applicant for the two (2) years preceding the date of the application;

(d) A statement that the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

(e) A statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of this section and is knowledgeable of its provisions;

(f) A conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a knowingly false answer to any question, or the knowing submission of any false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal prosecution; and

(g) A statement that the applicant desires a legal means to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver to defend himself.

(5) The applicant shall submit only the following to the Department of Public Safety:

(a) A completed application as described in subsection (4) of this section;

(b) A full-face photograph of the applicant taken within the preceding thirty (30) days in which the head, including hair, in a size as determined by the Department of Public Safety, except that an applicant who is younger than twenty-one (21) years of age must submit a photograph in profile of the applicant;

(c) A nonrefundable license fee of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00). Costs for processing the set of fingerprints as required in paragraph (d) of this subsection shall be borne by the applicant. Honorably retired law enforcement officers, disabled veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and law enforcement officers employed with a law enforcement agency of a municipality, county or state at the time of application for the license, shall be exempt from the payment of the license fee;

(d) A full set of fingerprints of the applicant administered by the Department of Public Safety; and

(e) A waiver authorizing the Department of Public Safety access to any records concerning commitments of the applicant to any of the treatment facilities or institutions referred to in subsection (2) of this section and permitting access to all the applicant's criminal records.

(6) (a) The Department of Public Safety, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection (5) of this section, shall forward the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the appropriate agencies for state and federal processing.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall forward a copy of the applicant's application to the sheriff of the applicant's county of residence and, if applicable, the police chief of the applicant's municipality of residence. The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence, and, if applicable, the police chief of the applicant's municipality of residence may, at his discretion, participate in the process by submitting a voluntary report to the Department of Public Safety containing any readily discoverable prior information that he feels may be pertinent to the licensing of any applicant. The reporting shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date he receives the copy of the application. Upon receipt of a response from a sheriff or police chief, such sheriff or police chief shall be reimbursed at a rate set by the department.

(c) The Department of Public Safety shall, within forty-five (45) days after the date of receipt of the items listed in subsection (5) of this section:

(i) Issue the license;

(ii) Deny the application based solely on the ground that the applicant fails to qualify under the criteria listed in subsections (2) and (3) of this section. If the Department of Public Safety denies the application, it shall notify the applicant in writing, stating the ground for denial, and the denial shall be subject to the appeal process set forth in subsection (7); or

(iii) Notify the applicant that the department is unable to make a determination regarding the issuance or denial of a license within the forty-five-day period prescribed by this subsection, and provide an estimate of the amount of time the department will need to make the determination.

(d) In the event a legible set of fingerprints, as determined by the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, cannot be obtained after a minimum of two (2) attempts, the Department of Public Safety shall determine eligibility based upon a name check by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and a Federal Bureau of Investigation name check conducted by the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol at the request of the Department of Public Safety.

(7) (a) If the Department of Public Safety denies the issuance of a license, or suspends or revokes a license, the party aggrieved may appeal such denial, suspension or revocation to the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, within thirty (30) days after the aggrieved party receives written notice of such denial, suspension or revocation. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent, shall rule upon such appeal within thirty (30) days after the appeal is filed and failure to rule within this thirty-day period shall constitute sustaining such denial, suspension or revocation. Such review shall be conducted pursuant to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt.

(b) If the revocation, suspension or denial of issuance is sustained by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his duly authorized agent pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the aggrieved party may file within ten (10) days after the rendition of such decision a petition in the circuit or county court of his residence for review of such decision. A hearing for review shall be held and shall proceed before the court without a jury upon the record made at the hearing before the Commissioner of Public Safety or his duly authorized agent. No such party shall be allowed to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver pursuant to the provisions of this section while any such appeal is pending.

(8) The Department of Public Safety shall maintain an automated listing of license holders and such information shall be available online, upon request, at all times, to all law enforcement agencies through the Mississippi Crime Information Center. However, the records of the department relating to applications for licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers and records relating to license holders shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, and shall be released only upon order of a court having proper jurisdiction over a petition for release of the record or records.

(9) Within thirty (30) days after the changing of a permanent address, or within thirty (30) days after having a license lost or destroyed, the licensee shall notify the Department of Public Safety in writing of such change or loss. Failure to notify the Department of Public Safety pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall constitute

a noncriminal violation with a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be enforceable by a summons.

(10) In the event that a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver license is lost or destroyed, the person to whom the license was issued shall comply with the provisions of subsection (9) of this section and may obtain a duplicate, or substitute thereof, upon payment of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to the Department of Public Safety, and furnishing a notarized statement to the department that such license has been lost or destroyed.

(11) A license issued under this section shall be revoked if the licensee becomes ineligible under the criteria set forth in subsection (2) of this section.

(12) (a) Except as provided in subsection (25) of this section, no less than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of the license, the Department of Public Safety shall mail to each licensee a written notice of the expiration and a renewal form prescribed by the department. The licensee must renew his license on or before the expiration date by filing with the department the renewal form, a notarized affidavit stating that the licensee remains qualified pursuant to the criteria specified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section, and a full set of fingerprints administered by the Department of Public Safety or the sheriff of the county of residence of the licensee. The first renewal may be processed by mail and the subsequent renewal must be made in person. Thereafter every other renewal may be processed by mail to assure that the applicant must appear in person every ten (10) years for the purpose of obtaining a new photograph.

(i) Except as provided in this subsection, a renewal fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00) shall also be submitted along with costs for processing the fingerprints;

(ii) Honorably retired law enforcement officers, disabled veterans, active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States and law enforcement officers employed with a law enforcement agency of a municipality, county or state at the time of renewal, shall be exempt from the renewal fee; and

(iii) The renewal fee for a Mississippi resident aged sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall be Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall forward the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the appropriate agencies for state and federal processing. The license shall be renewed upon receipt of the completed renewal application and appropriate payment of fees.

(c) A licensee who fails to file a renewal application on or before its expiration date must renew his license by paying a late fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00). No license shall be renewed six (6) months or more after its expiration date, and such license shall be deemed to be permanently expired. A person whose license has been permanently expired may reapply for licensure; however, an application for licensure and fees pursuant to subsection (5) of this section must be submitted, and a background investigation shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(13) No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize any person, except a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3 with a distinct license authorized by the Department of Public Safety, to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver into any place of nuisance as defined in Section 95-3-1, Mississippi Code of 1972; any police, sheriff or highway patrol station; any detention facility, prison or jail; any courthouse; any courtroom, except that nothing in this section shall preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his courtroom; any polling place; any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental entity; any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof; any school, college or professional athletic event not related to firearms; any portion of an establishment, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, that is primarily devoted to dispensing alcoholic beverages; any portion of an establishment in which beer, light spirit product or light wine is consumed on the premises, that is primarily devoted to such purpose; any elementary or secondary school facility; any junior college, community college, college or university facility unless for the purpose of participating in any authorized firearms-related activity; inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except that no person shall be prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment, for purposes of checking such firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; any church or other place of worship,

except as provided in Section 45-9-171; or any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law. In addition to the places enumerated in this subsection, the carrying of a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver may be disallowed in any place in the discretion of the person or entity exercising control over the physical location of such place by the placing of a written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten (10) feet that the "carrying of a pistol or revolver is prohibited." No license issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the participants in a parade or demonstration for which a permit is required to carry a stun gun, concealed pistol or revolver.

(14) A law enforcement officer as defined in Section 45-6-3, chiefs of police, sheriffs and persons licensed as professional bondsmen pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be exempt from the licensing requirements of this section.

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide licenses to law enforcement officers as defined in Section 45-6-3 who choose to obtain a license under the provisions of this section, which shall include a distinction that the officer is an "active duty" law enforcement officer and an endorsement that such officer is authorized to carry in the locations listed in subsection (13). A law enforcement officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this subsection: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department for which the officer is employed at the time of application and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy.

(b) The licensing requirements of this section do not apply to the carrying by any person of a stun gun, pistol or revolver, knife, or other deadly weapon that is not concealed as defined in Section 97-37-1.

(15) Any person who knowingly submits a false answer to any question on an application for a license issued pursuant to this section, or who knowingly submits a false document when applying for a license issued pursuant to this section, shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in Section 99-19-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(16) All fees collected by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to this section shall be deposited into a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury and shall be used for implementation and administration of this section. After the close of each fiscal year, the balance in this fund shall be certified to the Legislature and then may be used by the Department of Public Safety as directed by the Legislature.

(17) All funds received by a sheriff or police chief pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the county or municipality, as appropriate, and shall be budgeted to the sheriff's office or police department as appropriate.

(18) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or allow the registration, documentation or providing of serial numbers with regard to any stun gun or firearm.

(19) Any person holding a valid unrevoked and unexpired license to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers issued in another state shall have such license recognized by this state to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state if that state requires a written agreement in order to recognize licenses to carry stun guns, concealed pistols or revolvers issued by this state.

(20) The provisions of this section shall be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Safety. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

(21) For the purposes of this section, the term "stun gun" means a portable device or weapon from which an electric current, impulse, wave or beam may be directed, which current, impulse, wave or beam is designed to incapacitate temporarily, injure, momentarily stun, knock out, cause mental disorientation or paralyze.

(22) (a) From and after January 1, 2016, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall promulgate rules and regulations which provide that licenses authorized by this section for honorably retired law enforcement officers and honorably retired correctional officers from the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall (i) include the words "retired law enforcement officer" on the front of the license, and (ii) unless the licensee chooses



to have this license combined with a driver's license or identification card under subsection (25) of this section, that the license itself have a red background to distinguish it from other licenses issued under this section.

(b) An honorably retired law enforcement officer and honorably retired correctional officer shall provide the following information to receive the license described in this section: (i) a letter, with the official letterhead of the agency or department from which such officer is retiring, which explains that such officer is honorably retired, and (ii) a letter with the official letterhead of the agency or department, which explains that such officer has completed a certified law enforcement training academy.

(23) A disabled veteran who seeks to qualify for an exemption under this section shall be required to provide a veterans health services identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs indicating a service-connected disability, which shall be sufficient proof of such service-connected disability.

(24) A license under this section is not required for a loaded or unloaded pistol or revolver to be carried upon the person in a sheath, belt holster or shoulder holster or in a purse, handbag, satchel, other similar bag or briefcase or fully enclosed case if the person is not engaged in criminal activity other than a misdemeanor traffic offense, is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a pistol or revolver under state or federal law, and is not in a location prohibited under subsection (13) of this section. However, the medical use of medical cannabis by a cardholder who is a registered qualifying patient which is lawful under the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall not disqualify a person under this subsection (24) solely because the person is prohibited from possessing a firearm under 18 USCS Section 922(g)(3) due to such medical use of medical cannabis.

(25) An applicant for a license under this section shall have the option of, instead of being issued a separate card for the license, having the license appear as a notation on the individual's driver's license or identification card. If the applicant chooses this option, the license issued under this section shall have the same expiration date as the driver's license or identification card, and renewal shall take place at the same time and place as renewal of the driver's license or identification card. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations which may be necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the concurrent application and renewal processes.

SECTION 65. Section 59-23-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

59-23-7. (1) It is unlawful for any person to operate a watercraft on the public waters of this state who:

(a) Is under the influence of intoxicating liquor;

(b) Is under the influence of any other substance which has impaired such person's ability to operate a watercraft; or

(c) Has eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more by weight volume of alcohol in the person's blood based upon milligrams of alcohol per one hundred (100) cubic centimeters of blood as shown by a chemical analysis of such person's breath, blood or urine administered as authorized by this chapter.

(2) (a) Upon conviction of any person for the first offense of violating subsection (1) of this section where chemical tests provided for under Section 59-23-5 were given, or where chemical test results are not available, such person shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisoned for not more than twenty-four (24) hours in jail, or both; and the court shall order such person to attend and complete a boating safety education course developed by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

(b) Upon any second conviction of any person violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be fined not less than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be imprisoned not less than forty-eight (48) consecutive hours nor more than one (1) year or sentenced to community service work for not less than ten (10) days nor more than one (1) year. The court shall order the person not to operate a watercraft for one (1) year.

(c) For any third conviction of any person violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be fined not less than Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be imprisoned not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year. The court shall order the person not to operate a watercraft for two (2) years.

(d) Any fourth or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be a felony offense and, upon conviction, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be fined not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and shall be imprisoned not less than ninety (90) days nor more than five (5) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The court shall order the person not to operate a watercraft for three (3) years.

(3) Any person convicted of operating any watercraft in violation of subsection (1) of this section where the person (a) refused a law enforcement officer's request to submit to a chemical test, or (b) was unconscious at the time of a chemical test and refused to consent to the introduction of the results of such test in any prosecution, shall be punished consistent with the penalties prescribed herein for persons submitting to the test and the court shall order the person not to operate a watercraft for the time periods specified in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) Any person who operates any watercraft in violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and who in a negligent manner causes the death of another or mutilates, disfigures, permanently disables or destroys the tongue, eye, lip, nose or any other member or limb of another shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony and shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) years.

(5) Upon conviction of any violation of subsection (1) of this section, the judge shall cause a copy of the citation and any other pertinent documents concerning the conviction to be sent immediately to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Department of Marine Resources. A copy of the citation or other pertinent documents, having been attested as true and correct by the Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, or his designee, or the Director of the Department of Marine Resources, or his designee, shall be sufficient proof of the conviction for purposes of determining the enhanced penalty for any subsequent convictions of violations of subsection (1) of this section.

(6) The provisions of this section are fully applicable to any person who is under the influence of medical cannabis that is lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder which has impaired the person's ability to operate a watercraft.

SECTION 66. Section 63-11-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-11-30. (1) It is unlawful for a person to drive or otherwise operate a vehicle within this state if the person:

(a) Is under the influence of intoxicating liquor;

(b) Is under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle;

(c) Is under the influence of any drug or controlled substance, the possession of which is unlawful under the Mississippi Controlled Substances Law; or

(d) Has an alcohol concentration in the person's blood, based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood, or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath, as shown by a chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood or urine administered as authorized by this chapter, of:

(i) Eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more for a person who is above the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law;

(ii) Two one-hundredths percent (.02%) or more for a person who is below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law; or

(iii) Four one-hundredths percent (.04%) or more for a person operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section (Zero Tolerance for Minors):

(a) First offense DUI. (i) Upon conviction of any person for the first offense of violating subsection (1) of this section where chemical tests under Section 63-11-5 were given, or where chemical test results are not available, the person shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisoned for not more than forty-eight (48) hours in jail, or both; the court shall order the person to attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32 within six (6) months of sentencing. The court may substitute attendance at a victim impact panel instead of forty-eight (48) hours in jail.

(ii) Suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) A qualifying first offense may be nonadjudicated by the court under subsection (14) of this section. The holder of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learning permit at the time of the offense is ineligible for nonadjudication.

(iv) Eligibility for an interlock-restricted license is governed by Section 63-11-31 and suspension of regular driving privileges is governed by Section 63-11-23.

(b) Second offense DUI. (i) Upon any second conviction of any person violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, fined not less than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), shall be imprisoned not less than five (5) days nor more than six (6) months and sentenced to community service work for not less than ten (10) days nor more than six (6) months. The minimum penalties shall not be suspended or reduced by the court and no prosecutor shall offer any suspension or sentence reduction as part of a plea bargain.

(ii) Suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) Eligibility for an interlock-restricted license is governed by Section 63-11-31 and suspension of regular driving privileges is governed by Section 63-11-23.

(c) Third offense DUI. (i) For a third conviction of a person for violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be guilty of a felony and fined not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and shall serve not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections. For any offense that does not result in serious injury or death to any person, the sentence of incarceration may be served in the county jail rather than in the State Penitentiary at the discretion of the circuit court judge. The minimum penalties shall not be suspended or reduced by the court and no prosecutor shall offer any suspension or sentence reduction as part of a plea bargain.

(ii) The suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) The suspension of regular driving privileges is governed by Section 63-11-23.

(d) Fourth and subsequent offense DUI. (i) For any fourth or subsequent conviction of a violation of subsection (1) of this section, without regard to the time period within which the violations occurred, the person shall be guilty of a felony and fined not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and shall serve not less than two (2) years nor more than ten (10) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(ii) The suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) A person convicted of a fourth or subsequent offense is ineligible to exercise the privilege to operate a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition-interlock device for ten (10) years.

(e) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section shall receive an in-depth diagnostic assessment, and if as a result of the assessment is determined to be in need of treatment for alcohol or drug abuse, the person must successfully complete treatment at a program site certified by the

Department of Mental Health. Each person who receives a diagnostic assessment shall pay a fee representing the cost of the assessment. Each person who participates in a treatment program shall pay a fee representing the cost of treatment.

(f) The use of ignition-interlock devices is governed by Section 63-11-31.

(3) Zero Tolerance for Minors. (a) This subsection shall be known and may be cited as Zero Tolerance for Minors. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only when a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years has a blood alcohol concentration of two one-hundredths percent (.02%) or more, but lower than eight one-hundredths percent (.08%). If the person's blood alcohol concentration is eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more, the provisions of subsection (2) shall apply.

(b) (i) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) is eligible for nonadjudication of a qualifying first offense by the court pursuant to subsection (14) of this section.

(ii) Upon conviction of any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years for the first offense of violating subsection (1) of this section where chemical tests provided for under Section 63-11-5 were given, or where chemical test results are not available, the person shall be fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); the court shall order the person to attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32 within six (6) months. The court may also require attendance at a victim impact panel.

(c) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) years who is convicted of a second violation of subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(d) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) years who is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(e) License suspension is governed by Section 63-11-23 and ignition interlock is governed by Section 63-11-31.

(f) Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years convicted of a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section must complete treatment of an alcohol or drug abuse program at a site certified by the Department of Mental Health.

(4) DUI test refusal. In addition to the other penalties provided in this section, every person refusing a law enforcement officer's request to submit to a chemical test of the person's breath as provided in this chapter, or who was unconscious at the time of a chemical test and refused to consent to the introduction of the results of the test in any prosecution, shall suffer an additional administrative suspension of driving privileges as set forth in Section 63-11-23.

(5) Aggravated DUI. (a) Every person who operates any motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and who in a negligent manner causes the death of another or mutilates, disfigures, permanently disables or destroys the tongue, eye, lip, nose or any other limb, organ or member of another shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a separate felony for each victim who suffers death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury and shall be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for a period of time of not less than five (5) years and not to exceed twenty-five (25) years for each death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury, and the imprisonment for the second or each subsequent conviction, in the discretion of the court, shall commence either at the termination of the imprisonment for the preceding conviction or run concurrently with the preceding conviction. Any person charged with causing the death of another as described in this subsection shall be required to post bail before being released after arrest.

(b) A holder of a commercial driver's license who is convicted of operating a commercial motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of eight one- \* \* \* hundredths percent (.08%) or more shall be guilty of a felony and shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than two (2) years and not more than ten (10) years.

(c) The court shall order an ignition-interlock restriction on the offender's privilege to drive as a condition of probation or post-release supervision not to

exceed five (5) years unless a longer restriction is required under other law. The ignition-interlock restriction shall not be applied to commercial license privileges until the driver serves the full disqualification period required by Section 63-1-216.

(6) DUI citations. (a) Upon conviction of a violation of subsection (1) of this section, the trial judge shall sign in the place provided on the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit stating that the person arrested either employed an attorney or waived his right to an attorney after having been properly advised. If the person arrested employed an attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the attorney shall be written on the ticket, citation or affidavit. The court clerk must immediately send a copy of the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit, and any other pertinent documents concerning the conviction or other order of the court, to the Department of Public Safety as provided in Section 63-11-37.

(b) A copy of the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit and any other pertinent documents, having been attested as true and correct by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his designee, shall be sufficient proof of the conviction for purposes of determining the enhanced penalty for any subsequent convictions of violations of subsection (1) of this section. The Department of Public Safety shall maintain a central database for verification of prior offenses and convictions.

(7) Out-of-state prior convictions. Convictions in another state, territory or possession of the United States, or under the law of a federally recognized Native American tribe, of violations for driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle occurring within five (5) years before an offense shall be counted for the purposes of determining if a violation of subsection (1) of this section is a second, third, fourth or subsequent offense and the penalty that shall be imposed upon conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section.

(8) Charging of subsequent offenses. (a) For the purposes of determining how to impose the sentence for a second, third, fourth or subsequent conviction under this section, the affidavit or indictment shall not be required to enumerate previous convictions. It shall only be necessary that the affidavit or indictment states the number of times that the defendant has been convicted and sentenced within the past five (5) years for a second or third offense, or without a time limitation for a fourth or subsequent offense, under this section to determine if an enhanced penalty shall be imposed. The amount of fine and imprisonment imposed in previous convictions shall not be considered in calculating offenses to determine a second, third, fourth or subsequent offense of this section.

(b) Before a defendant enters a plea of guilty to an offense under this section, law enforcement must submit certification to the prosecutor that the defendant's driving record, the confidential registry and National Crime Information Center record have been searched for all prior convictions, nonadjudications, pretrial diversions and arrests for driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle. The results of the search must be included in the certification.

(9) License eligibility for underage offenders. A person who is under the legal age to obtain a license to operate a motor vehicle at the time of the offense and who is convicted under this section shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license until the person reaches the age of eighteen (18) years.

(10) License suspensions and restrictions to run consecutively. Suspension or restriction of driving privileges for any person convicted of or nonadjudicated for violations of subsection (1) of this section shall run consecutively to and not concurrently with any other administrative license suspension.

(11) Ignition interlock. If the court orders installation and use of an ignition-interlock device as provided in Section 63-11-31 for every vehicle operated by a person convicted or nonadjudicated under this section, each device shall be installed, maintained and removed as provided in Section 63-11-31.

(12) DUI child endangerment. A person over the age of twenty-one (21) who violates subsection (1) of this section while transporting in a motor vehicle a child under the age of sixteen (16) years is guilty of the separate offense of endangering a child by

driving under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle. The offense of endangering a child by driving under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle shall not be merged with an offense of violating subsection (1) of this section for the purposes of prosecution and sentencing. An offender who is convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be punished as follows:

(a) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which does not result in the serious injury or death of a child and which is a first conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or shall be imprisoned for not more than twelve (12) months, or both;

(b) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which does not result in the serious injury or death of a child and which is a second conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or shall be imprisoned for one (1) year, or both;

(c) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which does not result in the serious injury or death of a child and which is a third or subsequent conviction shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or shall be imprisoned for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or both; and

(d) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which results in the serious injury or death of a child, without regard to whether the offense was a first, second, third or subsequent offense, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and shall be imprisoned for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty-five (25) years.

(13) Expunction. (a) Any person convicted under subsection (2) or (3) of this section of a first offense of driving under the influence and who was not the holder of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learning permit at the time of the offense may petition the circuit court of the county in which the conviction was had for an order to expunge the record of the conviction at least five (5) years after successful completion of all terms and conditions of the sentence imposed for the conviction. Expunction under this subsection will only be available to a person:

(i) Who has successfully completed all terms and conditions of the sentence imposed for the conviction;

(ii) Who did not refuse to submit to a test of his blood or breath;

(iii) Whose blood alcohol concentration tested below sixteen one-hundredths percent (.16%) if test results are available;

(iv) Who has not been convicted of and does not have pending any other offense of driving under the influence;

(v) Who has provided the court with justification as to why the conviction should be expunged; and

(vi) Who has not previously had a nonadjudication or expunction of a violation of this section.

(b) A person is eligible for only one (1) expunction under this subsection, and the Department of Public Safety shall maintain a permanent confidential registry of all cases of expunction under this subsection for the sole purpose of determining a person's eligibility for expunction, for nonadjudication, or as a first offender under this section.

(c) The court in its order of expunction shall state in writing the justification for which the expunction was granted and forward the order to the Department of Public Safety within five (5) days of the entry of the order.

(14) Nonadjudication. (a) For the purposes of this chapter, "nonadjudication" means that the court withholds adjudication of guilt and sentencing, either at the conclusion of a trial on the merits or upon the entry of a plea of guilt by a defendant, and places the defendant in a nonadjudication program conditioned upon the successful completion of the requirements imposed by the court under this subsection.

(b) A person is eligible for nonadjudication of an offense under this Section 63-11-30 only one (1) time under any provision of a law that authorizes nonadjudication and only for an offender:

(i) Who has successfully completed all terms and conditions imposed by the court after placement of the defendant in a nonadjudication program;

(ii) Who was not the holder of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learning permit at the time of the offense;

(iii) Who has not previously been convicted of and does not have pending any former or subsequent charges under this section; and

(iv) Who has provided the court with justification as to why nonadjudication is appropriate.

(c) Nonadjudication may be initiated upon the filing of a petition for nonadjudication or at any stage of the proceedings in the discretion of the court; the court may withhold adjudication of guilt, defer sentencing, and upon the agreement of the offender to participate in a nonadjudication program, enter an order imposing requirements on the offender for a period of court supervision before the order of nonadjudication is entered. Failure to successfully complete a nonadjudication program subjects the person to adjudication of the charges against him and to imposition of all penalties previously withheld due to entrance into a nonadjudication program. The court shall immediately inform the commissioner of the conviction as required in Section 63-11-37.

(i) The court shall order the person to:

1. Pay the nonadjudication fee imposed under Section 63-11-31 if applicable;

2. Pay all fines, penalties and assessments that would have been imposed for conviction;

3. Attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32 within six (6) months of the date of the order;

4. a. If the court determines that the person violated this section with respect to alcohol or intoxicating liquor, the person must install an ignition-interlock device on every motor vehicle operated by the person, obtain an interlock-restricted license, and maintain that license for one hundred twenty (120) days or suffer a one-hundred-twenty-day suspension of the person's regular driver's license, during which time the person must not operate any vehicle.

b. If the court determines that the person violated this section by operating a vehicle when under the influence of a substance other than alcohol that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle, including any drug or controlled substance which is unlawful to possess under the Mississippi Controlled Substances Law, the person must submit to a one-hundred-twenty-day period of a nonadjudication program that includes court-ordered drug testing at the person's own expense not less often than every thirty (30) days, during which time the person may drive if compliant with the terms of the program, or suffer a one-hundred-twenty-day suspension of the person's regular driver's license, during which time the person will not operate any vehicle.

(ii) Other conditions that may be imposed by the court include, but are not limited to, alcohol or drug screening, or both, proof that the person has not committed any other traffic violations while under court supervision, proof of immobilization or impoundment of vehicles owned by the offender if required, and attendance at a victim-impact panel.

(d) The court may enter an order of nonadjudication only if the court finds, after a hearing or after ex parte examination of reliable documentation of compliance, that the offender has successfully completed all conditions imposed by law and previous orders of the court. The court shall retain jurisdiction over cases involving nonadjudication for a period of not more than two (2) years.

(e) (i) The clerk shall immediately forward a record of every person placed in a nonadjudication program and of every nonadjudication order to the

Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the permanent confidential registry of all cases that are nonadjudicated under this subsection (14).

(ii) Judges, clerks and prosecutors involved in the trial of implied consent violations and law enforcement officers involved in the issuance of citations for implied consent violations shall have secure online access to the confidential registry for the purpose of determining whether a person has previously been the subject of a nonadjudicated case and 1. is therefore ineligible for another nonadjudication; 2. is ineligible as a first offender for a violation of this section; or 3. is ineligible for expunction of a conviction of a violation of this section.

(iii) The Driver Services Bureau of the department shall have access to the confidential registry for the purpose of determining whether a person is eligible for a form of license not restricted to operating a vehicle equipped with an ignition-interlock device.

(iv) The Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program shall have secure online access to the confidential registry for research purposes only.

(15) The provisions of this section are fully applicable to any person who is under the influence of medical cannabis that is lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder which has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

SECTION 67. Section 71-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-3-7. (1) Compensation shall be payable for disability or death of an employee from injury or occupational disease arising out of and in the course of employment, without regard to fault as to the cause of the injury or occupational disease. An occupational disease shall be deemed to arise out of and in the course of employment when there is evidence that there is a direct causal connection between the work performed and the occupational disease. In all claims in which no benefits, including disability, death and medical benefits, have been paid, the claimant shall file medical records in support of his claim for benefits when filing a petition to controvert. If the claimant is unable to file the medical records in support of his claim for benefits at the time of filing the petition to controvert because of a limitation of time established by Section 71-3-35 or Section 71-3-53, the claimant shall file medical records in support of his claim within sixty (60) days after filing the petition to controvert.

(2) Where a preexisting physical handicap, disease, or lesion is shown by medical findings to be a material contributing factor in the results following injury, the compensation which, but for this subsection, would be payable shall be reduced by that proportion which such preexisting physical handicap, disease, or lesion contributed to the production of the results following the injury. The preexisting condition does not have to be occupationally disabling for this apportionment to apply.

(3) The following provisions shall apply to subsections (1) and (2) of this section:

(a) Apportionment shall not be applied until the claimant has reached maximum medical recovery.

(b) The employer or carrier does not have the power to determine the date of maximum medical recovery or percentage of apportionment. This must be done by the attorney-referee, subject to review by the commission as the ultimate finder of fact.

(c) After the date the claimant reaches maximum medical recovery, weekly compensation benefits and maximum recovery shall be reduced by that proportion which the preexisting physical handicap, disease, or lesion contributes to the results following injury.

(d) If maximum medical recovery has occurred before the hearing and order of the attorney-referee, credit for excess payments shall be allowed in future payments. Such allowances and method of accomplishment of the same shall be determined by the attorney-referee, subject to review by the commission. However, no actual repayment of such excess shall be made to the employer or carrier.

(4) No compensation shall be payable if the use of drugs illegally, or the use of a valid prescription medication(s) taken contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the



Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or intoxication due to the use of alcohol of the employee was the proximate cause of the injury, or if it was the willful intention of the employee to injure or kill himself or another.

(5) Every employer to whom this chapter applies shall be liable for and shall secure the payment to his employees of the compensation payable under its provisions.

(6) In the case of an employer who is a subcontractor, the contractor shall be liable for and shall secure the payment of such compensation to employees of the subcontractor, unless the subcontractor has secured such payment.

SECTION 68. Section 71-3-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-3-121. (1) In the event that an employee sustains an injury at work or asserts a work-related injury, the employer shall have the right to administer drug and alcohol testing or require that the employee submit himself to drug and alcohol testing. If the employee has a positive test indicating the presence, at the time of injury, of any drug illegally used or the use of a valid prescription medication(s) taken contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more by weight volume of alcohol in the person's blood, it shall be presumed that the proximate cause of the injury was the use of a drug illegally, or the use of a valid prescription medication(s) taken contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or the intoxication due to the use of alcohol by the employee. If the employee refuses to submit himself to drug and alcohol testing immediately after the alleged work-related injury, then it shall be presumed that the employee was using a drug illegally, or was using a valid prescription medication(s) contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or was intoxicated due to the use of alcohol at the time of the accident and that the proximate cause of the injury was the use of a drug illegally, or the use of a valid prescription medication(s) taken contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or the intoxication due to the use of alcohol of the employee. The burden of proof will then be placed upon the employee to prove that the use of drugs illegally, or the use of a valid prescription medication(s) taken contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or intoxication due to the use of alcohol was not a contributing cause of the accident in order to defeat the defense of the employer provided under Section 71-3-7.

(2) The results of the drug and alcohol tests, employer-administered or otherwise, shall be considered admissible evidence solely on the issue of causation in the determination of the use of drugs illegally, or the use of a valid prescription medication(s) taken contrary to the prescriber's instructions and/or contrary to label warnings, or the use of medical cannabis in accordance with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and rules and regulations adopted thereunder, or the intoxication due to the use of alcohol of an employee at the time of injury for workers' compensation purposes under Section 71-3-7.

(3) No cause of action for defamation of character, libel, slander or damage to reputation arises in favor of any person against an employer under the provisions of this section.

SECTION 69. Section 73-15-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-15-29. (1) The board shall have power to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license issued by the board, or to revoke or suspend any privilege to practice, or to deny an application for a license, or to fine, place on probation and/or discipline a licensee, in any manner specified in this article, upon proof that such person:

(a) Has committed fraud or deceit in securing or attempting to secure such license;

(b) Has been convicted of a felony, or a crime involving moral turpitude or has had accepted by a court a plea of nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude (a certified copy of the judgment of the court of competent jurisdiction of such conviction or pleas shall be prima facie evidence of such conviction);

(c) Has negligently or willfully acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of the persons under the licensee's care;

(d) Has had a license or privilege to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction, has voluntarily surrendered such license or privilege to practice in any jurisdiction, has been placed on probation as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in any jurisdiction or has been placed under a disciplinary order(s) in any manner as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in any jurisdiction, (a certified copy of the order of suspension, revocation, probation or disciplinary action shall be prima facie evidence of such action);

(e) Has negligently or willfully practiced nursing in a manner that fails to meet generally accepted standards of such nursing practice;

(f) Has negligently or willfully violated any order, rule or regulation of the board pertaining to nursing practice or licensure;

(g) Has falsified or in a repeatedly negligent manner made incorrect entries or failed to make essential entries on records;

(h) Is addicted to or dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effect, or has misappropriated any medication;

(i) Has a physical, mental or emotional condition that renders the licensee unable to perform nursing services or duties with reasonable skill and safety;

(j) Has engaged in any other conduct, whether of the same or of a different character from that specified in this article, that would constitute a crime as defined in Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended, and that relates to such person's employment as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;

(k) Engages in conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public;

(l) Engages in any unprofessional conduct as identified by the board in its rules;

(m) Has violated any provision of this article; or

(n) Violation(s) of the provisions of Sections 41-121-1 through 41-121-9 relating to deceptive advertisement by health care practitioners. This paragraph shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025.

(2) When the board finds any person unqualified because of any of the grounds set forth in subsection (1) of this section, it may enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

(a) Denying application for a license or other authorization to practice nursing or practical nursing;

(b) Administering a reprimand;

(c) Suspending or restricting the license or other authorization to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for up to two (2) years without review;

(d) Revoking the license or other authorization to practice nursing or practical nursing;

(e) Requiring the discipline to submit to care, counseling or treatment by persons and/or agencies approved or designated by the board as a condition for initial, continued or renewed licensure or other authorization to practice nursing or practical nursing;

(f) Requiring the discipline to participate in a program of education prescribed by the board as a condition for initial, continued or renewed licensure or other authorization to practice;

(g) Requiring the discipline to practice under the supervision of a registered nurse for a specified period of time; or

(h) Imposing a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(3) In addition to the grounds specified in subsection (1) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license or privilege to practice of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153.

The procedure for suspension of a license or privilege to practice for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license or privilege to practice suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license or privilege to practice suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this article, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(4) If the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and the board incorporates a finding to that effect in an order, the board may order summary suspension of a license pending proceedings for revocation or other action. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined by the board.

(5) The board may establish by rule an alternative to discipline program for licensees who have an impairment as a result of substance abuse or a mental health condition, which program shall include at least the following components:

(a) Participation in the program is voluntary with the licensee, and the licensee must enter the program before the board holds a disciplinary action hearing regarding the licensee;

(b) The full cost of participation in the program, including the cost of any care, counseling, treatment and/or education received by the licensee, shall be borne by the licensee;

(c) All of the procedures and records regarding the licensee's participation in the program shall be confidential, shall not be disclosed and shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; and

(d) A licensee may not participate in the program more often than one (1) time during any period of five (5) years or such longer period as set by the board.

(6) A nurse practitioner who provides a written certification as authorized under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall not be subject to any disciplinary action under this section solely due to providing the written certification.

SECTION 70. Section 73-19-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-19-23. (1) (a) The board shall refuse to grant a certificate of licensure to any applicant and may cancel, revoke or suspend the operation of any certificate by it granted for any or all of the following reasons: unprofessional and unethical conduct or the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, habitual intemperance in the use of ardent spirits, or stimulants, narcotics, or any other substance that impairs the intellect and judgment to such an extent as to incapacitate one for the performance of the duties of an optometrist. The certificate of licensure of any person can be revoked for violating any section of this chapter.

(b) The board shall conduct a criminal history records check on licensure applicants and on licensees whose licenses are subject to investigation.

(i) The applicant or licensee shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant or licensee shall submit a full set of the applicant's fingerprints in a form or manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose.

(ii) Any and all state or national criminal history records information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing before the board to determine licensure, no such information or records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of the applicant or licensee or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person or agency.

(iii) The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of the applicant or licensee, any additional information that may be required by the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to the check of the criminal records and to the use of the fingerprints and other identifying information required by the state or national repositories.

(iv) The board shall charge and collect from the applicant or licensee, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and national criminal history records information on the applicant or licensee.

(2) The board shall further be authorized to take disciplinary action against a licensee for any unlawful acts, which shall include violations of regulations promulgated by the board, as well as the following acts:

(a) Fraud or misrepresentation in applying for or procuring an optometric license or in connection with applying for or procuring periodic renewal of an optometric license.

(b) Cheating on or attempting to subvert the optometric licensing examination(s).

(c) The conviction of a felony in this state or any other jurisdiction, or the entry of a guilty or nolo contendere plea to a felony charge.

(d) The conviction of a felony as defined by federal law, or the entry of a guilty or nolo contendere plea to a felony charge.

(e) Conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

(f) Making a false or misleading statement regarding his or her skill or the efficacy or value of the medicine, device, treatment or remedy prescribed by him or her or used at his or her direction in the treatment of any disease or other condition.

(g) Willfully or negligently violating the confidentiality between doctor and patient, except as required by law.

(h) Negligence or gross incompetence in the practice of optometry as determined by the board.

(i) Being found to be a person with mental illness or with an intellectual disability by any court of competent jurisdiction.

(j) The use of any false, fraudulent, deceptive or misleading statement in any document connected with the practice of optometry.

(k) Aiding or abetting the practice of optometry by an unlicensed, incompetent or impaired person.

(l) Commission of any act of sexual abuse, misconduct or exploitation related to the licensee's practice of optometry.

(m) Being addicted or habituated to a drug or intoxicant.

(n) Violating any state or federal law or regulation relating to a drug legally classified as a controlled substance.

(o) Obtaining any fee by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

(p) Disciplinary action of another state or jurisdiction against a licensee or other authorization to practice optometry based upon acts or conduct by the licensee similar to acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for action as defined in this chapter, a certified copy of the record of the action taken by the other state or jurisdiction being conclusive evidence thereof.

(q) Failure to report to the board the relocation of his or her office in or out of the jurisdiction, or to furnish floor plans as required by regulation.

(r) Violation of any provision(s) of the Optometry Practice Act or the rules and regulations of the board or of an action, stipulation or agreement of the board.

(s) To advertise in a manner that tends to deceive, mislead or defraud the public.

(t) The designation of any person licensed under this chapter, other than by the terms "optometrist," "Doctor of Optometry" or "O.D.," which through June 30, 2025, shall include any violation(s) of the provisions of Sections 41-121-1 through 41-121-9 relating to deceptive advertisement by health care practitioners.

(u) To knowingly submit or cause to be submitted any misleading, deceptive or fraudulent representation on a claim form, bill or statement.

(v) To practice or attempt to practice optometry while his or her license is suspended.

(3) Any person who is a holder of a certificate of licensure or who is an applicant for examination for a certificate of licensure, against whom is preferred any charges, shall be furnished by the board with a copy of the complaint and shall have a hearing in Jackson, Mississippi, before the board, at which hearing he may be represented by counsel. At the hearing, witnesses may be examined for and against the accused respecting those charges, and the hearing orders or appeals will be conducted according to the procedure now provided in Section 73-25-27. The suspension of a certificate of licensure by reason of the use of stimulants or narcotics may be removed when the holder of the certificate has been adjudged by the board to be cured and capable of practicing optometry.

(4) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(5) A licensee who provides a written certification as authorized under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall not be subject to any disciplinary action under this section solely due to providing the written certification.

SECTION 71. Section 73-21-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-21-127. (1) The Board of Pharmacy shall develop and implement a computerized program to track prescriptions for controlled substances and to report suspected abuse and misuse of controlled substances in compliance with the federal regulations promulgated under authority of the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005 and in compliance with the federal HIPAA law, under the following conditions:

(a) Submission or reporting of dispensing information shall be mandatory and required by the State Board of Pharmacy for any entity dispensing controlled substances in or into the State of Mississippi, except for the dispensing of controlled substance drugs by a veterinarian residing in the State of Mississippi.

(b) The prescriptions tracked shall be prescriptions for controlled substances listed in Schedule II, III, IV or V and specified noncontrolled substances identified by the State Board of Pharmacy that are dispensed to residents in the State of Mississippi by licensed pharmacies, nonresident pharmacies, institutions and dispensing practitioners, regardless of dispenser location.

(c) The Board of Pharmacy shall report any activity it reasonably suspects may be fraudulent or illegal to the appropriate law enforcement agency or occupational licensing board and provide them with the relevant information obtained for further investigation.

(d) The program shall provide information regarding the potential inappropriate use of controlled substances and the specified noncontrolled substances to practitioners, pharmacists-in-charge and appropriate state agencies in order to prevent the inappropriate or illegal use of these controlled substances. The specific purposes of the program shall be to: be proactive in safeguarding public health and safety; support the legitimate use of controlled substances; facilitate and encourage the identification, intervention with and treatment of individuals addicted to controlled substances and specified noncontrolled drugs; identify and prevent drug diversion; provide assistance to those state and federal law enforcement and regulatory agencies investigating cases of drug diversion or other misuse; and inform the public and health care professionals of the use and abuse trends related to controlled substance and specified noncontrolled drugs.

(e) (i) Access to collected data shall be confidential and not subject to the provisions of the federal Freedom of Information Act or the Mississippi Public Records Act. Upon request, the State Board of Pharmacy shall provide collected information to: pharmacists or practitioners who are properly registered with the State Board of Pharmacy and are authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances for the purpose of providing medical and pharmaceutical care for their patients; local, state and federal law enforcement officials engaged in the administration, investigation or enforcement of the laws governing illicit drug use; regulatory and licensing boards in this state; Division of Medicaid regarding Medicaid and Medicare Program recipients; judicial authorities under grand jury subpoena; an individual who requests the individual's own prescription monitoring information; and prescription monitoring programs in other states through mutual agreement adhering to State Board of Pharmacy policies.

(ii) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, or his designee, shall have access to the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) database for the purpose of investigating the potential illegal acquisition, distribution, dispensing, prescribing or administering of the controlled and noncontrolled substances monitored by the program, subject to all legal restrictions on further dissemination of the information obtained.

(iii) The State Board of Pharmacy may also provide statistical data for research or educational purposes if the board determines the use of the data to be of significant benefit to public health and safety. The board maintains the right to refuse any request for PMP data.

(iv) A pharmacist licensed by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy must be a registered user of the PMP. Failure of a pharmacist licensed by the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to register as a user of the PMP is grounds for disciplinary action by the board.

(v) All licensed practitioners as defined under Section 73-21-73(ee) holding an active DEA number shall register as users of the PMP.

(f) The Prescription Monitoring Program through the Board of Pharmacy may:

(i) Establish the cost of administration, maintenance, and operation of the program and charge to like agencies a fee based on a formula to be determined by the board with collaboration and input from participating agencies; and

(ii) Assess charges for information and/or statistical data provided to agencies, institutions and individuals. The amounts of those fees shall be set by the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy based on the recommendation of the Director of the PMP.

All such fees collected shall be deposited into the special fund of the State Board of Pharmacy and used to support the operations of the PMP.

(g) A dispenser pharmacist or practitioner licensed to dispense controlled substances and specified noncontrolled substance drugs who knowingly fails to submit drug-monitoring information or knowingly submits incorrect dispensing information shall be subject to actions against the pharmacist's or practitioner's license, registrations or permit and/or an administrative penalty as provided in Sections 73-21-97 and 73-21-103. Any misuse of the PMP is subject to penalties as provided in Sections 73-21-97 and 73-21-103.

(h) The Board of Pharmacy and the Prescription Monitoring Program shall be immune from civil liability arising from inaccuracy of any of the information submitted to the program.

(i) "Practitioner," as used in this section, shall include any person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, prescribe or administer a controlled substance, as defined under Section 41-29-105(y), and any person defined as a "practitioner" under Section 73-21-73(ee).

(j) In addition to any funds appropriated by the Legislature, the State Board of Pharmacy may apply for any available grants and accept any gifts, grants or donations to assist in future development or in maintaining the program.

(2) In addition to receiving the dispensing information regarding controlled substances as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the State Board of Pharmacy shall receive and maintain in the Prescription Monitoring Program (a) the medical

cannabis dispensing information that medical cannabis dispensaries under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act are required to report to the PMP under Section 17 of this act, and (b) any other medical cannabis dispensing information that dispensaries are required to report to the PMP. The medical cannabis dispensing information reported by medical cannabis dispensaries under Section 17 of this act shall not be considered to be a prescription for the purposes of the Mississippi Pharmacy Practice Act or the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

SECTION 72. Section 73-25-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-25-29. The grounds for the nonissuance, suspension, revocation or restriction of a license or the denial of reinstatement or renewal of a license are:

(1) Habitual personal use of narcotic drugs, or any other drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability.

(2) Habitual use of intoxicating liquors, or any beverage, to an extent which affects professional competency.

(3) Administering, dispensing or prescribing any narcotic drug, or any other drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability otherwise than in the course of legitimate professional practice.

(4) Conviction of violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any narcotic drug or any drug considered a controlled substance under state or federal law, a certified copy of the conviction order or judgment rendered by the trial court being prima facie evidence thereof, notwithstanding the pendency of any appeal.

(5) Procuring, or attempting to procure, or aiding in, an abortion that is not medically indicated.

(6) Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, a certified copy of the conviction order or judgment rendered by the trial court being prima facie evidence thereof, notwithstanding the pendency of any appeal.

(7) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by fraud or deception.

(8) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to:

(a) Practicing medicine under a false or assumed name or impersonating another practitioner, living or dead.

(b) Knowingly performing any act which in any way assists an unlicensed person to practice medicine.

(c) Making or willfully causing to be made any flamboyant claims concerning the licensee's professional excellence.

(d) Being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

(e) Obtaining a fee as personal compensation or gain from a person on fraudulent representation of a disease or injury condition generally considered incurable by competent medical authority in the light of current scientific knowledge and practice can be cured or offering, undertaking, attempting or agreeing to cure or treat the same by a secret method, which he refuses to divulge to the board upon request.

(f) Use of any false, fraudulent or forged statement or document, or the use of any fraudulent, deceitful, dishonest or immoral practice in connection with any of the licensing requirements, including the signing in his professional capacity any certificate that is known to be false at the time he makes or signs such certificate.

(g) Failing to identify a physician's school of practice in all professional uses of his name by use of his earned degree or a description of his school of practice.

(9) The refusal of a licensing authority of another state or jurisdiction to issue or renew a license, permit or certificate to practice medicine in that jurisdiction or the revocation, suspension or other restriction imposed on a license, permit or certificate issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that jurisdiction, a certified copy of the disciplinary order or action taken by the other state or jurisdiction being prima facie evidence thereof, notwithstanding the pendency of any appeal.

(10) Surrender of a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state or jurisdiction or surrender of membership on any medical staff or in any

medical or professional association or society while under disciplinary investigation by any of those authorities or bodies for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for action as defined in this section.

(11) Final sanctions imposed by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General or any successor federal agency or office, based upon a finding of incompetency, gross misconduct or failure to meet professionally recognized standards of health care; a certified copy of the notice of final sanction being prima facie evidence thereof. As used in this paragraph, the term "final sanction" means the written notice to a physician from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General or any successor federal agency or office, which implements the exclusion.

(12) Failure to furnish the board, its investigators or representatives information legally requested by the board.

(13) Violation of any provision(s) of the Medical Practice Act or the rules and regulations of the board or of any order, stipulation or agreement with the board.

(14) Violation(s) of the provisions of Sections 41-121-1 through 41-121-9 relating to deceptive advertisement by health care practitioners.

(15) Performing or inducing an abortion on a woman in violation of any provision of Sections 41-41-131 through 41-41-145.

(16) Performing an abortion on a pregnant woman after determining that the unborn human individual that the pregnant woman is carrying has a detectable fetal heartbeat as provided in Section 41-41-34.1.

In addition to the grounds specified above, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

A physician who provides a written certification as authorized under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall not be subject to any disciplinary action under this section solely due to providing the written certification.

SECTION 73. Section 83-9-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-9-22. (1) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, no health coverage plan shall restrict coverage for medically appropriate treatment prescribed by a physician and agreed to by a fully informed insured, or if the insured lacks legal capacity to consent by a person who has legal authority to consent on his or her behalf, based on an insured's diagnosis with a terminal condition. Refusing to pay for treatment rendered to an insured near the end of life that is consistent with best practices for treatment of a disease or condition, approved uses of a drug or device, or uses supported by peer reviewed medical literature, is a per se violation of this section.

(b) Violations of this section shall constitute an unfair trade practice and subject the violator to the penalties provided by law.

(c) As used in this section "terminal condition" means any aggressive malignancy, chronic end-stage cardiovascular or cerebral vascular disease, or any other disease, illness or condition which a physician diagnoses as terminal.

(d) As used in this section, a "health coverage plan" shall mean any hospital, health or medical expense insurance policy, hospital or medical service contract, employee welfare benefit plan, contract or agreement with a health maintenance organization or a preferred provider organization, health and accident insurance policy, or any other insurance contract of this type, including a group insurance plan and the State Health and Life Insurance Plan.



(2) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, no health benefit paid directly or indirectly with state funds, specifically Medicaid, shall restrict coverage for medically appropriate treatment prescribed by a physician and agreed to by a fully informed individual, or if the individual lacks legal capacity to consent by a person who has legal authority to consent on his or her behalf, based on an individual's diagnosis with a terminal condition.

(b) Refusing to pay for treatment rendered to an individual near the end of life that is consistent with best practices for treatment of a disease or condition, approved uses of a drug or device, or uses supported by peer reviewed medical literature, is a per se violation of this section.

(c) As used in this section "terminal condition" means any aggressive malignancy, chronic end-stage cardiovascular or cerebral vascular disease, or any other disease, illness or condition which a physician diagnoses as terminal.

(3) This section does not require a health coverage plan to cover and pay for the treatment of a person who is a cardholder and registered qualifying patient with medical cannabis that is lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

SECTION 74. Sections 1 through 28 and Sections 30 through 33 of this act shall be codified as a new chapter in Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972. Section 29 of this act shall be codified as a new chapter in Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 75. Section 27-7-22.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.5. (1) (a) For any manufacturer, distributor, wholesale or retail merchant who pays to a county, municipality, school district, levee district or any other taxing authority of the state or a political subdivision thereof, ad valorem taxes imposed on commodities, raw materials, works-in-process, products, goods, wares and merchandise held for resale, a credit against the income taxes imposed under this chapter shall be allowed for the portion of the ad valorem taxes so paid in the amounts prescribed in subsection (2).

(b) (i) For any person, firm or corporation who pays to a county, municipality, school district, levee district or any other taxing authority of the state or a political subdivision thereof, ad valorem taxes imposed on rental equipment, a credit against the income taxes imposed under this chapter shall be allowed for the portion of the ad valorem taxes so paid in the amounts prescribed in subsection (2).

(ii) As used in this paragraph, "rental equipment" means any rental equipment or other rental items which are held for short-term rental to the public:

1. Under rental agreements with no specific term;
2. Under at-will or open-ended agreements; or
3. Under rental agreements with terms ordinarily of less than three hundred sixty-five (365) days; and
4. Is not subject to privilege taxes imposed in Chapter 19, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(c) The tax credit allowed by this section may not be claimed by a taxpayer that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(2) The tax credit allowed by this section shall not exceed the amounts set forth in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this subsection; and may be claimed for each location where such commodities, raw material, works-in-process, products, goods, wares, merchandise and/or rental equipment are found and upon which the ad valorem taxes have been paid. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credit was earned.

(a) For the 1994 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(b) For the 1995 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(c) For the 1996 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(d) For the 1997 taxable year and each taxable year thereafter through taxable year 2013, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(e) For the 2014 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(f) For the 2015 taxable year, the tax credit for each location of the taxpayer shall not exceed the lesser of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(g) For the 2016 taxable year and each taxable year thereafter, the tax credit of the taxpayer shall be the lesser of the amount of the ad valorem taxes described in subsection (1) paid or the amount of income taxes due the State of Mississippi that are attributable to such location.

(3) Any amount of ad valorem taxes paid by a taxpayer that is applied toward the tax credit allowed in this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes. In the case of a taxpayer that is a partnership, limited liability company or S corporation, the credit may be applied only to the tax attributable to partnership, limited liability company or S corporation income derived from the taxpayer.

SECTION 76. Section 27-7-22.30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.30. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Manufacturing enterprise" means an enterprise that:

(i) Falls within the definition of the term "manufacturer" in

Section 27-65-11; and

(ii) Has operated in this state for not less than two (2) years

prior to application for the credit authorized by this section \* \* \*.

(b) "Eligible investment" means an investment of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in buildings and/or equipment for the manufacturing enterprise.

The term "manufacturing enterprise" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(2) A manufacturing enterprise is allowed a manufacturing investment tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to five percent (5%) of the eligible investments made by the manufacturing enterprise.

(3) Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) years from the close of the tax year in which the eligible investment was made, but the credit established by this section taken in any one tax year shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the taxpayer's state income tax liability which is attributable to income derived from operations in the state for that year reduced by the sum of all other income tax credits allowable to the taxpayer, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer.

(4) The maximum credit that may be claimed by a taxpayer on any project shall be limited to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(5) The credit received under this section is subject to recapture if the property for which the tax credit was received is disposed of, or converted to, other than business use. The amount of the credit subject to recapture is one hundred percent (100%) of the credit in the first year and fifty percent (50%) of the credit in the second year. This subsection shall not apply in cases in which an entire facility is sold.

(6) The sale, merger, acquisition, reorganization, bankruptcy or relocation from one (1) county to another county within the state of any manufacturing enterprise may not create new eligibility in any succeeding business entity, but any unused manufacturing investment tax credit may be transferred and continued by any transferee of the enterprise. The \* \* \* department shall determine whether or not qualifying net increases

or decreases have occurred or proper transfers of credit have been made and may require reports, promulgate regulations, and hold hearings as needed for substantiation and qualification.

(7) No manufacturing enterprise for the transportation, handling, storage, processing or disposal of hazardous waste is eligible to receive the tax credits provided in this section.

(8) The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other than the manufacturing enterprise actually qualifying for the credits.

SECTION 77. Section 27-31-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-31-51. (1) As used in Sections 27-31-51 through 27-31-61:

(a) "Warehouse" or "storage facility" shall not apply to caves or cavities in the earth, whether natural or artificial;

(b) "Governing authorities" means the board of supervisors of the county wherein the warehouse or storage facility is located or the governing authorities of the municipality wherein the warehouse or storage facility is located, as the case may be;

(c) "Tax assessor" means the tax assessor of each taxing jurisdiction in which the warehouse or storage facility may be located.

(2) All warehouses, public or private, or other storage facilities in the State of Mississippi regularly engaged in the handling and storage of personal property in structures or in places adopted for such handling and storage which is consigned or transferred to such warehouse or storage facility for storage and handling shall be eligible for licensing under the provisions of Sections 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 as a "free port warehouse." A manufacturer of personal property that maintains separate facilities, structures, places or areas for the temporary storage and handling of such personal property pending transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi shall be eligible for licensing under Sections 27-31-51 through 27-31-61 as a "free port warehouse," and any license issued to such a manufacturer before January 1, 2012, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. No medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, or warehouses, facilities, structures, places or areas belonging to or used by a medical cannabis establishment may be licensed as a free port warehouse.

(3) Such licenses shall be issued by the governing authorities to such warehouse or storage facility as will qualify under the definition of "free port warehouse" as herein defined, upon application by the warehouse or storage facility operator.

SECTION 78. Section 27-31-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-31-53. All personal property in transit through this state which is (a) moving in interstate commerce through or over the territory of the State of Mississippi, (b) which was consigned or transferred to a licensed "free port warehouse," public or private, within the State of Mississippi for storage in transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi, whether specified when transportation begins or afterward, (c) manufactured in the State of Mississippi and stored in separate facilities, structures, places or areas maintained by a manufacturer, licensed as a free port warehouse, for temporary storage or handling pending transit to a final destination outside the State of Mississippi, or (d) consigned or transferred to a licensed free port warehouse, public or private, within the State of Mississippi, for storage pending transit to not more than one (1) other location in this state for production or processing into a component or part that is then transported to a final destination outside of the State of Mississippi, may, in the discretion of the board of supervisors of the county wherein the warehouse or storage facility is located, and in the discretion of the governing authorities of the municipality wherein the warehouse or storage facility is located, as the case may be, be exempt from all ad valorem taxes imposed by the respective county or municipality and the property exempted therefrom shall not be deemed to have acquired a situs in the State of Mississippi for the purposes of such taxation. Any exemption granted to a licensed "free port warehouse" pursuant to this section shall be effective as of the first calendar day of the taxable year in which the warehouse applied for the exemption by virtue of submitting the application for licensure, and shall remain in effect for such period of time as the respective governing authority

may prescribe. Such property shall not be deprived of exemption because while in a warehouse the property is bound, divided, broken in bulk, labeled, relabeled or repackaged. Any exemption from ad valorem taxes granted before January 1, 2012, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

The exemption provided for in this section shall not be authorized for any personal property of a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. SECTION 79. Section 27-31-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-101. (1) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to grant exemptions from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation; however, such governing authorities shall not exempt ad valorem taxes for school district purposes on tangible property used in, or necessary to, the operation of the manufacturers and other new enterprises enumerated by classes in this section, except to the extent authorized in Sections 27-31-104 and 27-31-105(2), nor shall they exempt from ad valorem taxes the products of the manufacturers or other new enterprises or automobiles and trucks belonging to the manufacturers or other new enterprises operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi. The time of such exemption shall be for a period not to exceed a total of ten (10) years which shall begin on the date of completion of the new enterprise for which the exemption is granted; however, boards of supervisors and municipal authorities, in lieu of granting the exemption for one (1) period of ten (10) years, may grant the exemption in a period of less than ten (10) years. When the initial exemption period granted is less than ten (10) years, the boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may grant a subsequent consecutive period or periods to follow the initial period of exemption, provided that the total of all periods of exemption shall not exceed ten (10) years. The date of completion of the new enterprise, from which the initial period of exemption shall begin, shall be the date on which operations of the new enterprise begin. The initial request for an exemption must be made in writing by June 1 of the year immediately following the year in which the date of completion of a new enterprise occurs. If the initial request for the exemption is not timely made, the board of supervisors or municipal authorities may grant a subsequent request for the exemption and, in such case, the exemption shall begin on the anniversary date of completion of the enterprise in the year in which the request is made and may be for a period of time extending not more than ten (10) years from the date of completion of the new enterprise. Any subsequent request for the exemption must be made in writing by June 1 of the year in which it is granted.

(2) Any board of supervisors or municipal authority which has granted an exemption for a period of less than ten (10) years may grant subsequent periods of exemption to run consecutively with the initial exemption period, or a subsequently granted exemption period, but in no case shall the total of the exemption periods granted for a new enterprise exceed ten (10) years. Any consecutive period of exemption shall be granted by entry of an order by the board or the authority granting the consecutive exemption on its minutes, reflecting the granting of the consecutive exemption period and the dates upon which such consecutive exemption period begins and expires. The entry of this order granting the consecutive period of exemption shall be made before the expiration of the exemption period immediately preceding the consecutive exemption period being granted.

(3) (a) The new enterprises for which any or all of the tangible property described in paragraph (b) of this subsection (3) may be exempt from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation, ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and ad valorem taxes on the products thereof or on automobiles and trucks belonging thereto and operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, are enumerated as and limited to the following, as determined by the Department of Revenue:

- (i) Warehouse and/or distribution centers;
- (ii) Manufacturing, processors and refineries;
- (iii) Research facilities;
- (iv) Corporate regional and national headquarters meeting

minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) Movie industry studios meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;  
(vi) Air transportation and maintenance facilities meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;  
(vii) Recreational facilities that impact tourism meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;  
(viii) Data/information processing enterprises meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;  
(ix) Technology intensive enterprises or facilities meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;  
(x) Health care industry facilities as defined in Section 57-117-3;

(xi) Data centers as defined in Section 57-113-21; and  
(xii) Telecommunications enterprises meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. The term "telecommunications enterprises" means entities engaged in the creation, display, management, storage, processing, transmission or distribution for compensation of images, text, voice, video or data by wire or by wireless means, or entities engaged in the construction, design, development, manufacture, maintenance or distribution for compensation of devices, products, software or structures used in the above activities. Companies organized to do business as commercial broadcast radio stations, television stations or news organizations primarily serving in-state markets shall not be included within the definition of the term "telecommunications enterprises."

The new enterprises enumerated in this paragraph (a) do not include medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) An exemption from ad valorem taxes granted under this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise enumerated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If an exemption is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise enumerated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(4) Any exemption from ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-101. (1) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to grant exemptions from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation; however, such governing authorities shall not exempt ad valorem taxes for school district purposes on tangible property used in, or necessary to, the operation of the manufacturers and other new enterprises enumerated by classes in this section, except to the extent authorized in Sections 27-31-104 and 27-31-105(2), nor shall they exempt from ad valorem taxes the products of the manufacturers or other new enterprises or automobiles and trucks belonging to the manufacturers or other new enterprises operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi. The time of such exemption shall be for a period not to exceed a total of ten (10) years which shall begin on the date of completion of the new enterprise for which the exemption is granted; however, boards of supervisors and municipal authorities, in lieu of granting the exemption for one (1) period of ten (10) years, may grant the exemption in a period of less than ten (10) years. When the initial exemption period granted is less than ten (10) years, the boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may grant a subsequent consecutive period or periods to follow the initial period of exemption, provided that the total of all periods of exemption shall not exceed ten (10) years. The date of completion of the new enterprise, from which the initial period of exemption shall

begin, shall be the date on which operations of the new enterprise begin. The initial request for an exemption must be made in writing by June 1 of the year immediately following the year in which the date of completion of a new enterprise occurs. If the initial request for the exemption is not timely made, the board of supervisors or municipal authorities may grant a subsequent request for the exemption and, in such case, the exemption shall begin on the anniversary date of completion of the enterprise in the year in which the request is made and may be for a period of time extending not more than ten (10) years from the date of completion of the new enterprise. Any subsequent request for the exemption must be made in writing by June 1 of the year in which it is granted.

(2) Any board of supervisors or municipal authority which has granted an exemption for a period of less than ten (10) years may grant subsequent periods of exemption to run consecutively with the initial exemption period, or a subsequently granted exemption period, but in no case shall the total of the exemption periods granted for a new enterprise exceed ten (10) years. Any consecutive period of exemption shall be granted by entry of an order by the board or the authority granting the consecutive exemption on its minutes, reflecting the granting of the consecutive exemption period and the dates upon which such consecutive exemption period begins and expires. The entry of this order granting the consecutive period of exemption shall be made before the expiration of the exemption period immediately preceding the consecutive exemption period being granted.

(3) (a) The new enterprises for which any or all of the tangible property described in paragraph (b) of this subsection (3) may be exempt from ad valorem taxation, except state ad valorem taxation, ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and ad valorem taxes on the products thereof or on automobiles and trucks belonging thereto and operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, are enumerated as and limited to the following, as determined by the Department of Revenue:

- (i) Warehouse and/or distribution centers;
- (ii) Manufacturing, processors and refineries;
- (iii) Research facilities;
- (iv) Corporate regional and national headquarters meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;
- (v) Movie industry studios meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;
- (vi) Air transportation and maintenance facilities meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;
- (vii) Recreational facilities that impact tourism meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;
- (viii) Data/information processing enterprises meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;
- (ix) Technology intensive enterprises or facilities meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;
- (x) Data centers as defined in Section 57-113-21; and
- (xi) Telecommunications enterprises meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. The term "telecommunications enterprises" means entities engaged in the creation, display, management, storage, processing, transmission or distribution for compensation of images, text, voice, video or data by wire or by wireless means, or entities engaged in the construction, design, development, manufacture, maintenance or distribution for compensation of devices, products, software or structures used in the above activities. Companies organized to do business as commercial broadcast radio stations, television stations or news organizations primarily serving in-state markets shall not be included within the definition of the term "telecommunications enterprises."

The new enterprises enumerated in this paragraph (a) do not include medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) An exemption from ad valorem taxes granted under this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise enumerated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), whether or not such

property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If an exemption is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise enumerated in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(4) Any exemption from ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 80. Section 27-31-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects by a qualified business (as such term is defined in Section 57-117-3) meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(iv) Projects, in addition to those projects referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24) months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the term "existing enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101; or

(v) A private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after January 1, 2014.

County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

(b) A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district

located in the municipality; however, if the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

(4) The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that the millage imposed for the school districts by the appropriate levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case may be, for the duration of the agreement.

(5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that amount. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

(7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and located in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the members of the regional economic development alliance may divide the sum allowed as a fee-in-lieu in a manner as determined by the alliance agreement, and the boards of supervisors of the member counties may then apportion the sum allowed between school district purposes and all other county purposes.

(8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is located may negotiate with the school district in which the project is located and apportion to the school district an amount of the fee-in-lieu that is agreed upon in the negotiations different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the debt service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 57-75-37(3)(c).

(10) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before the effective date of this act, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]



27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5, Mississippi Code of 1972) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects, in addition to those projects referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24) months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iii), the term "existing enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101; or

(iv) A private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after January 1, 2014.

County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

(b) A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district located in the municipality; however, if the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

(4) The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that the millage imposed for the school districts by the

appropriate levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case may be, for the duration of the agreement.

(5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that amount. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

(7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and located in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the members of the regional economic development alliance may divide the sum allowed as a fee-in-lieu in a manner as determined by the alliance agreement, and the boards of supervisors of the member counties may then apportion the sum allowed between school district purposes and all other county purposes.

(8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is located may negotiate with the school district in which the project is located and apportion to the school district an amount of the fee-in-lieu that is agreed upon in the negotiations different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the annual debt service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 57-75-37(3)(c).

(10) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before the effective date of this act, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 81. Section 27-65-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-17. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling any tangible personal property whatsoever there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds of the retail sales of the business.

(b) Retail sales of farm tractors and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such tractors shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when made to farmers for agricultural purposes.

(c) (i) Retail sales of farm implements sold to farmers and used directly in the production of poultry, ratite, domesticated fish as defined in Section 69-7-501, livestock, livestock products, agricultural crops or ornamental plant crops or used for other agricultural purposes, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such implements, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when used on the farm.

(ii) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate shall also apply to all equipment used in logging, pulpwood operations or tree farming, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such equipment, which is either:

1. Self-propelled, or
2. Mounted so that it is permanently attached to

other equipment which is self-propelled or attached to other equipment drawn by a vehicle which is self-propelled.

In order to be eligible for the rate of tax provided for in this subparagraph (ii), such sales must be made to a professional logger. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), a "professional logger" is a person, corporation, limited liability company or other entity, or an agent thereof, who possesses a professional logger's permit issued by the Department of Revenue and who presents the permit to the seller at the time of purchase. The department shall establish an application process for a professional logger's permit to be issued, which shall include a requirement that the applicant submit a copy of documentation verifying that the applicant is certified according to Sustainable Forestry Initiative guidelines. Upon a determination that an applicant is a professional logger, the department shall issue the applicant a numbered professional logger's permit.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, retail sales of aircraft, automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers and manufactured or mobile homes shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(e) Sales of manufacturing machinery or manufacturing machine parts when made to a manufacturer or custom processor for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state in manufacturing a commodity for sale, rental or in processing for a fee shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%).

(f) Sales of machinery and machine parts when made to a technology intensive enterprise for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state for industrial purposes, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or research and development activities, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%). In order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise for purposes of this paragraph:

(i) The enterprise shall meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(ii) The enterprise shall employ at least ten (10) persons in full-time jobs;

(iii) At least ten percent (10%) of the workforce in the facility operated by the enterprise shall be scientists, engineers or computer specialists;

(iv) The enterprise shall manufacture plastics, chemicals, automobiles, aircraft, computers or electronics; or shall be a research and development facility, a computer design or related facility, or a software publishing facility or other technology intensive facility or enterprise as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) The average wage of all workers employed by the enterprise at the facility shall be at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the state average annual wage; and

(vi) The enterprise must provide a basic health care plan to all employees at the facility.

A medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, shall not be considered to be a technology intensive enterprise for the purposes of this paragraph (f).

(g) Sales of materials for use in track and track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(h) Sales of tangible personal property to electric power associations for use in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%).

(i) Wholesale sales of beer shall be taxed at the rate of seven percent (7%), and the retailer shall file a return and compute the retail tax on retail sales but may take credit for the amount of the tax paid to the wholesaler on said return covering the

subsequent sales of same property, provided adequate invoices and records are maintained to substantiate the credit.

(j) Wholesale sales of food and drink for human consumption to full-service vending machine operators to be sold through vending machines located apart from and not connected with other taxable businesses shall be taxed at the rate of eight percent (8%).

(k) Sales of equipment used or designed for the purpose of assisting disabled persons, such as wheelchair equipment and lifts, that is mounted or attached to or installed on a private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, at the time when the private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property is sold shall be taxed at the same rate as the sale of such vehicles under this section.

(l) Sales of the factory-built components of modular homes, panelized homes and precut homes, and panel constructed homes consisting of structural insulated panels, shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(m) Sales of materials used in the repair, renovation, addition to, expansion and/or improvement of buildings and related facilities used by a dairy producer shall be taxed at the rate of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%). For the purposes of this paragraph (m), "dairy producer" means any person engaged in the production of milk for commercial use.

(2) From and after January 1, 1995, retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, shall be taxed an additional two percent (2%).

(3) A manufacturer selling at retail in this state shall be required to make returns of the gross proceeds of such sales and pay the tax imposed in this section.

SECTION 82. Section 27-65-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-101. (1) The exemptions from the provisions of this chapter which are of an industrial nature or which are more properly classified as industrial exemptions than any other exemption classification of this chapter shall be confined to those persons or property exempted by this section or by the provisions of the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi. No industrial exemption as now provided by any other section except Section 57-3-33 shall be valid as against the tax herein levied. Any subsequent industrial exemption from the tax levied hereunder shall be provided by amendment to this section. No exemption provided in this section shall apply to taxes levied by Section 27-65-15 or 27-65-21.

The tax levied by this chapter shall not apply to the following:

(a) Sales of boxes, crates, cartons, cans, bottles and other packaging materials to manufacturers and wholesalers for use as containers or shipping materials to accompany goods sold by said manufacturers or wholesalers where possession thereof will pass to the customer at the time of sale of the goods contained therein and sales to anyone of containers or shipping materials for use in ships engaged in international commerce.

(b) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases (except natural gas) to a manufacturer for use directly in manufacturing or processing a product for sale or rental or repairing or reconditioning vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement and over. For the purposes of this exemption, electricity used directly in the electrolysis process in the production of sodium chlorate shall be considered a raw material. This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel except to the extent that such fuel comprises by-products which have no market value.

(c) The gross proceeds of sales of dry docks, offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or production, vessels or barges of fifty (50) tons load displacement and over, when the vessels or barges are sold by the manufacturer or builder thereof. In addition to other types of equipment, offshore drilling equipment for use in oil or natural gas exploration or production shall include aircraft used predominately to transport passengers or property to or from offshore oil or natural gas exploration or production platforms or vessels, and engines, accessories and spare parts for such aircraft.

(d) Sales to commercial fishermen of commercial fishing boats of over five (5) tons load displacement and not more than fifty (50) tons load displacement as registered with the United States Coast Guard and licensed by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

(e) The gross income from repairs to vessels and barges engaged in foreign trade or interstate transportation.

(f) Sales of petroleum products to vessels or barges for consumption in marine international commerce or interstate transportation businesses.

(g) Sales and rentals of rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof) for ultimate use in interstate commerce and gross income from services with respect to manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof).

(h) Sales of raw materials, catalysts, processing chemicals, welding gases or other industrial processing gases (except natural gas) used or consumed directly in manufacturing, repairing, cleaning, altering, reconditioning or improving such rail rolling stock (and component parts thereof). This exemption shall not apply to any property used as fuel.

(i) Sales of machinery or tools or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof, fuel or supplies used directly in manufacturing, converting or repairing ships, vessels or barges of three thousand (3,000) tons load displacement and over, but not to include office and plant supplies or other equipment not directly used on the ship, vessel or barge being built, converted or repaired. For purposes of this exemption, "ships, vessels or barges" shall not include floating structures described in Section 27-65-18.

(j) Sales of tangible personal property to persons operating ships in international commerce for use or consumption on board such ships. This exemption shall be limited to cases in which procedures satisfactory to the commissioner, ensuring against use in this state other than on such ships, are established.

(k) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-51-5, which are located in a county or portion thereof designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to Sections 57-51-1 through 57-51-15.

(l) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-54-5.

(m) Income from storage and handling of perishable goods by a public storage warehouse.

(n) The value of natural gas lawfully injected into the earth for cycling, repressuring or lifting of oil, or lawfully vented or flared in connection with the production of oil; however, if any gas so injected into the earth is sold for such purposes, then the gas so sold shall not be exempt.

(o) The gross collections from self-service commercial laundering, drying, cleaning and pressing equipment.

(p) Sales of materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the building, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified companies, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority under Section 57-53-1.

(q) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, not later than three (3) months after the initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging in manufacturing or processing in Tier Three areas (as such term is defined in Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for

the exemption granted in this paragraph (q). The exemption provided in this paragraph (q) shall not apply to sales to any business enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(r) (i) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters from within or outside the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) jobs at the new headquarters in this state. The exemption provided in this subparagraph (i) shall not apply to sales for any company that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the exemption provided in this subparagraph (i).

(ii) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the building, addition or improvement thereon, to be used therein, for any company expanding or making additions after January 1, 2013, to its national or regional headquarters within the State of Mississippi and creating a minimum of twenty (20) new jobs at the headquarters as a result of the expansion or additions. The exemption provided in this subparagraph (ii) shall not apply to sales for any company that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for the purpose of receiving the exemption provided in this subparagraph (ii).

(s) The gross proceeds from the sale of semitrailers, trailers, boats, travel trailers, motorcycles, all-terrain cycles and rotary-wing aircraft if exported from this state within forty-eight (48) hours and registered and first used in another state.

(t) Gross income from the storage and handling of natural gas in underground salt domes and in other underground reservoirs, caverns, structures and formations suitable for such storage.

(u) Sales of machinery and equipment to nonprofit organizations if the organization:

(i) Is tax exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(ii) Assists in the implementation of the contingency plan or area contingency plan, and which is created in response to the requirements of Title IV, Subtitle B of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Public Law 101-380; and

(iii) Engages primarily in programs to contain, clean up and otherwise mitigate spills of oil or other substances occurring in the United States coastal and tidal waters.

For purposes of this exemption, "machinery and equipment" means any ocean-going vessels, barges, booms, skimmers and other capital equipment used primarily in the operations of nonprofit organizations referred to herein.

(v) Sales or leases of materials and equipment to approved business enterprises as provided under the Growth and Prosperity Act.

(w) From and after July 1, 2001, sales of pollution control equipment to manufacturers or custom processors for industrial use. For the purposes of this exemption, "pollution control equipment" means equipment, devices, machinery or systems used or acquired to prevent, control, monitor or reduce air, water or groundwater pollution, or solid or hazardous waste as required by federal or state law or regulation.

(x) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of motor vehicles or powertrain components operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies,

electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the manufacture of motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

(y) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi), Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) and any other sales or leases required to establish or operate such project.

(z) Sales of component materials and equipment to a business enterprise as provided under Section 57-64-33.

(aa) The gross income from the stripping and painting of commercial aircraft engaged in foreign or interstate transportation business.

(bb) [Repealed]

(cc) Sales or leases to an enterprise owning or operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) of machinery and equipment; special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal and natural gas used directly in the manufacturing/production operations of the project or used to provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas.

(dd) Sales or leases of component materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon to an enterprise owning or operating a project that has been designated by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) and any other sales or leases required to establish or operate such project.

(ee) Sales of parts used in the repair and servicing of aircraft not registered in Mississippi engaged exclusively in the business of foreign or interstate transportation to businesses engaged in aircraft repair and maintenance.

(ff) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. The exemption provided in this paragraph (ff) shall not apply to sales to any business enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(gg) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the facility or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Three areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), as certified by the Department of Revenue. For purposes of this paragraph, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise.

(hh) Sales of component materials used in the replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building or facility that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to enterprises or companies that were eligible for the exemptions authorized in paragraph (q), (r), (ff) or (gg) of this subsection during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises or companies are certified

by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this paragraph.

(ii) Sales of software or software services transmitted by the Internet to a destination outside the State of Mississippi where the first use of such software or software services by the purchaser occurs outside the State of Mississippi.

(jj) Gross income of public storage warehouses derived from the temporary storage of raw materials that are to be used in an eligible facility as defined in Section 27-7-22.35.

(kk) Sales of component building materials and equipment for initial construction of facilities or expansion of facilities as authorized under Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7 and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(ll) Sales and leases of machinery and equipment acquired in the initial construction to establish facilities as authorized in Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7.

(mm) Sales and leases of replacement hardware, software or other necessary technology to operate a data center as authorized under Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(nn) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of the construction of the facility, to be used in the facility, to permanent business enterprises operating a facility producing renewable crude oil from biomass harvested or produced, in whole or in part, in Mississippi, which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. As used in this paragraph, the term "biomass" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-113-1.

(oo) Sales of supplies, equipment and other personal property to an organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is the host organization coordinating a professional golf tournament played or to be played in this state and the supplies, equipment or other personal property will be used for purposes related to the golf tournament and related activities.

(pp) Sales of materials used in the construction of a health care industry facility, as defined in Section 57-117-3, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales of any machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition thereon, to be used therein, to qualified businesses, as defined in Section 57-117-3. This paragraph shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2022.

(qq) Sales or leases to a manufacturer of automotive parts operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) of machinery and equipment; or repair parts therefor or replacements thereof; repair services thereon; fuel, supplies, electricity, coal, nitrogen and natural gas used directly in the manufacture of automotive parts or used to provide climate control for manufacturing areas.

(rr) Gross collections derived from guided tours on any navigable waters of this state, which include providing accommodations, guide services and/or related equipment operated by or under the direction of the person providing the tour, for the purposes of outdoor tourism. The exemption provided in this paragraph (rr) does not apply to the sale of tangible personal property by a person providing such tours.

(ss) Retail sales of truck-tractors and semitrailers used in interstate commerce and registered under the International Registration Plan (IRP) or any similar reciprocity agreement or compact relating to the proportional registration of commercial vehicles entered into as provided for in Section 27-19-143.

(tt) Sales exempt under the Facilitating Business Rapid Response to State Declared Disasters Act of 2015 (Sections 27-113-1 through 27-113-9).

(uu) Sales or leases to an enterprise and its affiliates operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) of:

(i) All personal property and fixtures, including without limitation, sales or leases to the enterprise and its affiliates of:

1. Manufacturing machinery and equipment;



2. Special tooling such as dies, molds, jigs and similar items treated as special tooling for federal income tax purposes;

3. Component building materials, machinery and equipment used in the construction of buildings, and any other additions or improvements to the project site for the project;

4. Nonmanufacturing furniture, fixtures and equipment (inclusive of all communications, computer, server, software and other hardware equipment); and

5. Fuel, supplies (other than nonmanufacturing consumable supplies and water), electricity, nitrogen gas and natural gas used directly in the manufacturing/production operations of such project or used to provide climate control for manufacturing/production areas of such project;

(ii) All replacements of, repair parts for or services to repair items described in subparagraph (i) 1, 2 and 3 of this paragraph; and

(iii) All services taxable pursuant to Section 27-65-23 required to establish, support, operate, repair and/or maintain such project.

(vv) Sales or leases to an enterprise operating a project that has been certified by the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority as a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxx) of:

(i) Purchases required to establish and operate the project, including, but not limited to, sales of component building materials, machinery and equipment required to establish the project facility and any additions or improvements thereon; and

(ii) Machinery, special tools (such as dies, molds, and jigs) or repair parts thereof, or replacements and lease thereof, repair services thereon, fuel, supplies and electricity, coal and natural gas used in the manufacturing process and purchased by the enterprise owning or operating the project for the benefit of the project.

(ww) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any expansion or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and/or equipment to be used therein, and sales of processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation which is not by its nature intended to be housed in a building structure, no later than three (3) months after initial startup, expansion or improvement of a permanent enterprise solely engaged in the conversion of natural sand into proppants used in oil and gas exploration and development with at least ninety-five percent (95%) of such proppants used in the production of oil and/or gas from horizontally drilled wells and/or horizontally drilled recompletion wells as defined in Sections 27-25-501 and 27-25-701.

(2) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a building, or any addition or improvement thereon, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein, and sales of manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, not later than three (3) months after the initial start-up date, to permanent business enterprises engaging in manufacturing or processing in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter. The exemption provided in this subsection (2) shall not apply to sales to any business enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(3) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereon, and sales or leases of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to a permanent business enterprise operating a data/information enterprise in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transaction under this chapter. The exemption provided in this subsection (3) shall not

apply to sales to any business enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(4) Sales of component materials used in the construction of a facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, and sales of machinery and equipment not later than three (3) months after the completion of construction of the facility, or any addition or improvement thereto, to be used in the building or any addition or improvement thereto, to technology intensive enterprises for industrial purposes in Tier Two areas and Tier One areas (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), which businesses are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter. For purposes of this subsection, an enterprise must meet the criteria provided for in Section 27-65-17(1)(f) in order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise.

(5) (a) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Telecommunications enterprises" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-73-21;

(ii) "Tier One areas" mean counties designated as Tier One areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

(iii) "Tier Two areas" mean counties designated as Tier Two areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21;

(iv) "Tier Three areas" mean counties designated as Tier Three areas pursuant to Section 57-73-21; and

(v) "Equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies" means any equipment capable of being used for or in connection with the transmission of information at a rate, prior to taking into account the effects of any signal degradation, that is not less than three hundred eighty-four (384) kilobits per second in at least one (1) direction, including, but not limited to, asynchronous transfer mode switches, digital subscriber line access multiplexers, routers, servers, multiplexers, fiber optics and related equipment.

(b) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2025, that is installed in Tier One areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(c) Sales of equipment to telecommunications enterprises after June 30, 2003, and before July 1, 2025, that is installed in Tier Two and Tier Three areas and used in the deployment of broadband technologies shall be exempt from the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

(6) Sales of component materials used in the replacement, reconstruction or repair of a building that has been destroyed or sustained extensive damage as a result of a disaster declared by the Governor, sales of machinery and equipment to be used therein to replace machinery or equipment damaged or destroyed as a result of such disaster, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or processing machinery and equipment which is permanently attached to the ground or to a permanent foundation and which is not by its nature intended to be housed within a building structure, to enterprises that were eligible for the partial exemptions provided for in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section during initial construction of the building that was destroyed or damaged, which enterprises are certified by the Department of Revenue as being eligible for the partial exemption granted in this subsection, shall be exempt from one-half (1/2) of the taxes imposed on such transactions under this chapter.

SECTION 83. Section 37-148-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-148-3. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "College" means the state institutions of higher learning in Mississippi which are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

(b) "Investor" means a natural person, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust or other business entity, not formed for the specific purpose of acquiring the rebate offered, which is subject to Mississippi income

tax. The term "investor" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(c) "Qualified research" means the systematic investigative process that is undertaken for the purpose of discovering information. The term "qualified research" does not include research conducted outside the State of Mississippi or research expenses that are already being funded by any grant, contract or otherwise by another person or governmental entity.

(d) "Research agreement" means a written contract, grant or cooperative agreement entered into between a person and a college or research corporation for the performance of qualified research. All qualified research costs generating a SMART Business Rebate must be spent by the college or research corporation on qualified research undertaken according to a research agreement.

(e) "Research corporation" means any research corporation formed under Section 37-147-15 if the corporation is wholly owned by or affiliated with a college and all income and profits of the corporation inure to the benefit of the college.

(f) "Qualified research costs" means costs paid or incurred by an investor to a college or research corporation for qualified research undertaken according to a research agreement.

(g) "State" means the State of Mississippi or a governmental entity of the State of Mississippi.

(h) "IHL" means the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi.

(i) "SMART Business" means Strengthening Mississippi Academic Research Through Business.

(j) "Applicant" means a college or research corporation applying for SMART Business Accelerate Initiative funds to develop state-owned intellectual property into products and services.

(k) "Qualified validation expense" includes, but is not limited to, services that accelerate the development of early product concepts, conducting proof-of-concept studies, and manufacturing prototypes to perform research validation. Qualified validation expense does not include salaries or wages associated with a licensee of state-owned intellectual property, legal fees or any payment in conflict with state law.

(l) "Research validation" means research intended to validate the commercial viability of state-owned intellectual property.

(m) "Disbursement" means a grant of funds to support research validation.

SECTION 84. Section 57-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-16. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Extraordinary economic development opportunity" means a new or expanded business or industry which maintains a strong financial condition and minimal credit risk and creates substantial employment, particularly in areas of high unemployment. The term "extraordinary economic development opportunity" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "Local economic development entities" means state institutions of higher learning or public or private nonprofit local economic development entities including, but not limited to, chambers of commerce, local authorities, commissions or other entities created by local and private legislation or districts created pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(c) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the ACE Fund, which shall consist of money from any public or private source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. The purpose of the fund shall be to assist in maximizing extraordinary economic development opportunities related to any new or expanded business or industry or to assist a local unit of government as authorized in subsection (5) of this section. Such funds may be used

to make grants to local economic development entities to assist any new or expanding business or industry that meets the criteria provided in this section when such assistance aids the consummation of a project within the State of Mississippi, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of Mississippi, or to make grants to a local unit of government as authorized in subsection (5) of this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a grant program to make grants from the ACE Fund created under this section. Local economic development entities may apply to the MDA for a grant under this section in the manner provided for in subsection (4) of this section. Local units of government may apply to the MDA for a grant under this section in the manner provided in subsection (5) of this section.

(4) (a) Any business or industry desiring assistance from a local economic development entity under this section shall submit an application to the local economic development entity which shall include, at a minimum:

- (i) Evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an extraordinary economic development opportunity;
- (ii) A demonstration that the business or industry is at an economic disadvantage by locating the new or expanded project in the county;
- (iii) A description, including the cost, of the requested assistance;
- (iv) A description of the purpose for which the assistance is requested;
- (v) A two-year business plan;
- (vi) Financial statements or tax returns for the three (3) years immediately prior to the application;
- (vii) Credit reports on all persons or entities with a twenty percent (20%) or greater interest in the business or industry; and
- (viii) Any other information required by the MDA.

(b) The MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

- (i) The minimum requirements of this section and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and
- (ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(c) Upon receipt of the application from a business or industry, the local economic development entity may apply to the MDA for assistance under this section. Such application must contain evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an extraordinary economic development opportunity, a demonstration that the business or industry is at an economic disadvantage by locating the new or expanded project in the county, a description, including the cost, of the requested assistance, and a statement of what efforts have been made or are being made by the business or industry for securing or qualifying for other local, state, federal or private funds for the project.

(d) The MDA shall have sole discretion in the awarding of ACE funds, provided that the business or industry and the local economic development entity have met the statutory requirements of this section. However, in making grants under this section, the MDA shall attempt to provide for an equitable distribution of such grants among each of the congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic development across the entire state.

(5) (a) The MDA may make grants to local units of government to assist the local unit of government in purchasing real property for the benefit of an existing industry that commits to maintain a minimum of one thousand three hundred (1,300) jobs for a minimum of ten (10) years after the date the grant is made. The MDA shall not make

grants under this subsection to assist local units of government for the benefit of any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) Any local unit of government seeking a grant authorized under this subsection shall apply to MDA. The application shall contain such information as the MDA may require.

(c) The MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

(i) The minimum requirements of this subsection and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and

(ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(6) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for the implementation of this section. However, before the implementation of any such rules and regulations, they shall be submitted to a committee consisting of five (5) members of the Senate Finance Committee and five (5) members of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, appointed by the respective committee chairmen.

SECTION 85. Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-221. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Approved business enterprise" means any project that:

(i) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and creates a minimum of two hundred fifty (250) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties;

(ii) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and creates a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) new, full-time jobs with a total capital investment in the state of a minimum of Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) in areas federally designated as low-income census tracts;

(iii) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and creates a minimum of one thousand (1,000) new, full-time jobs;

(iv) Is a manufacturer of high-end kitchen appliances having at least four hundred (400) employees working at its Mississippi facilities on January 1, 2015, and with a capital investment of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) made after July 1, 2014, through four (4) years after July 1, 2015, that expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, and retains a minimum of four hundred (400) jobs; or

(v) Locates or expands in this state, including any federal Indian reservation located within the geographical boundary of this state, with significant regional impact as determined by MDA.

(b) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) "Facility related to the project" means and includes any of the following, as they may pertain to the project:

(i) Facilities to provide potable and industrial water supply systems, sewage and waste disposal systems and water, natural gas and electric transmission systems to the site of the project;

(ii) Building facilities and equipment necessary to operate the facility;

(iii) Rail lines;

(iv) Airports, airfields, air terminals and port facilities;

(v) Highways, streets and other roadways; and

(vi) Fire protection facilities, equipment and elevated water

tanks.

(d) "Project" means any industrial, commercial, research and development, warehousing, distribution, transportation, processing, mining, United States government or tourism enterprise together with all real property required for construction,

maintenance and operation of the enterprise that is approved by the MDA. The term "project" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(2) (a) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund which shall consist of monies from any source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Except as otherwise provided, monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Mississippi Development Authority for the purposes authorized in subsection (3) of this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Mississippi State University for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a high-performance computing data center that is home to federally designated centers of computing excellence. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall allocate and disburse Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the fund as a grant to Delta Health System for capital costs related to hospital systems expansion. The disbursement of such funds shall not be subject to any requirements of this section relating to grants and loans made by the Mississippi Development Authority under this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall disburse such funds to Delta Health System not later than thirty (30) days after April 22, 2021.

(b) Monies in the fund that are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants or loans from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund to local governments, including, but not limited to, counties, municipalities, industrial development authorities and economic development districts, and approved business enterprises to construct or otherwise provide facilities related to the project. Local governments are authorized to accept grants and enter into loans authorized under the program, and to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of a project or any property related to the project in whole or in part.

(4) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any business enterprise or local government desiring a grant or loan under this section shall submit an application to the MDA which shall include, at a minimum:

(i) Evidence that the business or industry meets the definition of an approved business enterprise;

(ii) A description, including the cost, of the requested assistance;

(iii) A description of the purpose for which the assistance is requested; and

(iv) Any other information required by the MDA.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the MDA shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

(i) The minimum requirements of this section and such other requirements as the MDA considers proper shall be met; and

(ii) If such requirements are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided by this section as determined by the MDA shall be repaid.

(c) Upon receipt of the application from a business enterprise or local government for a grant or loan under this section, the MDA shall determine whether the enterprise meets the definition of an approved business enterprise and determine whether to provide the assistance requested in the form of a grant or a loan.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)(a) of this section, the MDA shall have sole discretion in providing grants or loans under this section. The terms of a grant or loan provided under this section and the manner of repayment of any loan shall be within the discretion of the MDA. Repayments of loans made under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund until the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). Once the uncommitted balance in the fund reaches Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), repayments of loans under this section shall be deposited to the credit of Fund No. 3951 in the State Treasury to pay debt service on bonds until such time as the uncommitted balance in the fund falls below Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00).

(e) The MDA shall notify the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the approval of any grant or loan application thirty (30) days prior to the disbursement of any monies for the loan or grant from the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund. The notification shall identify the applicant and the purposes for which the loan or grant is made.

(5) (a) Contracts, by local governments, including, but not limited to, design and construction contracts, for the acquisition, purchase, construction or installation of a project shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 31-7-13 if:

(i) The MDA finds and records such finding on its minutes, that because of availability or the particular nature of a project, it would not be in the public interest or would less effectively achieve the purposes of this section to enter into such contracts on the basis of Section 31-7-13; and

(ii) The approved business enterprise that is involved in the project concurs in such finding.

(b) When the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection are met:

(i) The requirements of Section 31-7-13 shall not apply to such contracts; and

(ii) The contracts may be entered into on the basis of negotiation.

(6) It is the policy of the MDA and the MDA is authorized to accommodate and support any enterprise that receives a loan under this section for a project defined in Section 17-25-23 that wishes to have a program of diversity in contracting, and/or that wishes to do business with or cause its prime contractor to do business with Mississippi companies, including those companies that are small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 USCS 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the purposes of this subsection.

(7) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 86. Section 57-10-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[In cases involving an economic development project for which the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation has issued bonds for the purpose of financing the approved costs of such project prior to July 1, 1994, this section shall read as follows:]

57-10-401. As used in Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-445, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Approved company" means any eligible company seeking to locate an economic development project in a county, which eligible company is approved by the corporation.

(b) "Approved costs" means:

(i) Obligations incurred for equipment and labor and to contractors, subcontractors, builders and materialmen in connection with the acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project;

(ii) The cost of acquiring land or rights in land and any cost incidental thereto, including recording fees;

(iii) The cost of contract bonds and of insurance of all kinds that may be required or necessary during the course of acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project which is not paid by the contractor or contractors or otherwise provided for;

(iv) All costs of architectural and engineering services, including test borings, surveys, estimates, plans and specifications, preliminary investigations, and supervision of construction, as well as for the performance of all the duties required by or consequent upon the acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project;

(v) All costs which shall be required to be paid under the terms of any contract or contracts for the acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project;

(vi) All costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection with the issuance of bonds pursuant to Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-445;

(vii) All costs funded by a loan made under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act; and

(viii) All costs of professionals permitted to be engaged under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act for a loan made under such act.

(c) "Assessment" means the job development assessment fee authorized in Section 57-10-413.

(d) "Bonds" means the revenue bonds, notes or other debt obligations of the corporation authorized to be issued by the corporation on behalf of an eligible company or other state agency.

(e) "Corporation" means the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation created under Section 57-10-167, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(f) "Economic development project" means and includes the acquisition of any equipment or real estate in a county and the construction and installation thereon, and with respect thereto, of improvements and facilities necessary or desirable for improvement of the real estate, including surveys, site tests and inspections, subsurface site work, excavation, removal of structures, roadways, cemeteries and other surface obstructions, filling, grading and provision of drainage, storm water detention, installation of utilities such as water, sewer, sewage treatment, gas, electricity, communications and similar facilities, off-site construction of utility extensions to the boundaries of the real estate, and the acquisition, construction and installation of manufacturing, telecommunications, data processing, distribution or warehouse facilities on the real estate, for lease or financial arrangement by the corporation to an approved company for use and occupancy by the approved company or its affiliates for manufacturing, telecommunications, data processing, distribution or warehouse purposes. Such term also includes, without limitation, any project the financing of which has been approved under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act. From and after January 1, 2014, such term also includes the economic development project of a related approved company that is merged into or consolidated with another approved company where the approved companies are engaged in a vertically integrated manufacturing or warehouse operation.

(g) "Eligible company" means any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust, or other entity which is:

(i) Engaged in manufacturing which meets the standards promulgated by the corporation under Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-445;

(ii) A private company approved by the corporation for a loan under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act;

(iii) A distribution or warehouse facility employing a minimum of fifty (50) people or employing a minimum of twenty (20) people and having a capital investment in such facility of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00); or

(iv) A telecommunications or data processing business.

(h) "Executive director" means the Executive Director of the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.



(i) "Financing agreement" means any financing documents and agreements, indentures, loan agreements, lease agreements, security agreements and the like, entered into by and among the corporation, private lenders and an approved company with respect to an economic development project.

(j) "Manufacturing" means any activity involving the manufacturing, processing, assembling or production of any property, including the processing resulting in a change in the conditions of the property and any activity functionally related thereto, together with the storage, warehousing, distribution and related office facilities in respect thereof as determined by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; however, in no event shall "manufacturing" include mining, coal or mineral processing, or extraction of Mississippi minerals.

(k) "State agency" means any state board, commission, committee, council, university, department or unit thereof created by the Constitution or laws of this state.

(l) "Revenues" shall not be considered state funds.

(m) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(n) "Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act" means the provisions of law contained in Section 57-71-1 et seq.

[In cases involving an economic development project for which the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation has not issued bonds for the purpose of financing the approved costs of such project prior to July 1, 1994, this section shall read as follows:]

57-10-401. As used in Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-445, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Approved company" means any eligible company seeking to locate an economic development project in a county, which eligible company is approved by the corporation.

(b) "Approved costs" means:

(i) Obligations incurred for equipment and labor and to contractors, subcontractors, builders and materialmen in connection with the acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project;

(ii) The cost of acquiring land or rights in land and any cost incidental thereto, including recording fees;

(iii) The cost of contract bonds and of insurance of all kinds that may be required or necessary during the course of acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project which is not paid by the contractor or contractors or otherwise provided for;

(iv) All costs of architectural and engineering services, including test borings, surveys, estimates, plans and specifications, preliminary investigations, and supervision of construction, as well as for the performance of all the duties required by or consequent upon the acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project;

(v) All costs which shall be required to be paid under the terms of any contract or contracts for the acquisition, construction and installation of an economic development project;

(vi) All costs, expenses and fees incurred in connection with the issuance of bonds pursuant to Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-445;

(vii) All costs funded by a loan made under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act; and

(viii) All costs of professionals permitted to be engaged under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act for a loan made under such act.

(c) "Assessment" means the job development assessment fee authorized in Section 57-10-413.

(d) "Bonds" means the revenue bonds, notes or other debt obligations of the corporation authorized to be issued by the corporation on behalf of an eligible company or other state agency.

(e) "Corporation" means the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation created under Section 57-10-167, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(f) "Economic development project" means and includes the acquisition of any equipment or real estate in a county and the construction and installation thereon, and with respect thereto, of improvements and facilities necessary or desirable for improvement of the real estate, including surveys, site tests and inspections, subsurface site work, excavation, removal of structures, roadways, cemeteries and other surface obstructions, filling, grading and provision of drainage, storm water detention, installation of utilities such as water, sewer, sewage treatment, gas, electricity, communications and similar facilities, off-site construction of utility extensions to the boundaries of the real estate, and the acquisition, construction and installation of manufacturing, telecommunications, data processing, distribution or warehouse facilities on the real estate, for lease or financial arrangement by the corporation to an approved company for use and occupancy by the approved company or its affiliates for manufacturing, telecommunications, data processing, distribution or warehouse purposes. Such term also includes, without limitation, any project the financing of which has been approved under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act.

If an eligible company closes a facility in this state and becomes an approved company under the provisions of Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-449, only that portion of the project for which such company is attempting to obtain financing that is in excess of the value of the closed facility shall be included within the definition of the term "economic development project." The Mississippi Business Finance Corporation shall promulgate rules and regulations to govern the determination of the difference between the value of the closed facility and the new facility.

(g) "Eligible company" means any corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust, or other entity which:

(i) Engaged in manufacturing which meets the standards promulgated by the corporation under Sections 57-10-401 through 57-10-445;

(ii) A private company approved by the corporation for a loan under the Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act;

(iii) A distribution or warehouse facility employing a minimum of fifty (50) people or employing a minimum of twenty (20) people and having a capital investment in such facility of at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00);

(iv) A telecommunications or data/information processing business meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation;

(v) National or regional headquarters meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation;

(vi) Research and development facilities meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; or

(vii) Technology intensive enterprises or facilities meeting criteria established by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.

The term "eligible company" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(h) "Executive director" means the Executive Director of the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.

(i) "Financing agreement" means any financing documents and agreements, indentures, loan agreements, lease agreements, security agreements and the like, entered into by and among the corporation, private lenders and an approved company with respect to an economic development project.

(j) "Manufacturing" means any activity involving the manufacturing, processing, assembling or production of any property, including the processing resulting in a change in the conditions of the property and any activity functionally related thereto, together with the storage, warehousing, distribution and related office facilities in respect thereof as determined by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; however, in no event shall "manufacturing" include mining, coal or mineral processing, or extraction of Mississippi minerals.

(k) "State agency" means any state board, commission, committee, council, university, department or unit thereof created by the Constitution or laws of this state.

(l) "Revenues" shall not be considered state funds.

(m) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(n) "Mississippi Small Enterprise Development Finance Act" means the provisions of law contained in Section 57-71-1 et seq.

SECTION 87. Section 57-61-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-5. The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Mississippi \* \* \* Development Authority.

(b) "Board" means the Mississippi \* \* \* Development Authority operating through its executive director.

(c) "Improvements" means the construction, rehabilitation or repair of drainage systems; energy facilities (power generation and distribution); fire safety facilities (excluding vehicles); sewer systems (pipe treatment); transportation directly affecting the site of the proposed investment, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, rail, port, river, airport or pipeline (excluding vehicles); bulkheads; buildings; and facilities necessary to accommodate a United States Navy home port; and means land reclamation; waste disposal; water supply (storage, treatment and distribution); land acquisition; and the dredging of channels and basins.

(d) "Municipality" means any county or any incorporated city, or town, acting individually or jointly, or any agency of the State of Mississippi operating a state-owned port.

(e) "Private company" means any agricultural, aquacultural, maricultural, industrial, manufacturing, service, tourism, or research and development enterprise or enterprises. The term "private company" shall not include any retail trade enterprise except regional shopping malls having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00). The term "private company" shall not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. No more than fifteen percent (15%) of the aggregate funds made available under this chapter shall be used to fund aquacultural, maricultural and tourism enterprises. The funds made available to tourism enterprises under this chapter shall be limited to infrastructure improvements and to the acquisition of land and shall not be made available to fund tourism promotions or to fund the construction, improvement or acquisition of hotels and/or motels or to finance or refinance any obligations of hotels and/or motels.

(f) "Governmental unit" means a department or subsidiary of the United States government, or an agency of the State of Mississippi operating a state-owned port.

(g) "Private match" means any new private investment by the private company and/or governmental unit in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets, and improvements of the project used to match improvements funded under this chapter. The term "private match" includes improvements made prior to the effective date of this chapter [Laws, 1986, Chapter 419, effective March 31, 1986] pursuant to contracts entered into contingent upon assistance being made available under this chapter.

(h) "Publicly owned property" means property which is owned by the local, state or United States government and is not under the control of a private company.

(i) "Director" means the Executive Director of the \* \* \* Mississippi Development Authority.

(j) "Small community" means a county with a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or less; or a municipality with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less and any area within five (5) miles of the limits of such municipality, according to the most recent federal decennial census.

(k) "Strategic investment" means an investment by the private and public sectors that will have a major impact on job creation and maintenance in the state of no less than one hundred fifty (150) jobs, that will have a major impact on enlargement and enhancement of international and foreign trade and commerce to and from the State of Mississippi, or which is considered to be unique to the state and have statewide or regional impact as determined by the department.

(l) "Seller" means the State Bond Commission or the State Development Bank.

SECTION 88. Section 57-62-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments prior to July 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business;

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment;

(c) "Full-time job" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week;

(d) "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry;

(e) "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry;

(f) "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs;

(g) "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (g), the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the gross payroll; and shall be set in the sole discretion of the MDA;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits;

(h) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry; and

(i) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2005, but prior to July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which:

(i) Is a data/information processing enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than two hundred

(200) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than one hundred (100) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21);

(ii) Is a manufacturing or distribution enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, invests not less than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) in land, buildings and equipment, and creates not less than fifty (50) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than twenty (20) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21);

(iii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than twenty-five (25) new direct jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier One or Tier Two area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21), or which creates not less than ten (10) new jobs if the enterprise is located in a Tier Three area (as such areas are designated in accordance with Section 57-73-21). An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business; or

(iv) Is a research and development or a technology intensive enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than ten (10) new direct jobs.

An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business.

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. "New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment.

(c) "Full-time job" or "full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Estimated direct state benefits" means the tax revenues projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry.

(e) "Estimated direct state costs" means the costs projected by the MDA to accrue to the state as a result of the qualified business or industry.

(f) "Estimated net direct state benefits" means the estimated direct state benefits less the estimated direct state costs.

(g) "Net benefit rate" means the estimated net direct state benefits computed as a percentage of gross payroll, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (g), the net benefit rate may be variable and shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the gross payroll; and shall be set in the sole discretion of the MDA;

(ii) In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits.

(h) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry.

(i) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

[For businesses or industries that apply for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which:

(i) Is a data/information processing enterprise meeting minimum criteria established by the MDA that provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred percent (100%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than two hundred (200) new direct jobs;

(ii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser, and creates not less than twenty-five (25) new direct jobs; or

(iii) Is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunits or affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which is a manufacturer that:

1. Provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser;

2. Has a minimum of five thousand (5,000) existing employees as of the last day of the previous calendar year; and

3. MDA determines will create not less than three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within forty-eight (48) months of the date the MDA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

An establishment shall not be considered to be a qualified business or industry unless it offers, or will offer within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date it receives the first incentive payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, a basic health benefits plan to the individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state which is approved

by the MDA. Qualified business or industry does not include retail business or gaming business, or any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "New direct job" means full-time employment in this state in a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to this chapter, which employment did not exist in this state:

(i) Before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of this chapter; or

(ii) Solely with respect to any farm equipment manufacturer that locates its North American headquarters to Mississippi between January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2020, before a specific date determined by the MDA that falls on or after the date that the MDA first issues to such farm equipment manufacturer one or more written commitments or offers of any incentives in connection with the new headquarters project and related facilities expected to result in the creation of such new job.

"New direct job" shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment and who are leased to the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment.

(c) "Full-time job" or "full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Gross payroll" means wages for new direct jobs of the qualified business or industry.

(e) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

SECTION 89. Section 57-69-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-69-3. Unless the context requires otherwise, the following words shall have the following meanings for the purposes of this chapter:

(a) "Class of contract basis" means an entire group of contracts having a common characteristic.

(b) "Commercially useful function" means being responsible for execution of a contract or a distinct element of the work under a contract by actually performing, managing, and supervising the work involved.

(c) "Contract" means all types of state agreements, regardless of what they may be called, for the purchase of supplies or services or for construction or major repairs. "Contract" includes the following:

(i) Awards and notices of award.

(ii) Contracts of a fixed price, cost, cost-plus-a-fixed-fee, or incentive types.

(iii) Contracts providing for the issuance of job or task orders.

(iv) Leases.

(v) Letter contracts.

(vi) Purchase orders.

(vii) Any supplemental agreements with respect to (i) through (vi) of this \*\*\* paragraph.

(d) "Contracting base" means the dollar amount of contracts for public works and procurement of goods and services awarded by a state agency or a state educational institution during a fiscal year.

(e) "Contract by contract basis" means a single contract within a specific class of contracts.

(f) "Contractor" means a party who enters into a contract to provide a state or educational institution with goods or services, including construction, or a subcontractor or sublessee of such a party.

(g) "Director" means the Executive Director of the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(h) "Educational institutions" means the state universities, vocational institutions, and any other state-supported educational institutions.

(i) "Joint venture" means an association of two (2) or more persons or businesses to carry out a single business enterprise for profit for which purpose they combine their property, capital, efforts, skills, and knowledge, and in which they exercise control and share in profits and losses in proportion to their contribution to the enterprise.

(j) "Minority" means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race.

(iii) Asian American: having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

(v) Female.

(k) "Minority business enterprise" or "minority owned business" means a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern organized for profit performing a commercially useful function which is owned and controlled by one or more individuals or minority business enterprises certified by the office, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of whom are resident citizens of the State of Mississippi. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under the Small Business Act (15 USCS, Section 637(a)). Owned and controlled means a business in which one or more minorities or minority business enterprises certified by the office own at least fifty-one percent (51%) or in the case of a corporation at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting stock and control at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the management and daily business operations of the business. The term "minority business enterprise" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(l) "Minority business enterprise supplier" means a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern which is owned and controlled by one or more individuals, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of whom are resident citizens of the State of Mississippi. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under the Small Business Act (15 USCS, Section 637(a)) except that the net worth of the business may not be greater than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00). Owned and controlled means a business in which one or more minorities own at least fifty-one percent (51%) or in the case of a corporation at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting stock and control at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the management and daily business operations of the business. The term "minority business enterprise supplier" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(m) "Office" means the Office of Minority Business Enterprises of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(n) "Procurement" means the purchase, lease, or rental of any goods or services.

(o) "Commodities" means the various items described in Section 31-7-1(e).

(p) "Professional services" means all personal service contracts utilized by state agencies and institutions.

(q) "Small business" means a small business as defined by the Small Business Administration of the United States government which for purposes of size eligibility or other factors meets the applicable criteria set forth in Part 121 of Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations as amended, and which has its principal place of business in Mississippi.

(r) "State agency" includes the State of Mississippi and all agencies, departments, offices, divisions, boards, commissions, and correctional and other types of institutions. "State agency" does not include the Mississippi Department of Transportation



nor the judicial or legislative branches of government except to the extent that procurement or public works for these branches is performed by a state agency.

SECTION 90. Section 57-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-71-5. The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meaning given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "MBFC" or "company" means the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.

(b) "Private company" means any agricultural, aquacultural, horticultural, industrial, manufacturing or research and development enterprise or enterprises, or the lessor thereof, or any commercial enterprise approved by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; however, the term "private company" shall not include any business, corporation or entity having a gaming license issued under Section 75-76-1 et seq., or any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(c) "Qualified financial institution" means any commercial bank or savings and loan institution approved by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation to provide letters of credit under this act.

(d) "Letter of credit" means a letter of credit obligation from a qualified financial institution approved by the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.

(e) "Planning and development districts" means the organized planning and development districts in Mississippi.

(f) "Director" means the Executive Director of the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation.

(g) "Seller" means the State Bond Commission.

SECTION 91. Section 57-73-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[In cases involving business enterprises that received or applied for the job tax credit authorized by this section prior to January 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-73-21. (1) Annually by December 31, using the most current data available from the University Research Center, Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the United States Department of Commerce, the State Tax Commission shall rank and designate the state's counties as provided in this section. The twenty-eight (28) counties in this state having a combination of the highest unemployment rate and lowest per capita income for the most recent thirty-six-month period, with equal weight being given to each category, are designated Tier Three areas. The twenty-seven (27) counties in the state with a combination of the next highest unemployment rate and next lowest per capita income for the most recent thirty-six-month period, with equal weight being given to each category, are designated Tier Two areas. The twenty-seven (27) counties in the state with a combination of the lowest unemployment rate and the highest per capita income for the most recent thirty-six-month period, with equal weight being given to each category, are designated Tier One areas. Counties designated by the Tax Commission qualify for the appropriate tax credit for jobs as provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4) of this section. The designation by the Tax Commission is effective for the tax years of permanent business enterprises which begin after the date of designation. For companies which plan an expansion in their labor forces, the Tax Commission shall prescribe certification procedures to ensure that the companies can claim credits in future years without regard to whether or not a particular county is removed from the list of Tier Three or Tier Two areas.

(2) Permanent business enterprises primarily engaged in manufacturing, processing, warehousing, distribution, wholesaling and research and development, or permanent business enterprises designated by rule and regulation of the Mississippi Development Authority as air transportation and maintenance facilities, final destination or resort hotels having a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) guest rooms, recreational facilities that impact tourism, movie industry studios, telecommunications enterprises, data or information processing enterprises or computer software development enterprises or any technology intensive facility or enterprise, in counties designated by the Tax Commission as Tier Three areas are allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section

27-7-5 equal to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) annually for each net new full-time employee job for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the job; however, if the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the permanent business enterprise is unable to maintain the required number of jobs, the Chairman of the State Tax Commission may extend this time period for not more two (2) years. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to the Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. Only those permanent businesses that increase employment by ten (10) or more in a Tier Three area are eligible for the credit. Credit is not allowed during any of the five (5) years if the net employment increase falls below ten (10). The Tax Commission shall adjust the credit allowed each year for the net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of ten (10).

(3) Permanent business enterprises primarily engaged in manufacturing, processing, warehousing, distribution, wholesaling and research and development, or permanent business enterprises designated by rule and regulation of the Mississippi Development Authority as air transportation and maintenance facilities, final destination or resort hotels having a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) guest rooms, recreational facilities that impact tourism, movie industry studios, telecommunications enterprises, data or information processing enterprises or computer software development enterprises or any technology intensive facility or enterprise, in counties that have been designated by the Tax Commission as Tier Two areas are allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually for each net new full-time employee job for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the job; however, if the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the permanent business enterprise is unable to maintain the required number of jobs, the Chairman of the State Tax Commission may extend this time period for not more two (2) years. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. Only those permanent businesses that increase employment by fifteen (15) or more in Tier Two areas are eligible for the credit. The credit is not allowed during any of the five (5) years if the net employment increase falls below fifteen (15). The Tax Commission shall adjust the credit allowed each year for the net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of fifteen (15).

(4) Permanent business enterprises primarily engaged in manufacturing, processing, warehousing, distribution, wholesaling and research and development, or permanent business enterprises designated by rule and regulation of the Mississippi Development Authority as air transportation and maintenance facilities, final destination or resort hotels having a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) guest rooms, recreational facilities that impact tourism, movie industry studios, telecommunications enterprises, data or information processing enterprises or computer software development enterprises or any technology intensive facility or enterprise, in counties designated by the Tax Commission as Tier One areas are allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) annually for each net new full-time employee job for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the job; however, if the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the permanent business enterprise is unable to maintain the required number of jobs, the Chairman of the State Tax Commission may extend this time period for not more than two (2) years. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. Only those permanent businesses that increase employment by twenty (20) or more in Tier One areas are eligible for the credit. The credit is not allowed during any of the five (5) years if the net employment increase falls below twenty (20). The Tax Commission

shall adjust the credit allowed each year for the net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of twenty (20).

(5) In addition to the credits authorized in subsections (2), (3) and (4), an additional Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) credit for each net new full-time employee or an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee who is paid a salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual wage of the state or an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee who is paid a salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least two hundred percent (200%) of the average annual wage of the state, shall be allowed for any company establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters from within or outside the State of Mississippi. A minimum of thirty-five (35) jobs must be created to qualify for the additional credit. The State Tax Commission shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for purposes of receiving the credit awarded in this subsection. As used in this subsection, the average annual wage of the state is the most recently published average annual wage as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

(6) In addition to the credits authorized in subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5), any job requiring research and development skills (chemist, engineer, etc.) shall qualify for an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee.

(7) In lieu of the tax credits provided in subsections (2) through (6), any commercial or industrial property owner which remediates contaminated property in accordance with Sections 49-35-1 through 49-35-25, is allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to the amounts provided in subsection (2), (3) or (4) for each net new full-time employee job for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the job. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. This subsection shall be administered in the same manner as subsections (2), (3) and (4), except the landowner shall not be required to increase employment by the levels provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4) to be eligible for the tax credit.

(8) Tax credits for five (5) years for the taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 shall be awarded for additional net new full-time jobs created by business enterprises qualified under subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this section. Except as otherwise provided, the Tax Commission shall adjust the credit allowed in the event of employment fluctuations during the additional five (5) years of credit.

(9) (a) The sale, merger, acquisition, reorganization, bankruptcy or relocation from one (1) county to another county within the state of any business enterprise may not create new eligibility in any succeeding business entity, but any unused job tax credit may be transferred and continued by any transferee of the business enterprise. The Tax Commission shall determine whether or not qualifying net increases or decreases have occurred or proper transfers of credit have been made and may require reports, promulgate regulations, and hold hearings as needed for substantiation and qualification.

(b) This subsection shall not apply in cases in which a business enterprise has ceased operation, laid off all its employees and is subsequently acquired by another unrelated business entity that continues operation of the enterprise in the same or a similar type of business. In such a case the succeeding business entity shall be eligible for the credit authorized by this section unless the cessation of operation of the business enterprise was for the purpose of obtaining new eligibility for the credit.

(10) Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) years from the close of the tax year in which the qualified jobs were established but the credit established by this section taken in any one (1) tax year must be limited to an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%) of the taxpayer's state income tax liability which is attributable to income derived from operations in the state for that year. If the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the business enterprise is unable to use the existing carryforward, the Chairman

of the State Tax Commission may extend the period that the credit may be carried forward for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years.

(11) No business enterprise for the transportation, handling, storage, processing or disposal of hazardous waste is eligible to receive the tax credits provided in this section.

(12) The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other than the business enterprise actually qualifying for the credits.

(13) The tax credits provided for in this section shall be in addition to any tax credits described in Sections 57-51-13(b), 57-53-1(1)(a) and 57-54-9(b) and granted pursuant to official action by the Mississippi Development Authority prior to July 1, 1989, to any business enterprise determined prior to July 1, 1989, by the Mississippi Development Authority to be a qualified business as defined in Section 57-51-5(f) or Section 57-54-5(d) or a qualified company as described in Section 57-53-1, as the case may be; however, from and after July 1, 1989, tax credits shall be allowed only under either this section or Sections 57-51-13(b), 57-53-1(1)(a) and Section 57-54-9(b) for each net new full-time employee.

(14) As used in this section, the term "telecommunications enterprises" means entities engaged in the creation, display, management, storage, processing, transmission or distribution for compensation of images, text, voice, video or data by wire or by wireless means, or entities engaged in the construction, design, development, manufacture, maintenance or distribution for compensation of devices, products, software or structures used in the above activities. Companies organized to do business as commercial broadcast radio stations, television stations or news organizations primarily serving in-state markets shall not be included within the definition of the term "telecommunications enterprises."

[In cases involving business enterprises that apply for the job tax credit authorized by this section from and after January 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-73-21. (1) Annually by December 31, using the most current data available from the University Research Center, Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the United States Department of Commerce, the Department of Revenue shall rank and designate the state's counties as provided in this section. The twenty-eight (28) counties in this state having a combination of the highest unemployment rate and lowest per capita income for the most recent thirty-six-month period, with equal weight being given to each category, are designated Tier Three areas. The twenty-seven (27) counties in the state with a combination of the next highest unemployment rate and next lowest per capita income for the most recent thirty-six-month period, with equal weight being given to each category, are designated Tier Two areas. The twenty-seven (27) counties in the state with a combination of the lowest unemployment rate and the highest per capita income for the most recent thirty-six-month period, with equal weight being given to each category, are designated Tier One areas. Counties designated by the Department of Revenue qualify for the appropriate tax credit for jobs as provided in this section. The designation by the Department of Revenue is effective for the tax years of permanent business enterprises which begin after the date of designation. For companies which plan an expansion in their labor forces, the Department of Revenue shall prescribe certification procedures to ensure that the companies can claim credits in future years without regard to whether or not a particular county is removed from the list of Tier Three or Tier Two areas.

(2) Permanent business enterprises in counties designated by the Department of Revenue as Tier Three areas are allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to ten percent (10%) of the payroll of the enterprise for net new full-time employee jobs for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the minimum number of jobs required by this subsection; however, if the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the permanent business enterprise is unable to maintain the required number of jobs, the Commissioner of Revenue may extend this time period for not more than two (2) years. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-

time employees subject to the Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. Only those permanent business enterprises that increase employment by ten (10) or more in a Tier Three area are eligible for the credit. Credit is not allowed during any of the five (5) years if the net employment increase falls below ten (10). The Department of Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed each year for the net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of ten (10). Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this subsection (2).

(3) Permanent business enterprises in counties that have been designated by the Department of Revenue as Tier Two areas are allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to five percent (5%) of the payroll of the enterprise for net new full-time employee jobs for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the minimum number of jobs required by this subsection; however, if the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the permanent business enterprise is unable to maintain the required number of jobs, the Commissioner of Revenue may extend this time period for not more than two (2) years. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. Only those permanent business enterprises that increase employment by fifteen (15) or more in Tier Two areas are eligible for the credit. The credit is not allowed during any of the five (5) years if the net employment increase falls below fifteen (15). The Department of Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed each year for the net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of fifteen (15). Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this subsection (3).

(4) Permanent business enterprises in counties designated by the Department of Revenue as Tier One areas are allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the payroll of the enterprise for net new full-time employee jobs for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the minimum number of jobs required by this subsection; however, if the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the permanent business enterprise is unable to maintain the required number of jobs, the Commissioner of Revenue may extend this time period for not more than two (2) years. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. Only those permanent business enterprises that increase employment by twenty (20) or more in Tier One areas are eligible for the credit. The credit is not allowed during any of the five (5) years if the net employment increase falls below twenty (20). The Department of Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed each year for the net new employment fluctuations above the minimum level of twenty (20). Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this subsection (4).

(5) (a) In addition to the other credits authorized in this section, an additional Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) credit for each net new full-time employee or an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee who is paid a salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual wage of the state or an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee who is paid a salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least two hundred percent (200%) of the average annual wage of the state, shall be allowed for any company establishing or transferring its national or regional headquarters from within or outside the State of Mississippi. A minimum of twenty (20) jobs must be created to qualify for the additional credit. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for purposes of receiving the credit

awarded in this paragraph (a). As used in this paragraph (a), the average annual wage of the state is the most recently published average annual wage as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this paragraph (a).

(b) In addition to the other credits authorized in this section, an additional Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) credit for each net new full-time employee or an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee who is paid a salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average annual wage of the state or an additional Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee who is paid a salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxation, of at least two hundred percent (200%) of the average annual wage of the state, shall be allowed for any company expanding or making additions after January 1, 2013, to its national or regional headquarters within the State of Mississippi. A minimum of twenty (20) new jobs must be created to qualify for the additional credit. The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for purposes of receiving the credit awarded in this paragraph (b). As used in this paragraph (b), the average annual wage of the state is the most recently published average annual wage as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security. Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this paragraph (b).

(6) In addition to the other credits authorized in this section, any job requiring research and development skills (chemist, engineer, etc.) shall qualify for an additional One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) credit for each net new full-time employee. Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this subsection (6).

(7) (a) In addition to the other credits authorized in this section, any company that transfers or relocates its national or regional headquarters to the State of Mississippi from outside the State of Mississippi may receive a tax credit in an amount equal to the actual relocation costs paid by the company. A minimum of twenty (20) jobs must be created in order to qualify for the additional credit authorized under this subsection. Relocation costs for which a credit may be awarded shall be determined by the Department of Revenue and shall include those nondepreciable expenses that are necessary to relocate headquarters employees to the national or regional headquarters, including, but not limited to, costs such as travel expenses for employees and members of their households to and from Mississippi in search of homes and moving expenses to relocate furnishings, household goods and personal property of the employees and members of their households. Medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall not be eligible for the tax credit authorized in this subsection (7).

(b) The tax credit authorized under this subsection shall be applied for the taxable year in which the relocation costs are paid. The maximum cumulative amount of tax credits that may be claimed by all taxpayers claiming a credit under this subsection in any one (1) state fiscal year shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), exclusive of credits that might be carried forward from previous taxable years. A company may not receive a credit for the relocation of an employee more than one (1) time in a twelve-month period for that employee.

(c) The Department of Revenue shall establish criteria and prescribe procedures to determine if a company creates the required number of jobs and qualifies as a national or regional headquarters for purposes of receiving the credit awarded in this subsection. A company desiring to claim a credit under this subsection must submit an application for such credit with the Department of Revenue in a manner prescribed by the department.

(d) In order to participate in the provisions of this section, a company must certify to the Mississippi Department of Revenue that it complies with the equal pay provisions of the federal Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the fair pay provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

(e) This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

(8) In lieu of the other tax credits provided in this section, any commercial or industrial property owner which remediates contaminated property in accordance with Sections 49-35-1 through 49-35-25, is allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 equal to the percentage of payroll provided in subsection (2), (3) or (4) of this section for net new full-time employee jobs for five (5) years beginning with years two (2) through six (6) after the creation of the jobs. The number of new full-time jobs must be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees subject to Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. This subsection shall be administered in the same manner as subsections (2), (3) and (4), except the landowner shall not be required to increase employment by the levels provided in subsections (2), (3) and (4) to be eligible for the tax credit.

(9) (a) Tax credits for five (5) years for the taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 shall be awarded for increases in the annual payroll for net new full-time jobs created by business enterprises qualified under this section. The Department of Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed in the event of payroll fluctuations during the additional five (5) years of credit.

(b) Tax credits for five (5) years for the taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 shall be awarded for additional net new full-time jobs created by business enterprises qualified under subsections (5) and (6) of this section and for additional relocation costs paid by companies qualified under subsection (7) of this section. The Department of Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed in the event of employment fluctuations during the additional five (5) years of credit.

(10) (a) The sale, merger, acquisition, reorganization, bankruptcy or relocation from one (1) county to another county within the state of any business enterprise may not create new eligibility in any succeeding business entity, but any unused job tax credit may be transferred and continued by any transferee of the business enterprise. The Department of Revenue shall determine whether or not qualifying net increases or decreases have occurred or proper transfers of credit have been made and may require reports, promulgate regulations, and hold hearings as needed for substantiation and qualification.

(b) This subsection shall not apply in cases in which a business enterprise has ceased operation, laid off all its employees and is subsequently acquired by another unrelated business entity that continues operation of the enterprise in the same or a similar type of business. In such a case the succeeding business entity shall be eligible for the credit authorized by this section unless the cessation of operation of the business enterprise was for the purpose of obtaining new eligibility for the credit.

(11) Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) years from the close of the tax year in which the qualified jobs were established and/or headquarters relocation costs paid, as applicable, but the credit established by this section taken in any one (1) tax year must be limited to an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%) of the taxpayer's state income tax liability which is attributable to income derived from operations in the state for that year. If the permanent business enterprise is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a direct result of the disaster the business enterprise is unable to use the existing carryforward, the Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period that the credit may be carried forward for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years.

(12) No business enterprise for the transportation, handling, storage, processing or disposal of hazardous waste is eligible to receive the tax credits provided in this section.

(13) The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other than the business enterprise actually qualifying for the credits.

(14) As used in this section:

(a) "Business enterprises" means entities primarily engaged in:

(i) Manufacturing, processing, warehousing, warehousing activities, distribution, wholesaling and research and development, or

(ii) Permanent business enterprises designated by rule and regulation of the Mississippi Development Authority as air transportation and maintenance facilities, final destination or resort hotels having a minimum of one hundred fifty (150) guest rooms, recreational facilities that impact tourism, movie industry studios, telecommunications enterprises, data or information processing enterprises or computer software development enterprises or any technology intensive facility or enterprise.

(b) "Telecommunications enterprises" means entities engaged in the creation, display, management, storage, processing, transmission or distribution for compensation of images, text, voice, video or data by wire or by wireless means, or entities engaged in the construction, design, development, manufacture, maintenance or distribution for compensation of devices, products, software or structures used in the above activities. Companies organized to do business as commercial broadcast radio stations, television stations or news organizations primarily serving in-state markets shall not be included within the definition of the term "telecommunications enterprises."

(c) "Warehousing activities" means entities that establish or expand facilities that service and support multiple retail or wholesale locations within and outside the state. Warehousing activities may be performed solely to support the primary activities of the entity, and credits generated shall offset the income of the entity based on an apportioned ratio of payroll for warehouse employees of the entity to total Mississippi payroll of the entity that includes the payroll of retail employees of the entity.

(15) The tax credits provided for in this section shall be in addition to any tax credits described in Sections 57-51-13(b), 57-53-1(1)(a) and 57-54-9(b) and granted pursuant to official action by the Mississippi Development Authority prior to July 1, 1989, to any business enterprise determined prior to July 1, 1989, by the Mississippi Development Authority to be a qualified business as defined in Section 57-51-5(f) or Section 57-54-5(d) or a qualified company as described in Section 57-53-1, as the case may be; however, from and after July 1, 1989, tax credits shall be allowed only under either this section or Sections 57-51-13(b), 57-53-1(1)(a) and Section 57-54-9(b) for each net new full-time employee.

(16) A business enterprise that chooses to receive job training assistance pursuant to Section 57-1-451 shall not be eligible for the tax credits provided for in this section.

SECTION 92. Section 57-80-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-80-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Approved business enterprise" means any business enterprise seeking to locate or expand in a growth and prosperity county, which business enterprise is approved by the MDA.

(b) "Business enterprise" means any new or expanded (i) industry for the manufacturing, processing, assembling, storing, warehousing, servicing, distributing or selling of any products or goods, including products of agriculture; (ii) enterprises for research and development, including, but not limited to, scientific laboratories; or (iii) such other businesses or industry as will be in furtherance of the public purposes of this chapter as determined by the MDA and which creates a minimum of ten (10) jobs. "Business enterprise" does not include retail or gaming businesses or electrical generation facilities, or medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(c) "Eligible supervisors district" means:

(i) A supervisors district:

1. As such district exists on January 1, 2001, in which thirty percent (30%) or more of such district's population as of June 30, 2000, is at or below the federal poverty level according to the official data compiled by the United States Census Bureau as of June 30, 2000, or the official 1990 census poverty rate data (the official 1990 census poverty rate data shall not be used to make any such determination after December 31, 2002); or

2. In which thirty percent (30%) or more of such district's population is at or below the federal poverty level according to the latest official data compiled by the United States Census Bureau;



(ii) Which is contiguous to a county that meets the criteria of Section 57-80-7(1)(b); and

(iii) Which is located in a county which has been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity under this chapter.

(d) "Growth and prosperity counties" means those counties which meet the requirements of this chapter and which have by resolution or order given its consent to participate in the Growth and Prosperity Program.

(e) "Local tax" means any county or municipal ad valorem tax imposed on the approved business enterprise pursuant to law, except the school portion of the tax and any portion of the tax imposed to pay the cost of providing fire and police protection.

(f) "Local taxing authority" means any county or municipality which by resolution or order has given its consent to participate in the Growth and Prosperity Program acting through its respective board of supervisors or the municipal governing board, council, commission or other legal authority.

(g) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(h) "State tax" means:

(i) Any sales and use tax imposed on the business enterprise pursuant to law related to the purchase of component building materials and equipment for initial construction of facilities or expansion of facilities in a growth and prosperity county or supervisors districts, as the case may be;

(ii) All income tax imposed pursuant to law on income earned by the business enterprise in a growth and prosperity county, or supervisors district, as the case may be;

(iii) Franchise tax imposed pursuant to law on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the business enterprise in a growth and prosperity county, or supervisors district, as the case may be; and

(iv) Any sales and use tax imposed on the lease of machinery and equipment acquired in the initial construction to establish the facility or for an expansion, including, but not limited to, leases in existence prior to January 1, 2001, as certified by the MDA, in a growth and prosperity county, or supervisors district, as the case may be.

SECTION 93. Section 57-85-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-85-5. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) "Project" means construction, rehabilitation or repair of buildings; sewer systems and transportation directly affecting the site of the proposed rural business; sewer facilities, acquisition of real property, development of real property, improvements to real property, and any other project approved by the Mississippi Development Authority. The term "project" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(c) "Rural business" means a new or existing business located or to be located in a rural community or a business or industry located or to be located within five (5) miles of a rural community. "Rural business" does not include gaming businesses or utility businesses, or medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(d) "Rural community" means a county in the State of Mississippi that meets the population criteria for the term "limited population county" as provided in Section 57-1-18. "Rural community" also means a municipality in the State of Mississippi that meets the population criteria for the term "small municipality" as provided in Section 57-1-18.

(2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Rural Impact Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment

earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make grants and loans to rural communities and loan guaranties on behalf of rural businesses to assist in completing projects under this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued after April 15, 2003, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(c) The MDA may use monies in the fund to pay for the services of architects, engineers, attorneys and such other advisors, consultants and agents that the MDA determines are necessary to review loan and grant applications and to implement and administer the program established under this section.

(d) The State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants and loans to rural communities and loan guaranties on behalf of rural businesses from the Mississippi Rural Impact Fund. A rural community may apply to the MDA for a grant or loan under this section in the manner provided for in this section. A rural business may apply to the MDA for a loan guaranty under this section in the manner provided in this section.

(4) A rural community desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to the MDA. The application must include a description of the project for which assistance is requested, the cost of the project for which assistance is requested and any other information required by the MDA. A rural business desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to the MDA. The application must include a description of the purpose for which assistance is requested and any other information required by the MDA. The MDA may waive any requirements of the program established under this section in order to expedite funding for unique projects.

(5) The MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 94. Section 57-91-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-91-5. As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Business enterprise" means any permanent business enterprise locating or relocating within a redevelopment project area, including, without limitation:

(i) Industry for the manufacturing, processing, assembling, storing, warehousing, servicing, distributing or selling of any products or goods, including products of agriculture;

(ii) Enterprises for research and development, including, but not limited to, scientific laboratories;

(iii) Industry for the retail sale of goods and services;

(iv) The industry for recreation and hospitality, including, but not limited to, restaurants, hotels and sports facilities; and

(v) Such other businesses or industry as will be in furtherance of the public purposes of this chapter as determined by the MDA.

The term "business enterprise" shall not include gaming businesses, or medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "Contaminated site" means real property that is either (i) subject to a bankruptcy court order in which the property has been abandoned from the bankruptcy estate, or (ii) Brownfield property that is subject to a Brownfield agreement under Section 49-35-11, and the expansion, redevelopment or reuse of which is

complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.

(c) "County" means any county of this state.

(d) "Developer" means any person who assumes certain environmental liability at a contaminated site and enters into an agreement with a redevelopment county or municipality whereby the developer agrees to undertake a redevelopment project. "Developer agreement" means said agreement.

(e) "Governing body" means the board of supervisors of any county or the governing board of a municipality.

(f) "Law" means any act or statute, general, special or local, of this state.

(g) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(h) "MDEQ" means the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.

(i) "Municipality" means any incorporated municipality in the state.

(j) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, association, corporation, business trust or other business entity.

(k) "Redevelopment counties and municipalities" means those counties or municipalities which meet the requirements of this chapter and which have by resolution or order designated a redevelopment project area and given its consent to participate in the program established under this chapter.

(l) "Redevelopment project" means a project that combines remediation of a contaminated site with the planned development of such site and surrounding land in a manner conducive to use by the public or business enterprises including the construction of recreational facilities.

(m) "Redevelopment project area" means the geographic area defined by resolution of the county or municipality within which the remediation and planned development will take place containing the contaminated site and additional surrounding and adjacent land and waterfront, not exceeding six hundred fifty (650) acres, suitable for development.

(n) "Resolution" means an order, resolution, ordinance, act, record of minutes or other appropriate enactment of a governing body.

(o) "State taxes and fees" means any sales tax imposed on the sales or certain purchases by a business enterprise pursuant to law within a redevelopment project area, all income tax imposed pursuant to law on income earned by the approved business enterprise within a redevelopment project area and all franchise tax imposed pursuant to law on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the approved business enterprise in a redevelopment project area.

SECTION 95. Section 57-117-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-117-3. In this chapter:

(a) "Health care industry facility" means:

(i) A business engaged in the research and development of pharmaceuticals, biologics, biotechnology, diagnostic imaging, medical supplies, medical equipment or medicine and related manufacturing or processing, medical service providers, medical product distribution, or laboratory testing that creates a minimum of twenty-five (25) new full-time jobs and/or Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of capital investment after July 1, 2012; or

(ii) A business that \* \* \* 1. is located on land owned by or leased from an academic health science center with a medical school accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and a hospital accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and \* \* \* 2. creates a minimum of twenty-five (25) new jobs and/or Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of capital investment after July 1, 2012.

The term "health care industry facility" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(b) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) "Health care industry zone" means a geographical area certified by the MDA as provided for in Section 57-117-5.

(d) "Local government unit" means any county or incorporated city, town or village in the State of Mississippi.

(e) "Person" means a natural person, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust or other business entity.

(f) "Qualified business" means a business or health care industry facility that meets the requirements of Section 57-117-7 and any other requirements of this chapter. The term "qualified business" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 96. Section 57-119-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-119-11. (1) MDA is further authorized, on such terms and conditions consistent with the criteria set forth in this section as it may determine, to establish programs for making loans, loan guarantees, grants and any other financial assistance from the GCRF to applicants whose projects are approved for assistance under this section. MDA shall establish criteria, rules and procedures for accepting, reviewing, granting or denying applications, and for terms and conditions of financial assistance under this section in accordance with state law. The Legislature shall appropriate monies from the GCRF to the MDA to fund the programs established under this section in an amount requested annually by MDA for such purpose.

(2) Applicants who are eligible for assistance under this section include, but are not limited to, local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities, and local economic development entities.

(3) MDA shall establish programs and an application process to provide assistance to applicants under this section that prioritize:

(a) Projects that will impact the long-term competitiveness of the region and may result in a significant positive impact on tax base, private sector job creation and private sector investment in the region;

(b) Projects that demonstrate the maximum long-term economic benefits and long-term growth potential of the region based on a financial analysis such as a cost-benefit analysis or a return-on-investment analysis;

(c) Projects that demonstrate long-term financial sustainability, including clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project;

(d) Projects that leverage or encourage leveraging of other private sector, local, state and federal funding sources with preference to projects that can demonstrate contributions from other sources than funds from the BP settlement;

(e) Projects that are supported by multiple government or private sector entities;

(f) Projects that can move quickly and efficiently to the design, engineering, and permitting phase;

(g) Projects that enhance the quality of life/place and business environment of the region, including tourism and recreational opportunities;

(h) Projects that expand the region's ability to attract high-growth industries or establish new high-growth industries in the region;

(i) Projects that leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, ports, airports, rails and military bases;

(j) Projects that are transformational for the future of the region but create a wider regional impact;

(k) Projects that enhance the marketability of existing industrial properties;

(l) Projects that enhance a targeted industry cluster or create a Center of Excellence unique to the region;

(m) Infrastructure projects for business retention and development;

(n) Projects that enhance research and innovative technologies in the region; and

(o) Projects that provide outcome and return on investment measures, to be judged by clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project or program.

(4) The MDA shall not approve any application for assistance or provide any assistance under this section for projects that are medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act or for projects related in any manner to medical cannabis establishments.

SECTION 97. Section 65-4-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-4-5. (1) The following words when used in this chapter shall have the meanings herein ascribed unless the context otherwise clearly requires:

(a) "Board" means the Mississippi Development Authority;

(b) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Transportation;

(c) "High economic benefit project" means:

(i) Any new investment by a private company with capital investments in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements of at least Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00);

(ii) Any new investment of at least Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) by a private company having capital investments in this state in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements of at least One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) in the aggregate;

(iii) Public investment of at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) to take place over a specified period of time and in accordance with a master plan duly adopted by the controlling political subdivision;

(iv) Any new investments in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements by two (2) private companies upon land that is adjacent whenever the new investments of both companies are at least Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) in the aggregate, and such new investments by both private companies provide for the employment of at least five hundred (500) employees in the aggregate;

(v) Any project which would benefit from the construction of any highway bypass which would aid in economic development and would provide an alternate route to avoid an existing route which underpasses a railroad and which would aid in existing or proposed industry;

(vi) Any master planned community;

(vii) Any new investments in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements by not more than three (3) private companies physically located within a one-half-mile radius of each other whenever the new investments of such companies are at least Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) in the aggregate, and such new investments by such companies provide for the employment of at least three hundred (300) new employees in the aggregate;

(viii) Any new investments in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements by two (2) or more private companies upon lands originally adjacent, but now divided by a four-lane state highway and bordered by a two-lane state highway, and the new investments of the companies are at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) in the aggregate, and a portion of such new investment will be utilized for the construction of a hospital;

(ix) [Repealed]

(x) Any project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi); however, the term "high economic benefit project" does not include the construction of Mississippi Highway 348;

(xi) Any project as defined in Section 17-25-17;

(xii) Any project which would allow access to a national intermodal facility with a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) that is located within five (5) miles of the State of Mississippi and has direct access into an industrial park within the state;

(xiii) Any new investments in land, buildings and depreciable fixed assets and improvements by a private company of at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) over a specified period of time in accordance with a defined capital improvement project approved by the board;

(xiv) Any new investments in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements of at least Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) by a

private company to establish a private regional or national headquarters and such new investments provide for the employment of at least one hundred (100) new employees in the aggregate over a five-year period with those new employees earning an annual average salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified private regional or national headquarters is located, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is less;

However, if the initial investments that a private company made in order to meet the definition of a high economic benefit project under this paragraph (c)(i) and in order to be approved for such project exceeded Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00), or if subsequent to being approved for the initial project the same company and/or one or more other private companies made additional capital investments exceeding Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) in aggregate value in land, buildings, depreciable fixed assets and improvements physically attached to or forming a part of the initially planned site development, then an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of all such investments that exceeds Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be subtracted from the Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) in aggregate value of new investments required under this paragraph (c)(vii).

The term "high economic benefit project" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act or any form of investment related thereto;

(d) "Political subdivision" means one or more counties or incorporated municipalities in the state, or a state-owned port located in a county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico;

(e) "Private company" means:

(i) Any agricultural, aquacultural, maricultural, processing, distribution, warehousing, manufacturing, transportation, tourism or research and development enterprise;

(ii) Any air transportation and maintenance facility, regional shopping mall, hospital, large hotel, resort or movie industry studio;

(iii) The federal government with respect to any specific project which meets the criteria established in paragraph (c)(i) of this subsection;

(iv) Any existing or proposed industry in regard to a project described in paragraph (c)(v) of this subsection;

(v) A developer with respect to any specific project which meets the criteria established in paragraph (c)(vi) of this subsection; or

(vi) A tourism project approved by the board \* \* \*.

The term "private company" does not include any medical cannabis establishment as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act;

(f) "Master planned community" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in Section 19-5-10.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to purchase rights-of-way and construct and maintain roads and highways authorized to be constructed pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 98. Section 69-2-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-2-11. Emerging crop designations shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Blueberries;

(b) Muscadines;

(c) Christmas trees;

(d) Aquaculture, including any species from the Gulf of Mexico and

its tributaries;

(e) Horticulture;

(f) Rabbit farming and processing; and

(g) Others designated by the \* \* \* Mississippi Development Authority

or Legislature.

Emerging crop designations shall not include medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 99. Section 69-2-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-2-13. (1) There is hereby established in the State Treasury a fund to be known as the "Emerging Crops Fund," which shall be used to pay the interest on loans made to farmers for nonland capital costs of establishing production of emerging crops on land in Mississippi, and to make loans and grants which are authorized under this section to be made from the fund. The fund shall be administered by the Mississippi Development Authority. A board comprised of the directors of the authority, the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, the Mississippi Small Farm Development Center and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station, or their designees, shall develop definitions, guidelines and procedures for the implementation of this chapter. Funds for the Emerging Crops Fund shall be provided from the issuance of bonds or notes under Sections 69-2-19 through 69-2-37 and from repayment of interest loans made from the fund.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority shall develop a program which gives fair consideration to making loans for the processing and manufacturing of goods and services by agribusiness, greenhouse production horticulture, and small business concerns. It is the policy of the State of Mississippi that the Mississippi Development Authority shall give due recognition to and shall aid, counsel, assist and protect, insofar as is possible, the interests of agribusiness, greenhouse production horticulture, and small business concerns. To ensure that the purposes of this subsection are carried out, the Mississippi Development Authority shall loan not more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to finance any single agribusiness, greenhouse production horticulture, or small business concern. Loans made pursuant to this subsection shall be made in accordance with the criteria established in Section 57-71-11.

(b) The Mississippi Development Authority may, out of the total amount of bonds authorized to be issued under this chapter, make available funds to any planning and development district in accordance with the criteria established in Section 57-71-11. Planning and development districts which receive monies pursuant to this provision shall use such monies to make loans to private companies for purposes consistent with this subsection.

(c) The Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to engage legal services, financial advisors, appraisers and consultants if needed to review and close loans made hereunder and to establish and assess reasonable fees, including, but not limited to, liquidation expenses.

(d) The State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(3) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority shall, in addition to the other programs described in this section, provide for the following programs of loans to be made to agribusiness or greenhouse production horticulture enterprises for the purpose of encouraging thereby the extension of conventional financing and the issuance of letters of credit to such agribusiness or greenhouse production horticulture enterprises by private institutions. Monies to make such loans by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund.

(b) The Mississippi Development Authority may make loans to agribusiness or greenhouse production horticulture enterprises. The amount of any loan to any single enterprise under this paragraph (b) shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total cost of the project for which financing is sought or Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), whichever is less. No interest shall be charged on such loans, and only the amount actually loaned shall be required to be repaid. Repayments shall be deposited into the Emerging Crops Fund.

(c) The Mississippi Development Authority also may make loans under this subsection (3) to existing agribusiness or greenhouse production horticulture enterprises for the purpose of assisting such enterprises to make upgrades, renovations, repairs and other improvements to their equipment, facilities and operations, which shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) or thirty percent (30%) of the total cost of the project for which financing is sought, whichever is less. No interest shall be charged on loans made under this paragraph, and only the amount actually

loaned shall be required to be repaid. Repayments shall be deposited into the Emerging Crops Fund.

(d) The maximum aggregate amount of loans that may be made under this subsection (3) to any one (1) agribusiness shall be not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

(4) (a) Through June 30, 2010, the Mississippi Development Authority may loan or grant to qualified planning and development districts, and to small business investment corporations, bank-based community development corporations, the Recruitment and Training Program, Inc., the City of Jackson Business Development Loan Fund, the Lorman Southwest Mississippi Development Corporation, the West Jackson Community Development Corporation, the East Mississippi Development Corporation, and other entities meeting the criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority (all referred to hereinafter as "qualified entities"), funds for the purpose of establishing loan revolving funds to assist in providing financing for minority economic development. The monies loaned or granted by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund and shall not exceed Twenty-nine Million Dollars (\$29,000,000.00) in the aggregate. Planning and development districts or qualified entities which receive monies pursuant to this provision shall use such monies to make loans to minority business enterprises consistent with criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority. Such criteria shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(i) The business enterprise must be a private, for-profit enterprise.

(ii) If the business enterprise is a proprietorship, the borrower must be a resident citizen of the State of Mississippi; if the business enterprise is a corporation or partnership, at least fifty percent (50%) of the owners must be resident citizens of the State of Mississippi.

(iii) The borrower must have at least five percent (5%) equity interest in the business enterprise.

(iv) The borrower must demonstrate ability to repay the loan.

(v) The borrower must not be in default of any previous loan from the state or federal government.

(vi) Loan proceeds may be used for financing all project costs associated with development or expansion of a new small business, including fixed assets, working capital, start-up costs, rental payments, interest expense during construction and professional fees related to the project.

(vii) Loan proceeds shall not be used to pay off existing debt for loan consolidation purposes; to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement or operation of real property which is to be held primarily for sale or investment; to provide for, or free funds, for speculation in any kind of property; or as a loan to owners, partners or stockholders of the applicant which do not change ownership interest by the applicant. However, this does not apply to ordinary compensation for services rendered in the course of business.

(viii) The maximum amount that may be loaned to any one (1) borrower shall be Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).

(ix) The Mississippi Development Authority shall review each loan before it is made, and no loan shall be made to any borrower until the loan has been reviewed and approved by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, the term "minority business enterprise" means a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern, organized for profit, performing a commercially useful function which is owned and controlled by one or more minorities or minority business enterprises certified by the Mississippi Development Authority, at least fifty percent (50%) of whom are resident citizens of the State of Mississippi. Except as otherwise provided, for purposes of this subsection, the term "socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term under the Small Business Act (15 USCS, Section 637(a)), or women, and the term "owned and controlled" means a business in which one or more minorities or minority business enterprises certified by the Mississippi



Development Authority own sixty percent (60%) or, in the case of a corporation, sixty percent (60%) of the voting stock, and control sixty percent (60%) of the management and daily business operations of the business. However, an individual whose personal net worth exceeds Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall not be considered to be an economically disadvantaged individual.

From and after July 1, 2010, monies not loaned or granted by the Mississippi Development Authority to planning and development districts or qualified entities under this subsection, and monies not loaned by planning and development districts or qualified entities, shall be deposited to the credit of the sinking fund created and maintained in the State Treasury for the retirement of bonds issued under Section 69-2-19.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection to the contrary, if federal funds are not available for commitments made by a planning and development district to provide assistance under any federal loan program administered by the planning and development district in coordination with the Appalachian Regional Commission or Economic Development Administration, or both, a planning and development district may use funds in its loan revolving fund, which have not been committed otherwise to provide assistance, for the purpose of providing temporary funding for such commitments. If a planning and development district uses uncommitted funds in its loan revolving fund to provide such temporary funding, the district shall use funds repaid to the district under the temporarily funded federal loan program to replenish the funds used to provide the temporary funding. Funds used by a planning and development district to provide temporary funding under this paragraph (c) must be repaid to the district's loan revolving fund no later than twelve (12) months after the date the district provides the temporary funding. A planning and development district may not use uncommitted funds in its loan revolving fund to provide temporary funding under this paragraph (c) on more than two (2) occasions during a calendar year. A planning and development district may provide temporary funding for multiple commitments on each such occasion. The maximum aggregate amount of uncommitted funds in a loan revolving fund that may be used for such purposes during a calendar year shall not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the uncommitted funds in the loan revolving fund on the date the district first provides temporary funding during the calendar year.

(d) If the Mississippi Development Authority determines that a planning and development district or qualified entity has provided loans to minority businesses in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection, then the amount of such loans so provided shall be withheld by the Mississippi Development Authority from any additional grant funds to which the planning and development district or qualified entity becomes entitled under this subsection. If the Mississippi Development Authority determines, after notifying such planning and development district or qualified entity twice in writing and providing such planning and development district or qualified entity a reasonable opportunity to comply, that a planning and development district or qualified entity has consistently failed to comply with this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority may declare such planning and development district or qualified entity in default under this subsection and, upon receipt of notice thereof from the Mississippi Development Authority, such planning and development district or qualified entity shall immediately cease providing loans under this subsection, shall refund to the Mississippi Development Authority for distribution to other planning and development districts or qualified entities all funds held in its revolving loan fund and, if required by the Mississippi Development Authority, shall convey to the Mississippi Development Authority all administrative and management control of loans provided by it under this subsection.

(e) If the Mississippi Development Authority determines, after notifying a planning and development district or qualified entity twice in writing and providing copies of such notification to each member of the Legislature in whose district or in a part of whose district such planning and development district or qualified entity is located and providing such planning and development district or qualified entity a reasonable opportunity to take corrective action, that a planning and development district or qualified entity administering a revolving loan fund under the provisions of this subsection is not actively engaged in lending as defined by the rules and regulations of the Mississippi Development Authority, the Mississippi Development Authority may declare such planning and development district or qualified entity in default under this

subsection and, upon receipt of notice thereof from the Mississippi Development Authority, such planning and development district or qualified entity shall immediately cease providing loans under this subsection, shall refund to the Mississippi Development Authority for distribution to other planning and development districts or qualified entities all funds held in its revolving loan fund and, if required by the Mississippi Development Authority, shall convey to the Mississippi Development Authority all administrative and management control of loans provided by it under this subsection.

(5) The Mississippi Development Authority shall develop a program which will assist minority business enterprises by guaranteeing bid, performance and payment bonds which such minority businesses are required to obtain in order to contract with federal agencies, state agencies or political subdivisions of the state. The Mississippi Development Authority may secure letters of credit, as determined necessary by the authority, to guarantee bid, performance and payment bonds pursuant to this subsection. Monies for such program shall be drawn from the monies allocated under subsection (4) of this section to assist the financing of minority economic development and shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the aggregate. The Mississippi Development Authority may promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of the program established pursuant to this subsection. For the purpose of this subsection (5), the term "minority business enterprise" has the meaning assigned such term in subsection (4) of this section.

(6) The Mississippi Development Authority may loan or grant to public entities and to nonprofit corporations funds to defray the expense of financing (or to match any funds available from other public or private sources for the expense of financing) projects in this state which are devoted to the study, teaching and/or promotion of regional crafts and which are deemed by the authority to be significant tourist attractions. The monies loaned or granted shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund and shall not exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the aggregate.

(7) Through June 30, 2006, the Mississippi Development Authority shall make available to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce funds for the purpose of establishing loan revolving funds and other methods of financing for agribusiness programs administered under the Mississippi Agribusiness Council Act of 1993. The monies made available by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund and shall not exceed One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) in the aggregate. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall establish control and auditing procedures for use of these funds. These funds will be used primarily for quick payment to farmers for vegetable and fruit crops processed and sold through vegetable processing plants associated with the Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi State Extension Service.

(8) From and after July 1, 1996, the Mississippi Development Authority shall make available to the Mississippi Small Farm Development Center One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be used by the center to assist small entrepreneurs as provided in Section 37-101-25, Mississippi Code of 1972. The monies made available by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund.

(9) [Repealed]

(10) The Mississippi Development Authority shall make available to the Small Farm Development Center at Alcorn State University funds in an aggregate amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), to be drawn from the cash balance of the Emerging Crops Fund. The Small Farm Development Center at Alcorn State University shall use such funds to make loans to producers of sweet potatoes and cooperatives anywhere in the State of Mississippi owned by sweet potato producers to assist in the planting of sweet potatoes and the purchase of sweet potato production and harvesting equipment. A report of the loans made under this subsection shall be furnished by January 15 of each year to the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

(11) The Mississippi Development Authority shall make available to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce "Make Mine Mississippi" program an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be drawn from the cash balance of the Emerging Crops Fund.

(12) The Mississippi Development Authority shall make available to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be drawn from the cash balance of the Emerging Crops Fund to be used for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the Mississippi Farmers Central Market in Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) The Mississippi Development Authority shall make available to the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce an amount not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to be drawn from the cash balance of the Emerging Crops Fund to be used for advertising purposes related to the Mississippi Farmers Central Market in Jackson, Mississippi.

(14) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority shall, in addition to the other programs described in this section, provide for a program of loan guaranties to be made on behalf of any nonprofit entity qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and certified by the United States Department of the Treasury as a community development financial institution for the purpose of encouraging the extension of financing to such an entity which financing the entity will use to make funds available to other entities for the purpose of making loans available in low-income communities in Mississippi. Monies to make such loan guaranties by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund and shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the aggregate. The amount of a loan guaranty on behalf of such an entity under this subsection (14) shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). Assistance received by an entity under this subsection (14) shall not disqualify the entity from obtaining any other assistance under this chapter.

(b) An entity desiring assistance under this subsection (14) must submit an application to the Mississippi Development Authority. The application must include any information required by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) The Mississippi Development Authority shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this subsection (14), and the Mississippi Development Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this subsection (14).

(15) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority shall, in addition to the other programs described in this section, provide for a program of grants to agribusiness enterprises that process, dry, store or ship peanuts and if the enterprise has invested prior to April 17, 2009, a minimum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) in land, facilities and equipment in this state that are utilized to process, dry, store or ship peanuts. Monies to make such grants by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund and shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the aggregate. The amount of a grant under this subsection (15) shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(b) An entity desiring assistance under this subsection (15) must submit an application to the Mississippi Development Authority. The application must include a description of the project for which assistance is requested, the cost of the project for which assistance is requested, the amount of assistance requested and any other information required by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) As a condition of the receipt of a grant under this subsection (15), an entity must agree to remain in business in this state for not less than five (5) years and must meet other conditions established by the Mississippi Development Authority to ensure that the assistance results in an economic benefit to the state. The Mississippi Development Authority shall require that binding commitments be entered into requiring that:

(i) The minimum requirements provided for in this subsection (15) and the conditions established by the Mississippi Development Authority are met; and

(ii) If such commitments and conditions are not met, all or a portion of the funds provided pursuant to this subsection (15) shall be repaid.

(d) The Mississippi Development Authority shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this subsection (15), and the Mississippi Development Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations,

in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this subsection (15).

(16) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, in addition to the other programs described in this section, shall provide for a program of loan guaranties to be made on behalf of certain agribusinesses engaged in sweet potato growing and farming for the purpose of encouraging thereby the extension of conventional financing and the issuance of letters of credit to such agribusinesses by lenders. The amount of a loan guaranty made on behalf of such an agribusiness shall be ninety percent (90%) of the amount of assistance made available by a lender for the purposes authorized under this subsection (16). Monies to make such loan guaranties by the Mississippi Development Authority shall be drawn from the Emerging Crops Fund and shall not exceed Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00) in the aggregate.

(b) In order to be eligible for assistance under this subsection (16) an agribusiness must:

(i) Have been actively engaged in sweet potato growing and farming in this state before January 1, 2010;

(ii) Have incurred a disaster-related loss for sweet potato growing and farming purposes for calendar year 2009, as determined by a lender;

(iii) Agree to obtain and maintain federal Noninsured Agricultural Program (NAP) insurance coverage for the outstanding balance of any assistance received under this subsection (16); and

(iv) Satisfy underwriting criteria established by a lender related to loans under this subsection (16).

(c) (i) An entity desiring assistance under this subsection must submit an application for assistance to a lender not later than August 1, 2010. The application must include:

1. Information verifying the length of time the applicant has been actively engaged in sweet potato growing and farming in this state;

2. Information regarding the number of acres used by the applicant for sweet potato growing and farming purposes during the 2009 calendar year, as certified to by the Farm Services Authority (FSA) or the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC), and the number of acres the applicant intends to use for such purposes during the 2010 calendar year;

3. The average cost per acre incurred by the applicant for sweet potato growing and farming purposes during the 2009 calendar year, as certified to by the FSA or MDAC, and an estimate of the average cost per acre to be incurred by the applicant for such purposes during the calendar year for which application is made;

4. The amount of assistance requested;

5. A statement from the applicant agreeing that he will obtain and maintain NAP insurance coverage for the outstanding balance of any assistance received under this subsection (16); and

6. Any other information required by the lender and/or the MDA.

(ii) The lender shall review the application for assistance and determine whether the applicant qualifies for assistance under this subsection (16). If the lender determines that the applicant qualifies for assistance, the lender shall loan funds to the applicant subject to the provisions of this subsection (16).

(d) Loans made under this subsection (16) shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) The maximum amount of a loan to a borrower shall not exceed One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) per acre and shall exclude any machinery and equipment costs.

(ii) The proceeds of a loan may be used only for paying a borrower's sweet potato planting, production and harvesting costs, excluding machinery and equipment costs.

(iii) The proceeds of a loan may not be used to repay, satisfy or finance existing debt.

(iv) The time allowed for repayment of a loan shall not be more than five (5) years, and there shall be no penalty, fee or other charge imposed for the prepayment of a loan.

(e) The receipt of assistance by a person or other entity under any other program described in this section shall not disqualify the person or entity from obtaining a loan under the program established in this subsection (16) if the person or entity is otherwise eligible under this program. In addition, the receipt of a loan by a person or other entity under the program established under this subsection (16) shall not disqualify the person or entity from obtaining assistance under any other program described in this section.

(f) The Mississippi Development Authority shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this subsection (16), and the Mississippi Development Authority shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this subsection (16).

(17) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall not provide loans, loan guaranties, grants or any other form of assistance to medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 100. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE MEDICAL CANNABIS USE BY CERTAIN PATIENTS WHO HAVE DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO REQUIRE A PATIENT TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION FROM A QUALIFIED PRACTITIONER TO QUALIFY FOR A REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS BY WHICH A PATIENT MAY REGISTER AS A CARDHOLDER FOR THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS TO PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL CANNABIS BY A QUALIFIED PATIENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL ISSUE REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO QUALIFYING PATIENTS AND REGISTRATIONS TO QUALIFYING FACILITIES; TO ALLOW FOR A DEDUCTION FROM INCOME TAXES FOR ALL OF THE ORDINARY AND NECESSARY EXPENSES PAID OR INCURRED DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR IN CARRYING ON A BUSINESS AS A MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL HAVE THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO LICENSE CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITIES, CANNABIS PROCESSING FACILITIES, CANNABIS TRANSPORTATION ENTITIES, CANNABIS DISPOSAL ENTITIES, CANNABIS TESTING FACILITIES AND CANNABIS RESEARCH FACILITIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO LICENSE MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REGISTER QUALIFIED PRACTITIONERS AND GRANT REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO QUALIFIED PATIENTS AND DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS; TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE SEED-TO-SALE TRACKING SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR DEADLINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN LIMITATIONS OF THE APPLICATION OF THE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE ANY INDIVIDUAL TO ENGAGE IN NOR PREVENT THE IMPOSITION OF ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL OR OTHER PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN ACTS RELATED TO THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY ACTS AGAINST MEDICAL CANNABIS CARDHOLDERS ARE PROHIBITED; TO PROVIDE FOR PROCESS OF THE ADDITION OF DEBILITATING MEDICAL CONDITIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN

THE ACT PROHIBITS AN EMPLOYER FROM DISCIPLINING AN EMPLOYEE FOR INGESTING MEDICAL CANNABIS IN THE WORKPLACE OR FOR WORKING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THE ACT REQUIRES A GOVERNMENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OR PRIVATE INSURER TO REIMBURSE A PERSON FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MEDICAL USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO MAINTAIN A CONFIDENTIAL LIST OF REGISTRY IDENTIFICATION CARDS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN NOTIFICATIONS FROM QUALIFYING PATIENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR LICENSES OF MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES TO ENACT ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE ACT; TO PROHIBIT MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF THE NEAREST BOUNDARY LINE OF ANY SCHOOL, CHURCH OR CHILD CARE FACILITY UNLESS IT HAS RECEIVED A WAIVER; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT SHALL SELL CANNABIS FLOWER OR TRIM THAT HAS A POTENCY OF GREATER THAN 30% TOTAL THC; TO REQUIRE ALL MEDICAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS TO CONTAIN A NOTICE OF HARM REGARDING THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE WEEKLY AND MONTHLY ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO PROVIDE THE POSSESSION LIMIT OF MEDICAL CANNABIS FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT CARDHOLDERS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ESTABLISH AND PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH VIOLATIONS RELATED TO THE USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS AND THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR FINES, SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT BANKS SHALL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO A MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT; TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATION FACILITIES AT A RATE OF 5% OF THE SALE PRICE OF CANNABIS TRIM OR CANNABIS FLOWER; TO REQUIRE DISPENSARIES TO COLLECT AND REMIT THE SALES TAX LEVIED IN SECTION 27-65-17(1)(a) FROM THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF EACH SALE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS; TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF MUNICIPALITIES AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTIES TO OPT OUT OF ALLOWING THE PROCESSING, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REFERENDUM PROCESS FOR A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY TO OPT INTO ALLOWING THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS IN A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY THAT HAS OPTED OUT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE JUDICIAL REVIEW FOR THOSE AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OR ORDER RELATED TO THE MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE ALL FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL CANNABIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 25-53-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO TEMPORARILY EXEMPT ACQUISITIONS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES MADE BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING, ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT, FROM MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PROCUREMENT LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE GRANTS, CONTRACTS, PASS-THROUGH FUNDS, PROJECT FEES OR CHARGES FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR ENTITIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-

11-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE POSSESSION OR USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS THAT IS LAWFUL UNDER THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-17, 27-65-111, 33-13-520, 41-29-125, 41-29-127, 41-29-136, 41-29-137, 41-29-139; 41-29-141, 41-29-143, 43-21-301, 43-21-303, 45-9-101, 59-23-7, 63-11-30, 71-3-7, 71-3-121, 73-15-29, 73-19-23, 73-21-127, 73-25-29 AND 83-9-22, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 17-1-3, 19-5-9, 25-43-1.103, 25-43-2.101, 25-43-3.102, 25-43-3.103, 25-43-3.104, 25-43-3.105, 25-43-3.106, 25-43-3.107, 25-43-3.109, 25-43-3.110 AND 25-43-3.113, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ARE SECTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES LAW AND THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF BUILDING CODES IN COUNTIES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 25-43-3.108, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE SOME MINOR NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGES; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-22.5 AND 27-7-22.30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN INCOME TAX CREDITS AUTHORIZED BY SUCH SECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-31-51 AND 27-31-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY OF MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FREEPORT WAREHOUSE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-31-101 AND 27-31-104, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CANNOT GRANT CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS OR ENTER INTO FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX AGREEMENTS WITH MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE TECHNOLOGY INTENSIVE ENTERPRISES FOR PURPOSES OF THE REDUCED SALES TAX RATE AUTHORIZED FOR SALES OF MACHINERY AND MACHINE PARTS TO TECHNOLOGY INTENSIVE ENTERPRISES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO SALES TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-148-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INVESTOR" UNDER THE STRENGTHENING MISSISSIPPI ACADEMIC RESEARCH THROUGH BUSINESS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "EXTRAORDINARY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ACE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-221, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PROJECT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-10-401, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ELIGIBLE COMPANY" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SECTIONS OF LAW THAT PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS FINANCE CORPORATION TO FINANCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ORDER TO INDUCE THE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN BUSINESSES WITHIN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PRIVATE COMPANY" UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-62-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY" UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI ADVANTAGE JOBS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-69-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" AND "MINORITY BUSINESS

ENTERPRISE SUPPLIER" UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-71-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF PRIVATE COMPANY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-73-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN INCOME TAX CREDITS AUTHORIZED BY SUCH SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 57-80-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" UNDER THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-85-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "PROJECT" AND "RURAL BUSINESS" UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL IMPACT ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-91-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" UNDER THE ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-117-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY FACILITY" AND "QUALIFIED BUSINESS" UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-119-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS OR PROJECTS RELATED TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "HIGH ECONOMIC BENEFIT PROJECT" AND "PRIVATE COMPANY" UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 69-2-11 AND 69-2-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI FARM REFORM ACT OF 1987; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jason White, Sam C. Mims, V, Lee Yancey

On motion of Rep. Yancey the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Barnett, Brown, C, Calvert, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, McLean, Morgan, Owen, Scott, Smith, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, Oliver, White. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 607:** First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death.



A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND after line 40 by inserting the following:

"(6) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall create an annual report of the number of persons convicted under the provisions of this act; and shall provide the report to the House and Senate Judiciary B Committees by January 5, of each year.

(7) This section shall stand repealed on and after July 1, 2025."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Porter:

AMEND by deleting "controlled substance" throughout and insert in lieu thereof: "fentanyl"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 607**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Criswell, Osborne, Sanders, Scott, Walker. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, McLean, Paden, White. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Karriem, Porter, Summers. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 1097:** Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1097**. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Ford, K, Huddleston, White, Yancey. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--70

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 3:** Head Coach Deion Sanders; commend upon being named the 2021 SWAC Coach of the Year.

**H. R. No. 4:** Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Harris Addy, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ella Sue Glissen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dixie Ann Childress Kilgore, Jane Middleton, Joy L. Pitts, Hunter Herring, and Jack Wallace, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Talmage Lowery Sumrall, and Harold Glen Barker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ed Pitts, Steven Bynum, and Christopher Jay Keane, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rex Dell Everett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Judge Kenneth Coleman, which motion prevailed.

At 2:58 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 27, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

(TWENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Tommy Reynolds.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-5.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston and White.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,  
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 33:** Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1105:** Notaries; revise residency requirements of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1328:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 161:** State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize elected officials to serve on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 43:** Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 840:** State budget; revise provisions of several FY22 appropriation bills. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1222:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1344:** Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1422:** Highway Patrol officers and Narcotics Bureau officers; revise the salaries of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1423:** District attorneys; increase salaries of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1334:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHRIS BROWN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 527:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1312:** "Equity in Distance Learning Act"; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1170:** Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 172:** Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 379:** Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 673:** State Board of Medical Licensure; revise composition of to include consumer members. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 674:** Medical Practice Act; revise various provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 975:** Eminent domain; prohibit property from being transferred after acquisition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 718:** Crime of promoting prostitution; clarify and revise where certain monies are deposited. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 589:** The Sexual Assault Response for College Students Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 626:** Scrap metal; revise valuation of for penalties. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 941:** Sheriffs; authorize to deputize tribal law enforcement officers under certain circumstances. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 980:** Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1010:** Firearms in possession of a felon; revise regulations for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1418:** Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1061:** Residential Landlord Tenant Act; revise evictions procedures of the. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1079:** The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1139:** Warrant applications or signature; authorize use of electronic signatures for violations where time is of the essence. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1196:** Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1374:** Obsolete crimes; repeal. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1324:** Justice court; revise service of process. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
JUDICIARY B AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 422:** State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 477:** Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend expiration date for Department of Health to make physician grants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1056:** Professional Counseling Compact; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1137:** Regional mental health commissions; increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors for certain counties. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1378:** Memorial highway; designate certain segment in Prentiss County as the "Corporal Walter Gann Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1113:** Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1002:** Memorial Highway; designate segment in Covich County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.



**H. B. No. 990:** Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 505:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 504:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 503:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 113:** Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 567:** Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman  
NICK BAIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 929:** Mississippi Freedom Trail Commission; establish. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1093:** PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1128:** Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center lease contract; remove requirement that the leasing nonprofit organization shall be responsible for utility payments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

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Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 416:** Public records; exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 416.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, McCarty, White. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 629:** Expungement; clarify procedures in all courts.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 629.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Currie, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, McCarty, White. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 169:** Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Shanks:

AMEND on line 215 by deleting the word "umpire" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:  
"athletic official"

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Shanks the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 604.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White.  
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1310:** Subpoenas; authorize attorneys who have entered an appearance to issue.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1310.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, McCray, Summers, Williamson. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, Rushing, White. Total-6.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 514:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 514.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felscher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, Straughter, White. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 515:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 515.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felscher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 534:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 534.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown,

C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 683:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 683.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-5.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 907:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; establish.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND on line 164 by inserting after "2022" and before the period the following:  
", and shall be repealed from and after June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 907**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bain, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, Massengill, White. Total-7.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 586**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Evans, B, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-6.

Present--Summers, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 906.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-5.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 919.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Brown, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, Scott, White. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59



Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 935:** Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 935.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Ford, K, Horne, Huddleston, Pigott, White. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1509.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Cockerham, Deweese, Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1440:** City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated.

On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills was considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed, titles standing as stated, by the following vote (the role being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Deweese, Eubanks, Ford, K, Hopkins, Huddleston, White. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--76

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Representative Faulkner entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

Representative Evans (91st) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2095:** Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2097:** MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Denton and Scott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Little Brody Kincaid Larry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harriett Nelson, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Darr Fred Sullivan, Jr., Hilda Elizabeth Grant Wheat, Oakley "Rusty" Thompson, Rose Mary Ladner, Ernest Ladner, Sherry Ann Achee Wascom, James E. Hightower, Jr., Betty Jane LaFontaine, Vida Lea Ladner, Arnold Gustafson, Celine Marie Robicheaux Nederveld, Carolyn Bower Lohman, Linda Faye Donald Favre, Charles Joseph Peterson, Robert Gayle Moran, Joan Christine Ladner, and Larry Benefield, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Boyd, Carpenter, Mangold, Pigott, Powell and Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Virgie Chapman McCormick, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Travis Lee Cobb, which motion prevailed.

Representative Gibbs (72nd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Nathan Lowery, II, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Aguirre and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeff Short, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Earl Pender, Birdie Jewel Lewis, Mildred Martin Rasberry, Vanessa Lynn Little, Billy J. Ivey, Ronald "Ronnie" Gene Thomas, Edward J. Reeves, Judy Ann Dearman, Alice Josephine Purvis Dearman, Loyd H. Miller, Henry Ernest Elam, Jr., Addie Lee Smith, Dustin "Dusty" Lee Coffman, Margaret Ivey, Milton Roy Fleming, Jimmy C. "Short-T" Mosley, Sr., Mary Katherine Boone, Michael Wayne Clark, Peggy Cornelia McInnis, Benjamin Eddy "Ben" Ivy, Willie Maude Gilbert, Norman James Kelly, Ruby Pauline Brewer, Katherine Murray Conner, Billy Ray Albritton, Merton Earl Coffin, Erasmus Glass McPhearson, Jr., Lori Lynn Mitchell, Jennie V. Crapse, John Clinton Thornhill, Joel Marcus Dearman, Gladys Margarette Seale, Alton Lamar Beckman, Dr. Samuel Marcus Allen, Coach Willie J. "Teeny" Coats, Vera Inez Lewis, Mary Elizabeth Coats, Steven Earl Dawkins, John Dan Shirley, Minnie Lee Stewart, Jesse Walter Mitchell, Becky M. Plowden, Lee Frances Vinson, Elmina Diana Flowers, Emma Mae Burt Williams, Michael Len Lewis, Sherrie P. Johnson, Nancy Jean Carroll, Michael Patrick Cotton, Benjamin R. Harris, Mary Edna Grayson, and Helen Irene Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Gunn and Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nettie Johns, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley L. Williams, Alyce Elizabeth Evans Shields, Tierre LeRoi Brown, and Willie James Tucker, Sr., which motion prevailed.

At 3:43 PM, on motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 28, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

(TWENTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, White. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Ford, K, Huddleston and White.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year.

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ida Lee Holden, which motion prevailed.

At 9:05 AM, on motion of Rep. Hood the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 31, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTIETH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022

(TWENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jerry Turner.

Rep. Turner led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,  
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1160:** Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1315:** State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of the recovery. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 31:** Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 522:** Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as used by public schools. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 526:** "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to include students with a dyslexia diagnosis. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 591:** Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 818:** MS Computer Science and Cyber Education Equality Act; authorize certified or classified staff to provide instruction under. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 879:** Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance of classroom supply procurement cards. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1059:** Teacher licensure and qualifications; bring forward provisions relating to alternate route certification. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1166:** Teacher licensure; revise provisions relating to educator preparation programs and standards for nontraditional teaching route through TMI. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1173:** Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1239:** School security guard/resource officer; must have required peace officer training to exercise peace officer powers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1314:** School attendance officers; transfer employment responsibilities from the State Department of Education to local school districts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1340:** Family Engagement Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program; require MDE to establish as a component of the ELC Act of 2013. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1349:** Transfer Mississippi Act; create to permit children to attend school of their choice in any school district. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1416:** "Student Protected Equal Access Rights Act"; establish to provide students to organize partisan political groups in public schools. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 795:** Equal Access to Education Act; create to enhance digital learning opportunities for students and public schools. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 160:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 452:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 482:** Property Insurance Clarity Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 823:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 819:** Fire Protection Funds; increase and expand purposes for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 521:** Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 787:** Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 592:** Child support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1067:** Child support; provide for imputation guidelines. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 672:** Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 1:** Gary Jude Harkins; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 11:** Lieutenant Toby Johnson; commend for service during Hurricane Ida. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 12:** Firefighter Linc Tucker; commend for meritorious service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 15:** Mr. George Smith; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 17:** Carroll V. Hood; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 33:** James A. Barber; commend service as Executive Director of PEER upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 1:** Dr. Alton Cobb; commend the life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 6:** Dennis Craig Grisham; honor life upon his passing and express deep sympathy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 14:** Mr. Mack Elmore Banks; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 15:** Mrs. Sherry Ann Plunk Elmore; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 16:** James A. Williams; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 17:** Mrs. Mary Lee Pearson-Finch; congratulate upon celebrating her 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 44:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A Game Day National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 45:** Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team; commend and congratulate upon winning 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 464:** "College Sticker Price Act of 2022"; enact to provide students and families certain program and cost information. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 720:** Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1388:** Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

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Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1509:** (COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Randall Reid, Ronald Rinewalt, Paul Timothy Whitsett, Jr. , Camilla Schultz, Benny Otto Hilton, Evelyn McGee, Dixie Ann Kilgore, Joanne Salbego Samson, Jimmie Shearron Asbill, Wayne Clark Couch, Geoffry Hayden Roberts, William Clint Higbee, Sr. , James L. Brundage, Mary Joe Bennett, and Thomas Buckner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vada Smith Gibbons, and Wilma Faye Holzweissig, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Deweese and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Coleman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vickie Fortenberry Brown, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dewey Lee Blansett, Jr. , and Donnice Mullins Thornhill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Ann Hart Blackmore, and Ezell Marie Matthews McDonald, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ramon Eugene Faul, Patricia Ann Stewart Skellie, Stuart Philip Suffern, Kathryn Skibisky Norton, Donald Patrick Laird, Frank A. Orr, Jr., Lacy Joseph Cuevas, Jr., Donald William Lawson, and Sandra K. Shavers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nena Patrick Taylor, which motion prevailed.

At 4:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

(TWENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Dan Young, Pastor of Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, MS.

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 527:** Commend University of Mississippi Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory Henkes for winning their first National Title in school history. Rules.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1331:** Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1341:** Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1476:** Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1352:** Voter registration files; provide the fees to be charged for providing copies of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 768:** Rural Physicians Scholarship Program; expand to include a loan repayment program for graduates who practice in rural areas. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 769:** COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; create to be administered by Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 779:** Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 841:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 928:** Hospitals; establish grant program for expansions of hospital facilities that increase capacity as needed to treat more COVID-19 patients. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1425:** ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 933:** Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1361:** Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1376:** MS Consumer Privacy Act; create to prohibit any agency, department or institution from releasing any personal information. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS correctional system; establish Department of Parole and Reentry Services to perform functions of Division of Community Corrections. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
CORRECTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 920:** Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1017:** Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 832:** Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 884:** "Accelerate Mississippi Scholarship Program"; establish to provide student with financial assistance for advanced education courses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 885:** Education Enhancement Fund; authorize DFA to issue digital solutions and credentials for use for classroom supply allotments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1246:** "Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013"; revise funding for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 155:** Health insurance policies; require coverage for hearing aids and services for children under 21. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport Emergency Medical Services Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1520:** Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1367:** Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1469:** Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1198:** "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; revise to align agency requirement with provisions of the "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1099:** "The Real You Act of 2022"; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1080:** Rape trials; revise evidentiary procedures for spousal rape. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 620:** Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY B AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:



**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1320:** Cat Island; prohibit the use of a purse seine within two miles of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TIMMY LADNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; bring forward sections of law for purposes of amendment. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; bring forward services and managed care provisions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1179:** Administrative leave; authorize state agencies to grant to members of Civil Air Patrol on emergency missions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1247:** USM property at Port of Gulfport; authorize to lease or sublease. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1028:** Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 38:** MS Funeral Directors Association; commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work during COVID-19 pandemic. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 43:** Scott Central High School Football Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 18:** Head Coach Bridget Carmody; commend for being named the 2021 National Federation of High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year for swimming and diving. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 527:** Commend University of Mississippi Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory Henkes for winning their first National Title in school history. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 14:** Vietnam War Veterans; recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1485:** Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1486:** CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman  
LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1036:** Community colleges; require to assess students a \$10 fee to offset costs of fire protection provided by local governing authorities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 917:** "Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022"; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 784:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1161:** Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1169:** Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1163:** Construction; revise contractor's tax, require certain permits and revise certain licensing. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1475:** Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1477:** Public purchasing laws; revise certain provisions relating to reverse auctions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1529:** Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1164:** Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Head Page, Taylor Young, introduced the following Pages for the week:

Si'myia Black	Batesville, MS
Kaniya Davis	Horn Lake, MS
Taylor Domino	Jackson, MS
Rebekah Formby	Picayune, MS
Tucker Glodden	Madison, MS
John "Jack" Grove	Raymond, MS
Jamartae Hunter	Edwards, MS
Mackenzie Pitts	Olive Branch, MS

Stella Savell	Corinth, MS
Semyra Smith	Jackson, MS
Riley Spivey	Jackson, MS
Megan Tomlinson	Jackson, MS
Joseph Walker	Brandon, MS
Kyla Mychel Walton	Batesville, MS
Lockard Williams	Madison, MS

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 527:** Commend University of Mississippi Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory Henkes for winning their first National Title in school history.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 44:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A Game Day National Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 45:** Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team; commend and congratulate upon winning 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Waltraud "Wally" Alford, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Zachary Kent Ladner, Tammy Lynn Haas, Joe B. Rouse, Frances Moran Necaize, and Landry Halton Fore, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Eure and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald Ray Cuevas, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Bill Baker, Reed Stacy, Theron Thomas Dewey, II, and David Kosko, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Martha Christine Nelson, Mildred Elaine Gann, Elon Ray Free, Billy Fred Wiggs, Lorene Burgess, John Michael "Mike" Doss, Sandi Thompson, Zelda Mae Walls, Danny Wright, Deborah May Ingram, Dock Wayne McGee, Brother Jeff Gilder, and Erin Porter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jacy Miller, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John D. Lee, II, and Margaret Brumeloe Hitt, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain and Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Guy Judkins, which motion prevailed.

At 2:19 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

(THIRTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Bishop Blake Hill, III, Pastor of the Greater Mt. Bethel Church of Holiness U.S.A.

Rep. Summers led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2966:** Appropriation; additional to the Revenue, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act.

**S. B. No. 2967:** Appropriation; additional to the Health, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year. Education.

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments. Education.

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1531:** (Representative Yates) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to White Oak Creek. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1532:** (Representatives Paden, Hines, Rosebud, Stamps, Anthony, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Clark, Evans (91st), Straughter, Taylor, Walker, Williams-Barnes) Appropriation; Department of Health for MAGnet community Health Disparity Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1533:** (Representatives Kinkade, Hale, Massengill) Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026. Local and Private Legislation.



**H. B. No. 1534:** (Representatives Anthony, Rosebud, Sanders) Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1535:** (Representatives Anthony, Rosebud, Sanders, Creekmore IV) Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1536:** (Representatives Anthony, Rosebud, Sanders) Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1537:** (Representatives Read, Arnold, Turner, Hale, Stamps) Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1538:** (Representatives Stamps, Read, Arnold, Turner, Hale) Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1539:** (Representatives Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, Reynolds, McGee, Kinkade, Karriem, McLean, Anthony, Turner, Arnold) Appropriation; Mississippi Main Street Association to make revitalization grants to Mississippi communities. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1540:** (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts to increase rates of bringing trial courts on to MEC system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1541:** (Representative Bain) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding the Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1542:** (Representatives Read, Arnold, Turner, Hale, Shanks, Williams-Barnes, Stamps, Crawford, Johnson, Newman) Appropriation; additional to DPS for the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1543:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson police department improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. C. R. No. 46:** (Representative Tullos) "Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 11-17, 2022, as. Rules.

**H. R. No. 19:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Joe N. Lowery II; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 20:** (Representative Pigott) Hailey Frederiksen; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 37:** Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 13:** City of Water Valley Electric Department, Tallahatchie Valley EPA and Tennessee Valley Authority; commend upon restoring electricity to Water Valley. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. C. R. No. 13:** Samuel Larry Richey; commend his life upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 1:** Gary Jude Harkins; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 11:** Lieutenant Toby Johnson; commend for service during Hurricane Ida.

**H. C. R. No. 12:** Firefighter Linc Tucker; commend for meritorious service.

**H. C. R. No. 15:** Mr. George Smith; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 17:** Carroll V. Hood; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 33:** James A. Barber; commend service as Executive Director of PEER upon his retirement.

**H. C. R. No. 38:** MS Funeral Directors Association; commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work during COVID-19 pandemic.

**H. C. R. No. 43:** Scott Central High School Football Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 2A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure. Total-2.

Present--Burnett, Kinkade. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 425:** Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; declare the month of April as.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 425.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre. Total-1.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. R. No. 1:** Dr. Alton Cobb; commend the life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 6:** Dennis Craig Grisham; honor life upon his passing and express deep sympathy.

**H. R. No. 14:** Mr. Mack Elmore Banks; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 15:** Mrs. Sherry Ann Plunk Elmore; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 16:** James A. Williams; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 17:** Mrs. Mary Lee Pearson-Finch; congratulate upon celebrating her 100th birthday.

**H. R. No. 18:** Head Coach Bridget Carmody; commend for being named the 2021 National Federation of High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year for swimming and diving.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 14:** Vietnam War Veterans; recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Steverson:

AMEND on lines 2 and 50 after the word "war" and on line 43 after "veterans" by inserting the following language:

", especially Representative Manly Barton and Representative Mac Huddleston,"

ADOPTED

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Hines requested that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following:

**H. C. R. No. 14:** Vietnam War Veterans; recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill and resolutions.

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 252:** PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 252.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 483:** Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 483.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Currie. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 492:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 492.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 876:** Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 876.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 43:** Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 294 by inserting the following after the period: "This act shall stand repealed on April 1, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 43.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Present--Holloway. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 660.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Young. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 1222:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1222.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Scott. Total-1.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Mims:

AMEND on lines 130 through 131 by striking the language beginning after the word "with" on line 130 through the word "department" on line 131 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "his or her primary current employer".

AMEND further on line 132 after the word "employer" by inserting the following: "or another eligible health care employer in the State of Mississippi".

AMEND further on line 133 after the word "developed" by inserting the following: "and promulgated".

AMEND further on line 139 by deleting the following: "create,".

AMEND further on line 139 after the word "any" by inserting the following: "other".

AMEND further on lines 179 through 187 by striking all and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "(a) "Hospital" means any type of hospital licensed by the Mississippi Department of Health, including, but not limited to, specialty hospitals that are recognized as such by the department.

(b) "Long-term care facility" means a skilled nursing facility licensed in the State of Mississippi. "Long-term care facility" does not include extended care homes, intermediate care facilities, personal care homes, or boarding homes, except for any of those facilities operated by the Department of Mental Health."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Eubanks:

AMEND on line 151 by inserting: As a further condition of receiving funds under this act, any employer in the state of Mississippi who has terminated employment of any health care worker who has requested a Religious Exemption from a COVID vaccine and been denied, and as a result subsequently fired the requesting employee, must first offer that employee their employment back at the same level of pay, seniority, and benefits that they were receiving at the time of termination. If reemployment is accepted by the employee, their Religious Exemption must be granted and accommodations made. Failure to do so, invalidates any employer whether public or private from participating in this program. AMEND title to conform.

Rep. Reynolds moved that AMENDMENT NO. 2 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 764.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,



Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Mims, Owen, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 768:** Rural Physicians Scholarship Program; expand to include a loan repayment program for graduates who practice in rural areas.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 367 and 368 by deleting the following language: "not to exceed a total of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for the program"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 768.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 769:** COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; create to be administered by Department of Health.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 84 and 85 by deleting the following language: "not to exceed a total of Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000.00) for the program"

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 769**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Mims. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B, Scott. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 928:** Hospitals; establish grant program for expansions of hospital facilities that increase capacity as needed to treat more COVID-19 patients.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 928**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Mims. Total-2.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 175:** Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 175.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 242:** Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 242.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Sanford, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Horne, Lamar, Morgan, Summers. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Brown, B, Clark, Paden, Scott. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 256:** Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 256.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Clark, Horne, Summers. Total--4.

Present--Anderson, J, Paden, Scott. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 446.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Faulkner, Horne. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Ways and Means bills:

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.

**H. B. No. 472:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 473:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on statute prescribing powers and duties of.

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.

On motion of Rep. Lamar, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Powell, Williamson. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 512:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 512.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Evans, B, Scott. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Beckett, Haney. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Hobgood-Wilkes, Karriem, Young. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 516:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 516.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Horne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 684:** Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 684.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Turner, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 961:** Personal delivery devices; provide for the regulation of the use of in pedestrian areas.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 961.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Stamps, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Young. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1162.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 1213:** School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1213.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Anderson, J, Clark, Crudup, Evans, B, Hines, Johnson, McCray, Paden, Porter, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bailey, Criswell, Williams-Barnes. Total-4.

Present--Banks, Brown, B, Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1430.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--McGee. Total-1.



Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Ways and Means bills::

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 1064:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

A committee sub was adopted on H. B. 1064.

On motion of Rep. Lamar, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 842.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 918.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates. Total--95.

Nays--Arnold, Bain, Brown, B, Clark, Darnell, Evans, B, Horne, Ladner, Mangold, Morgan, Newman, Scott, Straughter, Turner, Watson, Wright. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Sanford, Zuber. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Banks, Beckett, Bounds, Crudup, Karriem, Young. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 784:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 784.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Newman, Wright. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Ladner, Sanford, Turner. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Bounds, Crudup. Total--3.  
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN AND YATES:

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) "Governing authorities" means the governing Authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(c) "Project" or "projects" means construction, reconstruction, repairs, upgrades and improvements to the City of Jackson's water and sewer systems and related facilities.

(2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, to be designated as the "Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. However, any unexpended amounts remaining in the fund on January 1, 2027, shall lapse into the State General Fund.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (b), monies in the fund shall be used by the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of providing funds to assist the City of Jackson in paying costs associated with projects. An amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of the monies deposited into the fund may be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to reimburse the department for reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the department in performing its duties under this section.

(3) (a) If the governing authorities desire assistance under this section, the governing authorities must establish a plan for the project or projects for which the governing authorities desire assistance and submit the plan and an application for assistance to the department. The plan shall include at least the following:

(i) A description of the project or projects for which the assistance is requested, including the projected cost of the project or projects;

(ii) The projected starting date and completion date for the project or projects;

(iii) A description of any funds from other sources that may be available to the City of Jackson to assist with paying the costs of the project or projects; and

(iv) Any other information required by the department.

(b) The department shall review the application and determine whether to approve the assistance requested, and if approved, whether to provide the assistance in whole or in part. In addition to using assistance received under this section to fully fund a project or projects, the governing authorities may use the assistance to fund a portion of a project or projects in cases in which other funds are available for the project or projects and may be used as leverage or matching funds for the project or projects. If the department provides assistance for a project or projects under this section, the governing authorities shall provide quarterly reports to the department describing the receipt and

expenditure of such assistance, the status of the project or projects and any other information required by the department.

(4) The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) This section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CAPITAL CITY WATER/SEWER PROJECTS FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CITY OF JACKSON DESIRES ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, THE CITY MUST ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR THE PROJECT OR PROJECTS FOR WHICH IT DESIRES ASSISTANCE AND SUBMIT THE PLAN AND AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF JACKSON UNDER THIS ACT, THE CITY SHALL PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DESCRIBING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT OR PROJECTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1031**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Haney. Total-1.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1131:** Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1131.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Sanders, Taylor. Total-3.

Present--Scott, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Steverson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.

At 11:59 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:02 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 917:** "Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022"; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Aguirre:

AMEND on line 57 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof " , and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 917.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Karriem,

Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Bailey, Bennett, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Hale, Harness, Newman, Sanders, Summers, Watson, Wright. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Felsher. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Bell, C, Gibbs, D, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Jackson, McCray, Mickens, Porter, Stamps, Young. Total--12.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1169:** Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 361 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof  
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1169.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Horne, Scott. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1475:** Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1475.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Summers, Turner. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

**H. B. No. 1477:** Public purchasing laws; revise certain provisions relating to reverse auctions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1477**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Turner. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1529:** Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1529**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Brown, B, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**H. B. No. 258:** Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES KINKADE AND MORGAN:

AMEND on line 12 by inserting the word "electronic" before the word "harvest".

AMEND further on lines 18 and 19 by deleting the words "a physical" and inserting the words "an electronic" in lieu thereof.

AMEND the title on line 3 by deleting the word "a" and inserting the words "an electronic" in lieu thereof.

AMEND further the title on lines 4 and 5 by deleting the words "a physical tagging program that is".

AMEND further on line 52 by adding the following after "2022" the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 258.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Anderson, B, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Calvert, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Guice, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, Miles, Owen, Sanford, Smith, Steverson, Tullos, Williamson. Total--27.



Absent or those not voting--Bain, Crudup, Holloway, Read. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Kinkade:

AMEND on line 14 by deleting "August 20" and inserting "September 10" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 15 by deleting "August 31" and inserting "September 20" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 17 after the word "arrow" by inserting the words "or crossbows".  
AMEND further on line 22 by deleting "August 20" and inserting "September 10" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 22 by deleting "August 31" and inserting "September 20" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 25 by deleting the words "select participants," after the word "shall", and by deleting the words ",if any, the" after the word "permits".  
AMEND further on line 26 by deleting the words "number of permits to be issued, and the length of the special".  
AMEND further on line 27 by deleting the word "permits".  
AMEND the title on line 4 by deleting "August 20" and inserting "September 10" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further the title on line 4 by deleting "August 31" and inserting "September 20" in lieu thereof.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1035.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Newman. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 695:** Intervention courts; revise regulations that govern and add drug abuse prevention to statewide education component.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on lines 59 and 77 by deleting "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:  
"may"

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 695.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Beckett, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bounds, Burnett, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Kinkade, Ladner, McKnight, McLeod, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Smith, Tubb, Turner, Williamson, Zuber. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Rushing, Weathersby. Total-3.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 799:** Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 799.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 621:** Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Banks:

AMEND on line 45 by inserting the following after "2022": , and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 621.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Walker, Watson. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Williams-Barnes. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Gibbs, D. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up:

**H. B. No. 32:** Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

On motion of Rep. Hines the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Boyd called up:

**H. B. No. 502:** School board purchasing agent; increase amount of required surety bond.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 502.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold. Total-1.

Present--Watson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up:

**H. B. No. 599:** MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 236 by inserting the following phrase after the word "bureaus":  
"and entities"

AMEND TITLE to conform

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Boyd:

AMEND on lines 233 and 234 by striking the language "twenty thousand (20,000)" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "forty thousand (40,000)." AMEND further on line 258 by striking the language "ten thousand (10,000)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "twenty thousand (20,000)." AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on line 69 by deleting the word "state" and inserting the word "all."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 599.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes,

Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Barton, Bounds, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Hale, McCray, McGee, Newman, Pigott, Roberson, Rushing, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Tulos, Watson, Wright. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Haney, Sanford. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 1098:** Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Byrd:

AMEND on line 37 by striking the word "The" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "the".

AMEND further on line 37 by inserting the following language after the period: "Except in a fire protection district where paid fire protection service is provided by the fire department and where there are no volunteer firefighters in such district,".

AMEND further the title by on line 2 by striking the word "ANY" and by inserting in lieu thereof the word: "CERTAIN".

AMEND further the title on line 3 by striking the word "DISTRICT" and inserting in lieu thereof: "DISTRICTS".

AMEND further at the end of line 3 by striking the word "THE" and by inserting in lieu thereof: "A".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1098.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Reynolds. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 527:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Byrd the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 719.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Scott, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 1017:** Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1017.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Present--Evans, B. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Byrd called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

**H. B. No. 527:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 527.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Scott, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Ford, J, Hood, Horan, Lamar, McLean, Reynolds, Roberson. Total-9.

Present--Bain, Banks, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.  
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 590:** Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 590.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Reynolds. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 611:** Corporations and limited liability companies; authorize notice from Secretary of State to be served by electronic mail.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 611.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Sanford. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Banks. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 260:** Inventory of livestock; repeal provision requiring state institutions of higher learning to file quarterly inventory report.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 260.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--60



Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 261:** Foundation herds of certain livestock; repeal authority of IHL Board relating to purchase, breeding and maintenance of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 261.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 262:** 4-H Club Demonstration Camps; repeal authority of MSU Extension Service to create and maintain in Panola and Madison Counties.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 262.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 555:** "Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program"; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 555.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1065.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 1159:** Sixteenth section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1159.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Pigott called up:

**H. B. No. 1389:** "Mississippi Grain Indemnity Act"; enact.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1389.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Stamps, Turner. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Carpenter called up:

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 677**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Carpenter called up:

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1177**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, Karriem, Paden, Summers, Walker. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Gibbs, D, Miles, Owen. Total--4.

Present--McCray, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Carpenter called up:

**H. B. No. 1180:** Mississippi National Guard; revise conditions under which members will be placed on retired list.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1180**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Owen, Young. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Steverson by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 918**: (Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.) passed.

Representative Oliver entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 599**: MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 527**: Commend University of Mississippi Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory Henkes for winning their first National Title in school history.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Arnold and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Lorraine Taylor, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rufus Landrum, Rev. Bobby Wright, John Toby Brewer, and Ricky Revette, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lonnie Lee Boykins, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Boyd and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Grady Wigginton, which motion prevailed.

At 4:42 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 3, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

(THIRTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Brother David Long, Mantachie First Baptist, Mantachie, MS.

Rep. Boyd led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2018:** MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance conduct periodic joint-bank examinations; extend repealer.

**S. B. No. 2024:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create.

**S. B. No. 2068:** State Forestry Commission Law Enforcement Officers; extend repealer on authority to appoint.

**S. B. No. 2073:** Fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer; revise offense of.

**S. B. No. 2083:** Open meetings; legislative advisory committee members must be invited to stay during executive session.

**S. B. No. 2090:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Mississippi Book Festival.

**S. B. No. 2164:** Department of Tourism; create.

**S. B. No. 2235:** Terroristic threats; revise elements of.

**S. B. No. 2269:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees for deposit into.

**S. B. No. 2272:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility.

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings.

**S. B. No. 2276:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on.

**S. B. No. 2277:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on.

**S. B. No. 2280:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention.

**S. B. No. 2281:** Advanced recycling; decrease plastic waste.

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.

**S. B. No. 2444:** Teachers' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary.

**S. B. No. 2460:** Mississippi Domestic Law Task Force; reconstitute.

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

**S. B. No. 2498:** Water skiing; revise safety requirements.

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

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**S. B. No. 2640:** State-chartered banks; revise merger law to conform to the Mississippi Business Corporation Act.

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

**S. B. No. 2771:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

**S. B. No. 2776:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend date of repeal.

**S. B. No. 2778:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; revise.

**S. B. No. 2797:** Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists.

**S. B. No. 2817:** Department of Corrections; authorize the provision of hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness.

**S. B. No. 2832:** Bonds; revise uses of IHL bond proceeds for Mississippi State University College of Architecture, Art and Design.

**S. B. No. 2846:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repeal date on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 8:** Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 501:** Commend Philadelphia automobile dealer Bill Griffis for his nomination for the 2022 TIME Dealer of the Year Award.

**S. C. R. No. 502:** Commend former Mississippi Representative Honorable Fred Banks on his receipt of "2021 Lifetime Achievement Award" by MS BAR.

**S. C. R. No. 503:** Mourn the passing of former Senator Joseph Stogner of Sandy Hook, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 504:** Commend Columbia High School "Wildcats" Football Team for first State Championship since 1982.

**S. C. R. No. 505:** Recognize legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Running Back Walter Payton and dedication of "Walter Payton Field" in Columbia, Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 506:** Commend Mississippi Humanities Council on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

**S. C. R. No. 507:** Extending the deepest sympathy on the passing of former Mississippi First Lady and community activist Elise Winter.

**S. C. R. No. 508:** Paying tribute to public health career and contributions of respected state health officer and first Medicaid Director Dr. Alton Cobb.

**S. C. R. No. 509:** Commend State Parole Board Chairman Steven Pickett on the occasion of his retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 510:** Commend Mississippi "Braves" Baseball Team for winning the Double A South Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 514:** Congratulate MSU 2021 Baseball Team on National Championship.



**S. C. R. No. 526:** Express sympathy and remember the legacy of Lusia (Lucy) Harris of Minter City, Mississippi, "The Queen of Basketball."

**S. C. R. No. 534:** Congratulate Jackson State University "Tigers" Football Team for remarkable season.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1440:** City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2474:** Municipally owned electric utilities; shall have same powers as electric power cooperatives.

**S. B. No. 2584:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in circuit court districts.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2966:** Appropriation; additional to the Revenue, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2967:** Appropriation; additional to the Health, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act. Appropriations.

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**S. C. R. No. 504:** Commend Columbia High School "Wildcats" Football Team for first State Championship since 1982. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 505:** Recognize legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Running Back Walter Payton and dedication of "Walter Payton Field" in Columbia, Mississippi. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 506:** Commend Mississippi Humanities Council on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 507:** Extending the deepest sympathy on the passing of former Mississippi First Lady and community activist Elise Winter. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 508:** Paying tribute to public health career and contributions of respected state health officer and first Medicaid Director Dr. Alton Cobb. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 509:** Commend State Parole Board Chairman Steven Pickett on the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 510:** Commend Mississippi "Braves" Baseball Team for winning the Double A South Championship. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 514:** Congratulate MSU 2021 Baseball Team on National Championship. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 526:** Express sympathy and remember the legacy of Lusia (Lucy) Harris of Minter City, Mississippi, "The Queen of Basketball." Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 534:** Congratulate Jackson State University "Tigers" Football Team for remarkable season. Rules.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1544:** (Representative Harness) Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain nonprofit corporations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1545:** (Representative McGee) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Hattiesburg with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1546:** (Representative McGee) Appropriation; Department of Health for grant program for hospital expansions to increase capacity to care for COVID patients. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1547:** (Representative Roberson) City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1548:** (Representative Busby) Trailers and semitrailers; revise alternative highway privilege tax for. Ways and Means.

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 37:** Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Crawford, Eure, Ford, K, Karriem, Scoggin, Zuber. Total-7.

Present--Weathersby. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 13:** City of Water Valley Electric Department, Tallahatchie Valley EPA and Tennessee Valley Authority; commend upon restoring electricity to Water Valley.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 840:** State budget; revise provisions of several FY22 appropriation bills.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 840.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Scott. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1344:** Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1344.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 10 after line 409 and renumbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 10. During fiscal year 2022, the State Fiscal

Officer shall transfer to the Capital Expense Fund out of the following enumerated funds, the amounts listed below from each fund:

FUND	AMOUNT	FUND NUMBER
General Fund		2999000000
\$1.00		
Treasurer's Office --		
Abandoned Property		3317800000
\$1.00		
TOTAL	\$2.00	

SECTION 11. During fiscal year 2022, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$623.00) from the Secretary of State Help Mississippi Vote Fund (Fund No. 3311M00000) to the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000)."

AMEND FURTHER the title by inserting the following after the semicolon on line 11: "TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS TO THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND AND THE STATE GENERAL FUND DURING FISCAL YEAR 2022;"

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1353.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Pigott, Scott. Total-3.

Present--Carpenter. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1422:** Highway Patrol officers and Narcotics Bureau officers; revise the salaries of.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1422.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 779:** Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 779.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1001:** Alcoholic beverage, beer, light spirit product and light wine; allow any municipality to hold election to permit or prohibit.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 833.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up:



**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1163.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Karriem, McCray, Owen, Paden, Stamps, Taylor, Walker. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Mangold. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Busby, Crudup. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1164:** Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 39 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1164.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

**H. B. No. 1001:** Alcoholic beverage, beer, light spirit product and light wine; allow any municipality to hold election to permit or prohibit.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES RUSHING AND ZUBER:

AMEND by deleting Section 1 of the bill in its entirety renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.

AMEND further the title on lines 1 through 6 by deleting "TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY MUNICIPALITY THAT IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WHICH HAS VOTED AGAINST COMING OUT FROM UNDER THE DRY LAW MAY, AT AN ELECTION HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE, EITHER PROHIBIT OR PERMIT THE SALE, AND THE RECEIPT, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE, OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1001.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Darnell, Evans, B, Horne, Newman, Sanford, Wright. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up:

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1343.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 127:** CDL; prohibit for persons convicted of certain trafficking crimes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 127.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 180:** Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 180.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, McLean, Owen, Scott. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Rosebud. Total-2.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 971.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 1073:** Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1073.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 158:** Off-road vehicles; revise definitions of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 158.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Johnson, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 192:** License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER AND RUSHING:

AMEND on line 83 by deleting "July 1, 2022" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "its passage".

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 192**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Rosebud. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 567:** Radar; revise population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Hines moved that the foregoing bill be laid on the table subject to call, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 567**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, Owen, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williamson. Total--30.

Absent or those not voting--Powell, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total-3.

Present--Clark, Crudup, Denton, Gibbs, D. Total--4.  
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 1485:** Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1485.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Evans, B. Total--1.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 1486:** CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1486.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--62

Representative Busby entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1185.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Scott. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 360:** State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND on line 479 after "2022" by inserting the following:  
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 360.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,



Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLeod, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Hood, Young. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Lamar entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 370:** Bail bond; require release when judge approves participation in intervention program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 370.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Newman. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Newman called up:

**H. B. No. 1021:** Bail; revise procedures to determine for indigent defendants.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 250 after "2022" by inserting the following:  
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1021.** On motion of Rep. Newman the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 976:** Sellers of alternative nicotine products and package retailers; require to have a third-party age verification service.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND after line 329 by inserting the following after the period, and renumbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 5 . Section 20 of Senate Bill 2095, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

Section 20. Requirements, prohibitions and penalties. (1) Medical cannabis establishments shall conduct a background check into the criminal history of every person seeking to become a principal officer, board member, agent, volunteer, or employee before the person begins working at or for the medical cannabis establishment.

(2) A medical cannabis establishment may not employ any person who:

(a) Was convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; or

(b) Is under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(3) The operating documents of a medical cannabis establishment must include procedures for the oversight of the medical cannabis establishment and procedures to ensure accurate record keeping and adequate security measures.

(4) A medical cannabis establishment shall implement appropriate security measures designed to deter and prevent the theft of medical cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing medical cannabis.

(5) All cultivation, harvesting, processing and packaging of medical cannabis must take place in an enclosed, locked and secure facility with a physical address provided to the MDOH during the licensing and registration process. The facility shall be equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by agents of the medical cannabis establishment, emergency personnel or adults who are twenty-one (21) years of age and older and who are accompanied by medical cannabis establishment agents.

(6) No medical cannabis establishment other than a cannabis processing facility or cannabis research facility may produce cannabis concentrates, cannabis extractions, or other cannabis products.

(7) A medical cannabis establishment may not share office space with or refer patients to a practitioner.

(8) Medical cannabis establishments are subject to inspection by the MDOR and MDOH during business hours.

(9) Before medical cannabis may be dispensed to a cardholder, a dispensary agent must:

(a) Require that the individual present a registry identification card;  
(b) Make a diligent effort to verify that the registry identification card presented to the dispensary is valid;

(c) Make a diligent effort to verify that the person presenting the registry identification card is the person identified on the registry identification card presented to the dispensary agent using an independent, third-party age verification service which shall have at least a ninety-five percent (95%) accuracy rating according to national standards in order to be in compliance with the identification requirements of this section; and

(d) Not believe that the amount of medical cannabis dispensed would cause the person to possess more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis.

(10) A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis to a cardholder. A resident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of six (6) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in a week from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries. A resident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twenty-four (24) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in thirty (30) days from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries.

The possession limit for resident cardholders of the allowable amount of medical cannabis shall be a total of twenty-eight (28) MMCEUs. There shall not be a possession limit on nonconsumable medical cannabis, including, but not limited to, suppositories, ointments, soaps, and lotions or other topical agents.

(11) For purposes of this chapter, total THC is defined as THCA multiplied by .877 plus THC Delta 9 and all other psychoactive forms or isomers of THC added together. A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell cannabis flower or trim that has a potency of greater than thirty percent (30%) total THC. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell cannabis tinctures, oils or concentrates that have a potency of greater than sixty percent (60%) total THC. Cannabis products that have a potency of over thirty percent (30%) total THC shall be clearly labeled as "extremely potent." Edible cannabis products, including food or drink products, that have been combined with usable cannabis or cannabis products shall be physically demarked and labeled with a clear determination of how much total THC is in a single-serving size and how much THC is in the entire package.

A medical cannabis product shall contain a notice of harm regarding the use of cannabis products. Edible cannabis products shall be homogenized to ensure uniform disbursement of cannabinoids throughout the product. All molded edible cannabis products shall be presented in the form of geometric shapes and shall not be molded to contain any images or characters designed or likely to appeal to minors, such as cartoons, toys, animals or children.

(12) A dispensary may not dispense more than the allowable amount of cannabis to a registered qualifying patient or a nonresident cardholder, directly or via a registered designated caregiver. Dispensaries shall ensure compliance with this limitation by maintaining internal, confidential records that include records specifying how much medical cannabis is being dispensed to the registered qualifying patient or nonresident cardholder and whether it was dispensed directly to a registered qualifying patient, nonresident cardholder or to the registered designated caregiver.

(13) A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of six (6) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in a week from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries. A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twelve (12) MMCEUs of allowable cannabis from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries in a fifteen-day period.

(14) A nonresident may apply to receive a nonresident registry identification card up to thirty (30) days before arriving in Mississippi. A nonresident registry identification card shall be valid for fifteen (15) days. After the expiration of the card, a nonresident may apply for a renewal of the card and may be granted another card which shall be valid for another fifteen-day period. A nonresident registry identification card shall only be valid, at a maximum, for two (2) separate periods of fifteen (15) days in a three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. An applicant may indicate on his or her application the specific time period that he or she wishes for the card to be valid. The possession limit of the allowable amount of medical cannabis for nonresident cardholders shall be fourteen (14) MMCEUs.

(15) A medical cannabis dispensary agent or employee shall not issue a written certification. Employees and agents of a medical cannabis dispensary shall complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis as regulated by the MDOR in order to be certified to work at a medical cannabis dispensary. After the first year of employment, these employees shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis annually to maintain this certification.

(16) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a patient with a debilitating medical condition who is between eighteen (18) years to twenty-five (25) years of age is not eligible for a medical cannabis registry identification card unless two (2) practitioners from separate medical practices have diagnosed the patient as having a debilitating medical condition after an in-person consultation. One (1) of these practitioners must be a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

If one (1) of the recommending practitioners is not the patient's primary care practitioner, the recommending practitioner shall review the records of a diagnosing practitioner. The requirement that the two (2) practitioners be from separate medical practices does not apply if the patient is homebound or if the patient had a registry identification card before the age of eighteen (18).

(17) A medical cannabis establishment shall not allow an individual who is younger than twenty-one (21) years old to enter the premises of the establishment unless the individual possesses a registry identification card and is accompanied by his or her legal guardian.

(18) A medical cannabis establishment shall only purchase, grow, cultivate, and use cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state. Any medical cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state shall not be transported outside of this state.

(19) Employees of all medical cannabis establishments shall apply for a work permit with the MDOH and MDOR, as applicable, before beginning employment with any establishment. The licensing agency for the respective medical cannabis establishment may issue work permits to these individuals. These licensing agencies shall maintain a work registry of all applicants and work permits issued. The fee for a work permit shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and the permit shall be valid for five (5) years. Work permits shall be the property of the employee and shall not be transferable to other employees.

(20) For purposes of this subsection, "plant growth regulator cannabis" shall mean a cannabis plant whose growth and structure has been modified using plant growth hormones. A cannabis cultivation facility shall not cultivate and a cannabis dispensary shall not sell, transfer or provide for consumption plant growth regulator cannabis.

(21) A medical cannabis dispensary shall only make sales to cardholders inside the dispensary. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell or otherwise convey medical cannabis to a cardholder through the means of a drive-through, curbside delivery or other delivery outside the premises of the dispensary.

(22) Any and all contracts or agreements entered into by the MDOH and MDOR for information technology software, hardware, and/or services for the purpose of implementing and/or operating under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall include language reasonably limiting the ability of the vendor to escalate the ongoing cost of such software, hardware, and/or services during the term of the contract, including any amendments and/or extensions.

(23) The MDOR and MDOH shall not share the name, address or personal data of a registry identification cardholder to any federal government entity."

#### ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 976**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--98.

Nays--Anderson, B, Barnett, Barton, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Felsher, Hopkins, McCarty, McLeod, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Rushing, Tubb, Williamson. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Currie, Ford, K, Horne, Zuber. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1148:** Reckless endangerment; create the crime of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 7 by striking the words: "or may place".

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1207:** Penalties for electronic crimes by minors; clarify.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1207.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 630:** Expungement; clarify for qualified electors.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 630.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Boyd, Carpenter, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--McLeod. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--81

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 689:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 689.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Osborne, Scott, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Representative Kinkade entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 917:** "Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022"; create.

Representative Weathersby entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

At 11:45 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 589:** The Sexual Assault Response for College Students Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 589.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 626:** Scrap metal; revise various provisions that regulate.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 626.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett,

Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Clark, Osborne, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Bain moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 833**: (Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.) passed for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barnett:

AMEND by striking lines 213 through 239 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(c) The ownership, operation or control of not more than one (1) motor vehicle dealership location within this state by a manufacturer that manufactures and sells only motor vehicles that are plug-in electric vehicles that do not rely on any nonelectric source of power in all modes of operation, provided that the dealership has been continuously licensed since August 1, 2021, and provided that the ownership or controlling interest in the dealership is not transferred, sold or conveyed to another person required to be licensed under this title.

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 833**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up:



**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hale:

AMEND on line 20 by inserting the following language before the word "Fostering":  
"State Representative Bill Kinkade"  
AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

Representative Hines requested that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following:

Representatives Brown (20th) and Hopkins asked to be removed as authors.

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1313.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 980:** Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 12 by striking the word "shall" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "may".  
AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 980**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Scott, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1010:** Firearms in possession of a felon; revise regulations for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1010**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Arnold, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barnett called up:

**H. B. No. 1418:** Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1418.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Yates, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony. Total-1.

Present--Foster, McCray, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.  
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1061:** Residential Landlord Tenant Act; revise evictions procedures of the.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:**

AMEND on line 607 by deleting "July 1, 2022" and inserting in lieu thereof: "its passage"

**ADOPTED**

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1061.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Barnett, Brown, B, Ford, K, Powell. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Crudup. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Evans, B. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1079:** The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1079.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1374:** Obsolete crimes; repeal.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 422:** State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 303 after "2022" by adding the following:  
"and shall stand repealed June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 422.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Owen, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Foster, Gibbs, D, Holloway, Jackson, Ladner, McCray, Mickens, Rushing, Young. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1099:** Incarcerated offenders; prohibit from petitioning to change name and/or gender.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1099.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--30.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Newman, Reynolds, Yates. Total-4.

Present--Crudup, Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1080:** Rape trials; revise evidentiary procedures for spousal rape.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McLean:

AMEND on line 16 by striking "female" and inserting lieu thereof "person".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1080.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Blackmon, Holloway. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES HINES AND SUMMERS:

AMEND on line 13 by deleting the word "firing squad".

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1479.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, McGee, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 620:** Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 620.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Scott. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Lamar, Morgan. Total-3.

Present--Owen, Yates. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 400.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

**H. B. No. 464:** "College Sticker Price Act of 2022"; enact to provide students and families certain program and cost information.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 464**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

**H. B. No. 720:** Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 720**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Scott. Total-1.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

**H. B. No. 1388:** Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.



YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1388**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 365:** MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 365**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 732:** State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 732**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 20:** Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 20.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 424:** Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 424.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 860:** Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 860.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 363:** Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 363.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 927:** Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 927.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1005.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby,

Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 477:** Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend expiration date for Department of Health to make physician grants.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 477.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 1056:** Professional Counseling Compact; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1056.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore,

Crisswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bennett, Eure, Gibbs, D, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 1137:** Regional mental health commissions; increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors for certain counties.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1137.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crisswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Sanford, Scott, Tullos, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey called up:

**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend on line 1 to insert the words "VICTORIA HUGGINS" before the word "MISSISSIPPI".

Amend further on line 10 to insert the words "Victoria Huggins" before the word "Mississippi".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by deleting lines 29 through 32 in their entirety and inserting the following:

"(2) Any person who possesses a pill press, tableting machine, encapsulating machine, or similar equipment which is used, intended to be used, or designed to be used to manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance shall register such pill press, tableting machine, encapsulating machine, or similar equipment with the State Board of Pharmacy."

AMEND further by deleting lines 33 through 35 in their entirety and inserting the following:

"(3) Any person who violates this act shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction, shall be committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both."

AMEND further on line 37 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" before the period.

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 679**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Osborne, Taylor. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anderson, J, Blackmon, Evans, B. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

**H. B. No. 681:** Kratom; include in Schedule I controlled substances list.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 681**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks,

Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Evans, B, Guice, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Roberson, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Walker, Watson. Total--30.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hines, McCarty, Oliver, Rosebud. Total-5.

Present--Bell, C, Gibbs, D, Harness, Holloway, McCray, Yates. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--56

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 917**: ("Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022"; create.) was adopted.

Representative Bain entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1079**: The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 1**: Dr. Alton Cobb; commend the life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 6**: Dennis Craig Grisham; honor life upon his passing and express deep sympathy.

**H. R. No. 14**: Mr. Mack Elmore Banks; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 15**: Mrs. Sherry Ann Plunk Elmore; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 16**: James A. Williams; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 17**: Mrs. Mary Lee Pearson-Finch; congratulate upon celebrating her 100th birthday.

**H. R. No. 18**: Head Coach Bridget Carmody; commend for being named the 2021 National Federation of High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year for swimming and diving.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 13**: City of Water Valley Electric Department, Tallahatchie Valley EPA and Tennessee Valley Authority; commend upon restoring electricity to Water Valley.



STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Gunn and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Alice Barrentine, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Martin Dunagin, and Tina Riad, which motion prevailed.

Representative Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Martha Segars, Johnnie Faye Lovelace, and Robin Lambert, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ed Pitts, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James R. Ford, which motion prevailed.

At 4:21 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 4, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022

(THIRTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Eure. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Eure.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2474:** Municipally owned electric utilities; shall have same powers as electric power cooperatives. Energy; Municipalities.

**S. B. No. 2584:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in circuit court districts. Corrections; Judiciary B.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1549:** (Representative Reynolds) City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1550:** (Representatives Read, Gunn, Bennett, Turner, Weathersby) Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Appropriations.

**H. C. R. No. 47:** (Representative Carpenter) Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie; commend her life upon her passing. Rules.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 8:** Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1440:** City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Haney and McLeod moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William "Bill" Barrett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Erma Ruth Kelly, Jacob Ryan Dearman, Jason R. Braswell, Faye Norris Akins Brownlee, Florine Maxine Rainey, Joseph Randale Partin, Erma Ruth Howell, Stanley Ray Shirley, Berry Ray Smith, Roger Garvin Cooper, Sr. , and Lavalie William White, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Fredrick Grafe, Sr. , and Glenn Wood Vincent, which motion prevailed.

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Goodin the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 7, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

(THIRTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Reed McCaleb, Water Valley United Church, Water Valley, MS.

Rep. Reynolds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Hood.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

**S. B. No. 2028:** Designated bridges; name in honor of Zack Stewart.

**S. B. No. 2074:** Memorial highways; designate segments of I-22 in Lee County as "Korean War Veterans Highway" and "Vietnam Veterans Way."

**S. B. No. 2075:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection."

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

**S. B. No. 2416:** Unused leave accumulated by teacher who transfers to another school district; allow to be credited.

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance.

**S. B. No. 2431:** Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; revise provisions of.

**S. B. No. 2483:** Recreational off-highway vehicles; raise width and unladen dry weight limits.

**S. B. No. 2520:** Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White.

**S. B. No. 2624:** Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2719:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise.

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d).

**S. B. No. 2764:** Local Government Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses.

**S. B. No. 2769:** Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university foundation.

**S. B. No. 2773:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state.

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on.

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2033:** Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.

**S. B. No. 2448:** Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 47:** Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie; commend her life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 20:** Hailey Frederiksen; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 501:** Commend Philadelphia automobile dealer Bill Griffis for his nomination for the 2022 TIME Dealer of the Year Award. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 502:** Commend former Mississippi Representative Honorable Fred Banks on his receipt of "2021 Lifetime Achievement Award" by MS BAR. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 503:** Mourn the passing of former Senator Joseph Stogner of Sandy Hook, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 504:** Commend Columbia High School "Wildcats" Football Team for first State Championship since 1982. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 505:** Recognize legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Running Back Walter Payton and dedication of "Walter Payton Field" in Columbia, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 506:** Commend Mississippi Humanities Council on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 507:** Extending the deepest sympathy on the passing of former Mississippi First Lady and community activist Elise Winter. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 508:** Paying tribute to public health career and contributions of respected state health officer and first Medicaid Director Dr. Alton Cobb. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 509:** Commend State Parole Board Chairman Steven Pickett on the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 510:** Commend Mississippi "Braves" Baseball Team for winning the Double A South Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 514:** Congratulate MSU 2021 Baseball Team on National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 526:** Express sympathy and remember the legacy of Lusia (Lucy) Harris of Minter City, Mississippi, "The Queen of Basketball." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 534:** Congratulate Jackson State University "Tigers" Football Team for remarkable season. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 672:** Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND FURTHER on line 95 by deleting the word "Co" and inserting in lieu thereof:

"Vice"

AMEND FURTHER on line 96 by deleting the words "The remaining"

AMEND FURTHER on line 100 after the period by inserting the following:

"The Mississippi Chapter of the International Association of Forensic Nurses shall make two appointments to the task force, which shall be one pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner and one adult sexual assault nurse examiner."

AMEND FURTHER on line 534 by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 672**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 718:** Crime of promoting prostitution; clarify and revise where certain monies are deposited.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on lines 395 to 397 by deleting paragraph (h) in its entirety and re-lettering the succeeding paragraphs.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 718**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up:

**H. B. No. 1331:** Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1331.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Eubanks, Hood. Total-3.

Present--Gibbs, D, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up:

**H. B. No. 1341:** Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1341.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,



Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up:

**H. B. No. 1476:** Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1476.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 698.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 592:** Child support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 592.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--51.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Byrd, Carpenter, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Read, Rushing, Scoggin, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--63.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Hood, Horan, Kinkade, McGee, Powell, Tullos. Total-7.

Present--Burnett. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Cockerham entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill failed to pass.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 1067:** Child support; provide for imputation guidelines.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1067.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Arnold, Beckett, Boyd, Carpenter, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McKnight, McLeod, Morgan, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Tubb. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Foster, Hood, McCray, McLean, Rosebud.  
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Preston Pierce Dillon, and Lela "Lee" May Ellzey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edna Iris Commins Hairston, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Chadwick "Chad" Walker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edith Hardy Carlock, which motion prevailed.

At 4:51 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

(THIRTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Scott Bounds.

Rep. Bounds led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

In recognition of Alzheimer's Advocacy Day, Macy Polk, a Jackson Preparatory senior, sang the National Anthem.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Hood.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2064:** District attorneys; provide for the appointment of part-time legal assistants.

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**S. B. No. 2028:** Designated bridges; name in honor of Zack Stewart. Transportation; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2033:** Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months. Medicaid.

**S. B. No. 2074:** Memorial highways; designate segments of I-22 in Lee County as "Korean War Veterans Highway" and "Vietnam Veterans Way." Transportation; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2075:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection." Transportation; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

**S. B. No. 2416:** Unused leave accumulated by teacher who transfers to another school district; allow to be credited. Education.

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance. Education.

**S. B. No. 2431:** Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; revise provisions of. Education.

**S. B. No. 2448:** Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement. Medicaid.

**S. B. No. 2483:** Recreational off-highway vehicles; raise width and unladen dry weight limits. Transportation.

**S. B. No. 2520:** Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White. Transportation; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2624:** Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2719:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise. County Affairs.

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration. Workforce Development.

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d). Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2764:** Local Government Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2769:** Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university foundation. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2773:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on. Education; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation. Education.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1552:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Hinds County for expanding and improving its crime prevention activities. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1553:** (Representatives Weathersby, Beckett) Appropriations; DFA to acquire new facility for MS Federation of Women's Clubs in exchange for lease of current headquarters building. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1554:** (Representative Wright) Appropriation; DFA for costs of repair, renovation and restoration of Haley Reeves House in City of Columbus. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1555:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey, Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of repair and renovation of city parks and municipal golf course. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1556:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey, Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with hangar improvements at Greenville Mid-Delta Airport. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1557:** (Representative Gunn) Income tax; authorize a credit for certain blood donations. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1558:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; City of Jackson to construct a parking lot. Appropriations.

**H. C. R. No. 48:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop; commend upon his 50 years of police service in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. R. No. 21:** (Representative Thompson) William Earl Bailey, Sr.; commend life upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 22:** (Representative Foster) Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School Rangers Basketball Teams; commend on winning 2021-2022 Championship for Central Mississippi Athletic Conference Division. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2719:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

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Head Page, Grace Williams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Tatiana Myers-Arterberry	Jackson, MS
Sydney Burchfield	Jackson, MS
Macy Carraway	Clinton, MS
Molly C. Cliburn	Union, MS
Kaylee Collier	Carriere, MS
Margaret Collins	Clinton, MS
Jame A. Crowder	Bay St. Louis, MS
Emma Claire Dunhurst	Carriere, MS
Ayriel Fortune	Purvis, MS
Alexis Fortune	Purvis, MS
Anthony Griffith	Brandon, MS

Xy'Ona Hale	Jackson, MS
Hutson Hollingsworth	Brandon, MS
Abigail Grace Howard	Ellisville, MS
Bennett Hubbard	Mendenhall, MS
Hayden Jenkins	Philadelphia, MS
Caroline Johnston	Ridgeland, MS
Owen Marquar	Waveland, MS
Reynolds McCaleb	Water Valley, MS
Mary Bradley McCardle	SoSo, MS
Dennis McCollum, Jr.	Jackson, MS
Rivers McKenzie	Oxford, MS
Gannon Moore	Belzoni, MS
Ashley Naylor	Vicksburg, MS
Pete Peebles	Philadelphia, MS
John Pharr	Boonville, MS
Ingrid Soto	Picayune, MS
Gracie Sullivan	Morton, MS
Molly Catherine Tannehill	Oxford, MS
Morgan Thornton	Brandon, MS
Jadon Larry-Turner	Vicksburg, MS
Angela Turnipseed	Madison, MS
Ben Warren	Brandon, MS
Abby Wilson	Picayune, MS

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 604:** (DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 797 after "2022" by inserting the following:  
"and shall stand repealed on June 20, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 604.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Byrd, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Clark, Hood. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

**H. C. R. No. 47:** Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie; commend her life upon her passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up:

**H. R. No. 20:** Hailey Frederiksen; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Currie called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**S. C. R. No. 501:** Commend Philadelphia Automobile Dealer Bill Griffis for his nomination for the 2022 TIME Dealer of the Year Award.

**S. C. R. No. 502:** Commend former Mississippi Representative Honorable Fred Banks on his receipt of "2021 Lifetime Achievement Award" by MS BAR.

**S. C. R. No. 503:** Mourn the passing of former Senator Joseph Stogner of Sandy Hook, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 504:** Commend Columbia High School "Wildcats" Football Team for first State Championship since 1982.

**S. C. R. No. 505:** Recognize legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Running Back Walter Payton and dedication of "Walter Payton Field" in Columbia, Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 506:** Commend Mississippi Humanities Council on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

**S. C. R. No. 507:** Extending the deepest sympathy on the passing of former Mississippi First Lady and community activist Elise Winter.

**S. C. R. No. 508:** Paying tribute to public health career and contributions of respected state health officer and first Medicaid Director Dr. Alton Cobb.



**S. C. R. No. 509:** Commend State Parole Board Chairman Steven Pickett on the occasion of his retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 510:** Commend Mississippi "Braves" Baseball Team for winning the Double A South Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 514:** Congratulate MSU 2021 Baseball Team on National Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 526:** Express sympathy and remember the legacy of Lusia (Lucy) Harris of Minter City, Mississippi, "The Queen of Basketball."

**S. C. R. No. 534:** Congratulate Jackson State University "Tigers" Football Team and Coach Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders for remarkable season.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver:

AMEND on line 190 by inserting before the period the following: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1101**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B,

Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1423:** District attorneys; increase salaries of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 126 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1423.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Gibbs, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Kinkade, McLeod, Scott, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horne. Total-2.

Present--Creekmore, Gibbs, D, Hale. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 40 and 82 by inserting the following language after the period: "Any amount of the annual compensation for a criminal investigator above the sum of Fifty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$59,500.00) shall be paid only with funds provided by the county other than state funds."

AMEND FURTHER on line 126 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1424**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Scott, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Hood, Horne, McGee. Total--4.

Present--Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Hale. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Sections 13 and 14 in their entirety and renumbering the succeeding section.

AMEND FURTHER on line 563 by inserting the following before the period ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

AMEND FURTHER the title by deleting all of the language after the semicolon on line 29 through the semicolon on line 31.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1426**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Eubanks, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Owen, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Young. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Clarke, Denton, Hale, Hood, Miles, Rosebud, Yates. Total-8.

Present--Anthony, Brown, B, Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--5.  
Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1006**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1408**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod, Williamson. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Hood, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Gibbs, D. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver:

AMEND by deleting all of the language beginning with the word "Any" on line 73 through the period on line 77.

AMEND FURTHER the title by deleting all of the language beginning with the word "TO" on line 12 through the semicolon on line 15.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1421**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1425:** ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 44 and 124 by inserting ", utility authorities" after the word "subdivisions"  
AMEND FURTHER the title on lines 4 and 22 by inserting ", UTILITY AUTHORITIES"  
after the word "SUBDIVISIONS"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1425.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Oliver entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Sanford:

AMEND on lines 21 and 22 by deleting the words and figures "Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00)" and inserting "Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00)"  
AMEND FURTHER by deleting lines 50 through 53 in their entirety and inserting the following:

"(b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time and part-time fire fighters who are serving in the State of Mississippi on the effective date of this act, except those excluded under paragraph (c) of

this subsection, and all volunteer fire fighters registered with the State of Mississippi or a political subdivision thereof on a volunteer fire fighting status who have served as a fire fighter in the State of Mississippi from January 1, 2020, through the effective date of this act. The Commissioner of Insurance shall prescribe the criteria for volunteer fire fighters to be an eligible individual under this paragraph. If a person is an eligible individual in more than one (1) position covered under this paragraph, that person will only be eligible for one (1) payment of premium pay under paragraph (a) of this subsection."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1427**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Oliver entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Carpenter called up:

**H. B. No. 1179:** Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1179**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Bailey entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

At 11:25 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1425:** (ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver:

AMEND on line 606 by inserting the following after "2022":  
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1425.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1427:** (Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.



AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver:

AMEND on line 91 by deleting the words "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1427**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Reynolds. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1139:** Warrant applications or signature; authorize for violations of implied consent laws.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain:

AMEND on line 5 by deleting the word "An" and inserting in lieu thereof:

"In any municipality in which Highway 6 and Highway 7 intersect and in which a university is located, an"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1139**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1196:** Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of.

Rep. Mims called up:

**H. B. No. 733:** Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 733.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Hopkins, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Williams-Barnes. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Hood, Straughter, Watson. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Harness, Johnson, Porter. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Shanks called up:

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 108 before "The" by inserting the following: "The approval of the ballot title and ballott summary of the measure shall be decided in the first instance by the

Secretary of State in consultation with the Attorney General." AMEND further on line 111 after the word "cases" by inserting the following: Line 111: Add after cases: "in the section." AMEND TITLE to conform.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by deleting lines 68-87 in their entirety. AMEND TITLE to conform.  
The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Hood, Miles. Total-3.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 130 by striking the word "that". AMEND further by striking the language at lines 130 through 132: "under the joint rules of the Legislature in existence on the day that the initiative petition is filed" and insert in lieu thereof "if the text of the measure imposes a new tax, or increases an existing tax rate, and". AMEND TITLE to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--78.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Miles. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 168 by inserting the following language after the word "voting": "If an emergency is declared by the Legislature, a voter may appeal that determination to the Mississippi Supreme Court. The Court shall allow members of the public ten (10) days to offer comment on the subject. After the period for public comment, the Court shall hear the appeal of the voter or voters. The Legislature shall have the burden of proof when demonstrating why the emergency is true. The measure in question shall remain in effect until the Court issues its ruling." AMEND TITLE to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--47.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--72.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hood, Hopkins. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

YEAS AND NAYS. The yeas and nays being taken on the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Hood. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Hines. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Byrd called up:

**H. B. No. 1069:** Liens for delinquent county garbage fees; require chancery to keep certain record of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Byrd:

AMEND on line 96 by inserting after "2022" and before the period the following:  
", and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1069**. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Morgan, Osborne, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND on line 642 by inserting after "2022" and before the period the following:  
", and shall be repealed from and after June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 936**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Rushing called up:

**H. B. No. 616:** Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 616.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Felsher, Hood. Total-3.

Present--Blackmon. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Crudup called up:

**H. B. No. 617:** Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 617.** On motion of Rep. Crudup the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Stamps called up:

**H. B. No. 939:** Municipalities, certain; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 939.** On motion of Rep. Stamps the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Criswell, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Rushing called up:

**H. B. No. 1015:** "Property Clean-up Revolving Fund"; establish.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1015.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Goodin, Hood, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Weathersby called up:

**H. B. No. 688:** Public lands; extend repealer on statute prohibiting corporations and nonresident aliens from purchasing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 688.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up:

**H. B. No. 1132:** Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1132.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.



Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hood, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Weathersby called up:

**H. B. No. 1247:** USM property at Port of Gulfport; authorize to lease or sublease.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Weathersby:

Amend on line 31, by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1247**. On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

**H. B. No. 481:** Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance; extend repealer on authority to join certain examinations with Federal Reserve Bank.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 43 by deleting "2025" and inserting "2026" in lieu thereof.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 481**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Aguirre called up:

**H. B. No. 686:** Appraisal Management Companies; extend repealer on registration requirements under Mississippi Appraisal Company Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 92 by deleting "2025" and inserting "2026" in lieu thereof.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 686**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Aguirre called up:

**H. B. No. 687:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 492 by deleting "2025" and inserting "2026" in lieu thereof.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 687**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Turner called up:

**H. B. No. 1360:** Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1360**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hood, Paden, Walker, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Turner called up:

**H. B. No. 933:** Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 933.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

**H. B. No. 1361:** Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 6 by adding "(1)" before the word "Notwithstanding".

AMEND further on line 31 by adding the following:

"(2) When any special examination is conducted and so denominated by the commissioner, he or she shall charge the licensee so examined the cost based on the average daily cost of all examiners of the department plus actual and necessary expenses. The fee shall be deposited by the commissioner into the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance's Maintenance Fund and may be expended for any purpose authorized for that fund."

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1361.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin,

Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Aguirre called up:

**H. B. No. 1376:** MS Consumer Privacy Act; create to prohibit any agency, department or institution from releasing any personal information.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1376.** On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 863.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Straughter. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan:

AMEND on line 196 by deleting the word: "Through"

AMEND further by deleting the lines 197 through 200 in their entirety.

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1052.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Hood, Johnson, Rosebud. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

**H. B. No. 920:** Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 920.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Morgan called up:

**H. B. No. 478:** Mississippi Forestry Commission; extend repealer on authority to hire law enforcement officers to investigate woods arson.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 478.** On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Lamar. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Morgan called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 979:** Foresters; liable for cost of timber for failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to remit payment to forester for timber.

Rep. Morgan called up:

**H. B. No. 1013:** Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1013.** On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Felsher called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for.

**H. B. No. 1057:** Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by.

**H. B. No. 1076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

**H. B. No. 1077:** Molluscan shellfish aquaculture operations; revise licensing of vessels used for.

**H. B. No. 1130:** Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors.

**H. B. No. 1321:** Menhaden; prohibit taking of within one mile buffer of Jackson County, Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 1013:** Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales.

Rep. Huddleston called up:



**H. B. No. 475:** IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 475.** On motion of Rep. Huddleston the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up:

**H. B. No. 1068:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1068.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Banks, Brown, B, Haney. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, McLeod. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**H. B. No. 883:** Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BOUNDS AND SCOGGIN:

Amend after the period on line 67 by striking the language through the period on line 69, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Except as otherwise provided for membership appointments from Tallahatchie County, one (1) member from each of the remaining four (4) counties that comprise the Coahoma Community College District shall be the county superintendent of education."

Further, amend after the period on line 159 by striking the following language, through the period on line 165:

"The number of trustees from each county shall be reduced by one (1) member if such member is superintendent of education. However, if the county board of supervisors, in making an appointment to the community college district board of trustees, chooses to appoint the county superintendent of education at the expiration of the term of the at large member, the superintendent may serve, unless otherwise disqualified."

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 883**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**H. B. No. 1036:** Community colleges; authorize to assess student fees to offset cost of fire protection services by local governing authorities.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1036**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Horan,

Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Thompson, Tullis, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Banks, Bell, C, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Jackson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Zuber. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hood, Horne, Reynolds.  
Total-6.

Present--Scott, Yates. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Bounds called up:

**H. B. No. 1394:** Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1394.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Denton, Ford, K, Hopkins. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Busby, Hood, Horne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

**H. B. No. 1378:** Memorial highways; designate in Prentiss County.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1378.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,

Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Gibbs, K. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

**H. B. No. 1113:** Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1113.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

**H. B. No. 990:** Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Arnold:

AMEND by deleting Section 1 of the bill and renumbering the succeeding sections.  
AMEND the title on lines 1 through 3 by deleting all of the language after the word "ACT" on line 1 through the semicolon on line 3.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 990.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Hood, Johnson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up:

**H. B. No. 505:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 505.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

**H. B. No. 504:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 504.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

**H. B. No. 503:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 503.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Summers entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 733:** Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of.

Rep. Brown (20th) called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to.

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

**H. B. No. 1334:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

Rep. Deweese called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.

Rep. Bounds called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1028:** Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

Rep. Boyd called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 33:** Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online.

**H. B. No. 1105:** Notaries; revise residency requirements of.

**H. B. No. 161:** State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize elected officials to serve on.

**H. B. No. 1328:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts.

Representative McCray entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following resolution passed.

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.

Representative Rushing entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 616:** Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property.

Rep. Beckett called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1352:** Voter registration files; provide the fees to be charged for providing copies of.

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of.

Rep. Powell called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding.

Rep. Cockerham called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 172:** Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create.

**H. B. No. 379:** Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

**H. B. No. 1367:** Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance.

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

**H. B. No. 1469:** Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death.

**H. B. No. 1198:** "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; revise to align agency requirement with provisions of the "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act."

Rep. Zuber called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

**H. B. No. 160:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 452:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

**H. B. No. 482:** Property Insurance Clarity Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 823:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences.

**H. B. No. 819:** Fire Protection Funds; increase and expand purposes for.

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit.

**H. B. No. 521:** Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records.

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact.

**H. B. No. 787:** Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level.

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

**H. B. No. 1520:** Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department.



Representative Rosebud entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 883:** Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges.

Rep. Bennett called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1312:** "Equity in Distance Learning Act"; revise certain provisions of.

**H. B. No. 1170:** Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services.

**H. B. No. 31:** Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds.

**H. B. No. 522:** Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as used by public schools.

**H. B. No. 526:** "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to include students with a dyslexia diagnosis.

**H. B. No. 591:** Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation.

**H. B. No. 818:** MS Computer Science and Cyber Education Equality Act; authorize certified or classified staff to provide instruction under.

**H. B. No. 879:** Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance of classroom supply procurement cards.

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

**H. B. No. 1059:** Teacher licensure and qualifications; bring forward provisions relating to alternate route certification.

**H. B. No. 1166:** Teacher licensure; revise provisions relating to educator preparation programs and standards for nontraditional teaching route through TMI.

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8.

**H. B. No. 1173:** Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts.

**H. B. No. 1239:** School security guard/resource officer; must have required peace officer training to exercise peace officer powers.

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state.

**H. B. No. 1314:** School attendance officers; transfer employment responsibilities from the State Department of Education to local school districts.

**H. B. No. 1340:** Family Engagement Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program; require MDE to establish as a component of the ELC Act of 2013.

**H. B. No. 1349:** Transfer Mississippi Act; create to permit children to attend school of their choice in any school district.

**H. B. No. 1416:** "Student Protected Equal Access Rights Act"; establish to provide students to organize partisan political groups in public schools.

**H. B. No. 832:** Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training.

**H. B. No. 884:** "Accelerate Mississippi Scholarship Program"; establish to provide student with financial assistance for advanced education courses.

**H. B. No. 885:** Education Enhancement Fund; authorize DFA to issue digital solutions and credentials for use for classroom supply allotments.

Rep. Bennett called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1246:** "Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013"; revise funding for.

Rep. Currie called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 929:** Mississippi Freedom Trail Commission; establish.

**H. B. No. 1093:** PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund.

**H. B. No. 1128:** Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center lease contract; remove requirement that the leasing nonprofit organization shall be responsible for utility payments.

Rep. Boyd called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1160:** Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on.

**H. B. No. 1315:** State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of the recovery.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 20:** Hailey Frederiksen; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Miles and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Troy Edward "Ed" Traxler, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ernest Bernard Pitts, Conner Armstrong, Candiss Woolverton, Charles Ray Buckley, III, Joe Yocum, Jacy Amanda Miller, Davey Lewis Tucker, John Brice Caldwell, Jr. , Christopher Dale Wells, Sr. , John Dorsey Lee, II, Barbara O'Brien, and Russell Jordan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Una Mae Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ida Sue Grubbs Herrin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Angela Lea Barnett, and Gayle Marcello, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Eure, Felsher, Guice and Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lt. Col. Dick E. Wilson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry Wayne "T. J." Johnston, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Lee Zachary, James "Wade" Edwards, and Julia "Judy" Faye Watkins, which motion prevailed.

At 4:23 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

(THIRTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Karl Gibbs.

Rep. Gibbs (36th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,

Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Hood.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2275:** Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer.

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

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**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

**S. B. No. 2716:** RegionSmart Development Interstate Compact between Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee; ratify.

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**S. B. No. 2019:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer.

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

**S. B. No. 2039:** Real estate appraisal management companies; extend repealer on registration provisions.

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

**S. B. No. 2188:** Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody.

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements.

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

**S. B. No. 2326:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority.

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

**S. B. No. 2478:** Combination seafood dealer and processor license; separate into two licenses.

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

**S. B. No. 2731:** Mississippi Department of Human Services; authorize to use a combined reporting system.

**S. B. No. 2839:** PERS; increase total book value limit for certain investments from 10% to 20% of total book value of all investments.

**S. B. No. 2841:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds.

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

**S. B. No. 2900:** Newborn screening program; revise certain provisions of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2019:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer. Banking and Financial Services.

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal. Agriculture.

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2039:** Real estate appraisal management companies; extend repealer on registration provisions. Banking and Financial Services.

**S. B. No. 2064:** District attorneys; provide for the appointment of part-time legal assistants. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of. Marine Resources.

**S. B. No. 2188:** Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2326:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Act; create. Insurance.

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority. Insurance.

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license. Marine Resources.

**S. B. No. 2478:** Combination seafood dealer and processor license; separate into two licenses. Marine Resources.

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**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited. Insurance.

**S. B. No. 2716:** RegionSmart Development Interstate Compact between Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee; ratify. Workforce Development.

**S. B. No. 2731:** Mississippi Department of Human Services; authorize to use a combined reporting system. Agriculture.

**S. B. No. 2839:** PERS; increase total book value limit for certain investments from 10% to 20% of total book value of all investments. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2841:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Public Health and Human Services.

**S. B. No. 2900:** Newborn screening program; revise certain provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1559:** (Representatives Taylor, Turner, Aguirre, Boyd, Thompson) Appropriation; DFA for certain projects in Lee County and municipalities in the county. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1560:** (Representatives Stamps, Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Hinds County with construction of two water wells and related towers. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1561:** (Representatives Hale, Goodin, Kinkade, McCray, Tubb) City of Southaven; extend repeal date on restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1562:** (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Porter, Pigott) Appropriation; Southwest MS Community College for construction of a new indoor multipurpose center on the campus. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1563:** (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Porter) Appropriation; Pike County for costs of certain projects. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1564:** (Representatives Kinkade, Massengill, Faulkner) Ad valorem tax; authorize partial exemption for nonresidential use land that is converted to residential use. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1565:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Summers) City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 49:** (Representative Lamar) Northwest Mississippi Community College Football Team; commend on winning MACCC State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 23:** (Representatives Hale, Carpenter, Goodin, Kinkade, Tubb) Rickey Medlocke; commend musical success and becoming a bona fide resident of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. R. No. 24:** (Representatives Rushing, Miles) Lake High School Lady Hornets Fast-Pitch Softball Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2021 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1408:** (Sheriffs' salaries; increase.) passed, and moved to table, which motion lost.

Representative Mims called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 733:** (Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 616:** (Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Kinkade called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1035:** (Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Kinkade:

AMEND on line 14 by deleting "August 20" and inserting "September 10" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 15 by deleting "August 31" and inserting "September 20" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 17 after the word "arrow" by inserting the words "or crossbows".  
AMEND further on line 22 by deleting "August 20" and inserting "September 10" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 22 by deleting "August 31" and inserting "September 20" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further on line 25 by deleting the words "select participants," after the word "shall", and by deleting the words ",if any, the" after the word "permits".  
AMEND further on line 26 by deleting the words "number of permits to be issued, and the length of the special".  
AMEND further on line 27 by deleting the word "permits".  
AMEND the title on line 4 by deleting "August 20" and inserting "September 10" in lieu thereof.  
AMEND further the title on line 4 by deleting "August 31" and inserting "September 20" in lieu thereof.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1035.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.



Nays--Horne, Newman. Total--2.  
Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Carpenter called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1177**: (Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER AND WEATHERSBY:

Amend after the period on line 14 by striking the language through the period on line 16 and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following:

"Prior to making any conveyance on behalf of the state, the Adjutant General shall make a written determination that such real property is not suitable for any current or future training purposes. Where such real property is conveyed to a subdivision of government or state agency, institution, public university or community or junior college, such real property may be conveyed for any consideration and upon such other terms and conditions as the Adjutant General may deem advisable. Where such property is conveyed to a private entity, it shall be sold for not less than the fair market value as determined by the average of at least two (2) appraisals by qualified appraisers who shall be certified and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. All moneys derived from the sale of any property shall be deposited into a special fund in the State Treasury and shall be expended only for the benefit of the Mississippi Military Department."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1177**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Pigott introduced Ms. Hailey Frederiksen. A portion of H. R. 20: commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022, was read and presented to her.

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1196:** Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BAIN AND OWEN:

AMEND on lines 169, 1519, 1613 and 1664 by inserting the following language after the word "2019": "or a crime of violence as defined in Section 97-3-2.

AMEND further by striking lines 198-1442, Sections 6 through 9, in their entirety and renumber the succeeding sections.

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1196.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Boyd, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, McLeod, Scoggin, Tubb. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Haney, Hood, Mangold, Patterson, Smith, Weathersby. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Morgan called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 979:** Foresters; liable for cost of timber for failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to remit payment to forester for timber.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Morgan:

AMEND on lines 13 and 14 by striking "before the close of the following business day" and inserting in lieu thereof "within seven (7) business days"

AMEND FURTHER, the title on lines 2 and 3 by striking "BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS DAY" and inserting in lieu thereof "WITHIN SEVEN BUSINESS DAYS"

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 979.** On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Barnett, Currie, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Mims, Oliver, Owen. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Hood. Total-2.

Present--Powell. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1312:** "Equity in Distance Learning Act"; revise certain provisions of.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1312.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Foster, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1170:** Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1170**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Denton, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hood, Read, Straughter. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 522:** Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as used by public schools.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 522**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 526:** "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to include students with a dyslexia diagnosis.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 526.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 591:** Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 591.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horne. Total-2.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 818:** MS Computer Science and Cyber Education Equality Act; authorize certified or classified staff to provide instruction under.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 818.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Hood, Horne. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 879:** Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance of classroom supply procurement cards.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 879.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 881.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1168.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1173:** Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1173.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Arnold, Bailey, Turner. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Bell, C, Evans, B. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1240.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1314:** School attendance officers; transfer employment responsibilities from the State Department of Education to local school districts.

Rep. Mickens moved to table, which motion prevailed.



Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1340:** Family Engagement Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program; require MDE to establish as a component of the ELC Act of 2013.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1340.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Miles. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1416:** "Student Protected Equal Access Rights Act"; establish to provide students to organize partisan political groups in public schools.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1416.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Crudup, Evans, B, Reynolds. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Shanks. Total-2.

Present--Burnett, Clark, Paden. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 832:** Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

Amend on line 195 by striking "2021" and inserting in lieu thereof: "2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 832.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Brown, C, Darnell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

At 11:35 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:02 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 821.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 884:** "Accelerate Mississippi Scholarship Program"; establish to provide student with financial assistance for advanced education courses.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 884.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Eubanks, Hood. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 885:** Education Enhancement Fund; authorize DFA to issue digital solutions and credentials for use for classroom supply allotments.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 885.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Turner. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1246:** "Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013"; revise funding for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

Amend after line 307 by inserting the following as a new subparagraph:

"(vii) The Collaborative shall ensure equitable distribution of any additional funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of increasing the per-pupil allocations for students in full-day or half-day programs for students enrolled in Head Start Programs which are partners to the Collaborative. Each Collaborative shall include, with its grant application, a written plan outlining the process by which the Collaborative will identify, recruit and enroll children to maintain the ability and opportunity of Head Start agencies to meet federal requirements. The Collaborative shall develop a universal prekindergarten application for enrollment which, upon review and approval, shall give priority to participating Head Start agencies to enroll all income eligible children before any other participating prekindergarten provider."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1246.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1239:** School security guard/resource officer; must have required peace officer training to exercise peace officer powers.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1239.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Stamps. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Hood. Total-2.

Present--Karriem, Scott, Young. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Scoggin called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 833:** (Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Shanks called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. C. R. No. 39:** (Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Currie called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 453.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,

Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1093:** PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1093.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Currie called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1128:** Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center lease contract; remove requirement that the leasing nonprofit organization shall be responsible for utility payments.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1128.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read,

Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 929:** Mississippi Freedom Trail Commission; establish.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 929.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Creekmore IV:

AMEND on line 46 by deleting the word "agriculture".

AMEND FURTHER on line 47 by deleting "flood control".

AMEND FURTHER on line 48 by deleting "irrigation".

AMEND FURTHER on line 48 after the word "reclamation" by adding the words "and preservation"

AMEND FURTHER on line 48 after the comma following word "reclamation" by adding the words "bank stabilization"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1323**. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Damell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Brown (20th):

AMEND on lines 268 through 270 by deleting the following before the period: ", and does not include post-use polymers or recovered feedstocks as defined in Section 17-17-3".

AMEND further on lines 364 and 365 by deleting the following before the period: ", and does not include post-use polymers or recovered feedstocks as defined in Section 17-17-3".

AMEND further on lines 399 and 400 by deleting the following before the period: ", and does not include plastic recycling facilities as defined in Section 17-17-3".

AMEND further on lines 432 through 434 by deleting the following before the period: ", and does not include advanced plastic recycling facilities as defined in Section 17-17-3".

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1135**. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:



Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1334:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1334.** On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 33:** Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 33.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Evans, M, Hale, Kinkade, Powell. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1105:** Notaries; revise residency requirements of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1105.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 161:** State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize elected officials to serve on.

On motion of Rep. Boyd the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1328:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1328**. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1160:** Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD AND TURNER:**

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:  
27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate \* \* \*.

\* \* \*

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other \* \* \* private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are

subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be \* \* \* a current officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a \* \* \* member on the Public Procurement Review Board, and no member shall be on the Public Procurement Review Board if he or she has been an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi within a year of service on the board. Any member serving on the Public Procurement Review Board as of July 1, 2022, shall be allowed to serve the remainder of his or her current term.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the

lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

- (i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;
- (ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;
- (iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;
- (iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or
- (v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c), any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning, any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019, any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission, any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services, any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation at such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories, and any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, utility rate expert services, and any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022. Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping

and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;

2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;

3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;

4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and

5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Notwithstanding the exemption of personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services and personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services from the provisions of this section under subsection (2)(f), before the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services may enter into a personal or professional service contract, the department(s) shall give notice of the proposed personal or professional service contract to the Public Procurement Review Board for any recommendations by the board. Upon receipt of the notice, the board shall post the notice on its website and on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165. If the board does not respond to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the notice, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. If the board responds to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days, then the board has seven (7) calendar days from the date of its initial response to provide any additional recommendations. After the end of the second seven-day period, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. The board is not authorized to disapprove any proposed personal or professional services contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. Section 31-7-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

31-7-12. (1) Except in regard to purchases of unmarked vehicles made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2), all agencies shall purchase commodities at the state contract price from the approved source, unless approval is granted by the Department of Finance and Administration to solicit purchases outside the terms of the contracts. However, prices accepted by an agency shall be less than the prices set by the state contract. Prices accepted by an agency shall be obtained in compliance with paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of Section 31-7-13. It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Administration to ascertain that the resulting prices shall provide a cost effective alternative to the established state contract.

(2) Governing authorities may purchase commodities approved by the Department of Finance and Administration from the state contract vendor, or from any source offering the identical commodity, at a price not exceeding the state contract price established by the Department of Finance and Administration for such commodity, without obtaining or advertising for competitive bids. Governing authorities that do not exercise the option to purchase such commodities from the state contract vendor or from another source offering the identical commodity at a price not exceeding the state contract price established by the Department of Finance and Administration shall make such purchases pursuant to the



provisions of Section 31-7-13 without regard to state contract prices established by the Department of Finance and Administration, unless such purchases are authorized to be made under subsection (5) of this section.

(3) Nothing in this section shall prohibit governing authorities from purchasing, pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, commodities approved by the Department of Finance and Administration at a price not exceeding the state contract price established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(4) The Department of Finance and Administration shall ensure that the prices of all commodities on the state contract are the lowest and best prices available from any source offering that commodity at the same level of quality or service, utilizing the reasonable standards established therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration. If the Department of Finance and Administration does not list an approved price for the particular item involved, purchase shall be made according to statutory bidding and licensing requirements. To encourage prudent purchasing practices, the Department of Finance and Administration shall be authorized and empowered to exempt certain commodities from the requirement that the lowest and best price be approved by order placed on its minutes.

(5) Any school district may purchase commodities from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures pursuant to Section 31-7-13 for purchases of the same commodities. Purchases authorized by this subsection may be made by a school district without obtaining or advertising for competitive bids, and such purchases shall be made at the same prices and under the same conditions as purchases of the same commodities are to be made by the levying authority of the school district under the contract with the vendor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD; TO REMOVE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, SERVING AS AN EX OFFICIO AND NONVOTING MEMBER; TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER SHALL BE ON THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD IF HE OR SHE HAS BEEN AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WITHIN A YEAR OF SERVICE ON THE BOARD; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 31-7-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

Rep. Hale moved that the foregoing bill be laid on the table subject to call, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1160**. On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anthony, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Hale, Harness, Holloway, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson. Total--27.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Hood, McCarty, Miles, Scott. Total-5.

Present--Gibbs, D, Hines, Johnson, Kinkade, Mickens, Porter, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Boyd called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1315:** State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of the recovery.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1315.** On motion of Rep. Boyd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Arnold, Barnett, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Clark, Cockerham, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Lamar, Lancaster, Morgan, Newman, Scott, Shanks, Weathersby, Williamson, Wright. Total--19.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--96.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Felsher, Hood, McLean, Miles. Total-5.

Present--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 172:** Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 172.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, McLeod, Watson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 379:** Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 379.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Horan, Watson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Horne, Smith. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1367:** Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Sanford:

AMEND on line 26 by adding the word "or entity" after the word "person".

AMEND further on line 26 by deleting the word "religion".

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1367.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Horne, Osborne, Taylor. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Young. Total-2.

Present--Crudup, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1351.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Foster, Goodin, Harness, Hood, Weathersby, Young. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1469:** Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McLean:

AMEND on lines 46 and 47 by deleting "twelve (12) months" and inserting the following: "thirty-six (36) months"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1469**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Karriem. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1198:** "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; revise to align agency requirement with provisions of the "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1198**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--McLeod. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Haney, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 451**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Deweese, Hood. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 160:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 160.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Brown, B, Evans, B. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 452:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 452.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 482:** Property Insurance Clarity Act; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 482.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 823:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 823.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Brown, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 819:** Fire Protection Funds; increase and expand purposes for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Ford (54th):

AMEND on line 32 after the word "distributed" by deleting the words "once each year" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"in the following manner annually: each municipality shall be paid Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), with the remainder of the monies to be paid"

AMEND FURTHER after line 215 by inserting the following new section and renumbering the succeeding section:

SECTION 3. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance to assist the state, municipalities, counties and fire protection districts with providing benefits required by the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Act. This fund shall consist of monies provided to it through the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, and any monies which may be appropriated to it by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(2) The Department of Revenue shall pay for credit to the fund created under subsection (1) of this section the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) annually out of the insurance premium tax collected annually from the taxes levied on the gross premiums on fire insurance policies written on properties in this state.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Ford (54th):

AMEND on lines 217-218 by deleting the following:

", and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED



**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 819.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 974.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 521:** Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 521**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Scott, Stamps, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--22.

Absent or those not voting--Haney, Holloway, Hood. Total-3.

Present--Crudup, Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Horne, Miles, Yates. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1187**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 787:** Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 155.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1520:** Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Ford (54th):

AMEND on line 548 by inserting before the period the following:  
", and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1520.** On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Hood. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Beckett called up:

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Beckett:

AMEND on line 14 by inserting the following language after the period: "This section shall not prohibit an individual from contributing his or her personal time to assist with voter education, voter outreach, voter registration programs or other election related programs as long as such individual receives no compensation or in-kind donation for contributing his or her time."

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1365.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Miles, Newman, Wright, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Powell called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1214.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Scott. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official.

Rep. Felsher called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1320:** Cat Island; prohibit the use of a purse seine within two miles of.

Representatives Calvert and Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of J. Vance Grantham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Russell Edward (Russ) Miller, Hugh Anthony "Tony" Brister, and James R. "Jim" Westbrook, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles, Powell and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steve Massey, which motion prevailed.

At 4:22 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, February 10, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

(THIRTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Brother John Adams of Missionary Baptist Moral Action Committee, Mantachie, MS.

Rep. Boyd led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Bain. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Bain.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, February 10, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 1440:** City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated. Thursday, February 10, 2022, 2:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2397:** Controlled substances; authorize automatic defense for charges brought within two years of a federal declassification.

**S. B. No. 2606:** Voter registration; provide for certain procedures upon application.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2105:** School board members; increase pay based on enrollment.

**S. B. No. 2623:** Involuntary civil commitments; limit county's liability for costs of medical treatment.

**S. B. No. 2721:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Health/Science Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

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Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

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**S. B. No. 2224:** Arrest warrants; authorize electronic signatures.

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

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**S. B. No. 2428:** District of Innovation Task Force of 2022; create.

**S. B. No. 2450:** MS Windstorm Underwriting Association; divert nonadmitted policy fee to the State and School Employees' Insurance Fund.

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**S. B. No. 2480:** Highways; conform weight tolerance provision, and remove repealers relating to harvest permits and timber deed grantees.

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**S. B. No. 2856:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise definitions to include a battery-charged security fence.

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**S. B. No. 2275:** Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer. Corrections.

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#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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**H. B. No. 1566:** (Representative Scott) Appropriation; DFA for distribution to counties and municipalities for water/sewer infrastructure projects authorized under ARPA. Appropriations.

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**H. B. No. 1568:** (Representatives Massengill, Mangold, Pigott) Appropriation; Department of Agriculture for implementation of Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program. Appropriations.

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**H. B. No. 1571:** (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for making care grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Appropriations.

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**H. R. No. 25:** (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen) Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Cheer Squad; commend for winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association's All-Girl National Championship. Rules.

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Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1486:** (CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Busby:

AMEND on line 56 by inserting after the word "section" the following:

"and entry level driver training"

AMEND FURTHER on line 75 by deleting the words and numerals "six (6) months" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"one (1) year"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 103 through 104 by deleting "board-certified/eligible endocrinologist" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"treating clinician:

AMEND FURTHER after line 134 by inserting the following new paragraph:

"(d) For purposes of this section, "treating clinician" means a healthcare professional who manages and prescribes insulin for the treatment of the individual's diabetes mellitus."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1486.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,

Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clark, Hines, Johnson, Paden, Scott, Taylor.  
Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Felsher called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 972.** On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clark, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Felsher called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1057:** Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1057.** On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,

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Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Hines, Johnson. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Felsher called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1076.** On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bain. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Felsher called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1130:** Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1130.** On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Boyd, Johnson. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Felsher called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1077:** Molluscan shellfish aquaculture operations; revise licensing of vessels used for.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1077.** On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bain, Straughter, Wallace. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Busby called up:

**H. B. No. 1002:** Memorial Highway; designate segment in Covich County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway".

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1002.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Currie, Tullos. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Arnold entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing bill passed.

Rep. Arnold called up:

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND WEATHERSBY:

AMEND on lines 5 through 7 by deleting all language after "(1)" on line 5 through the period on line 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The segment of Interstate Highway 20 located in Rankin County, Mississippi, within the corporate limits of the City of Brandon, is designated and shall be known as the "Deputy Travis O. Biddle Memorial Highway."

AMEND further on lines 11 through 13 by deleting all language after "(1)" on line 11 through the period on line 13 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"The segment of United States Highway 80 located in Rankin County, Mississippi, within the corporate limits of the City of Pearl, beginning at its intersection with Bierdeman Road and extending easterly to its intersection with Pirates Cove, is designated and shall be known as the "Ray Rogers Memorial Highway."

AMEND further the title on lines 1 through 3 by deleting all after the word "designate" on line 1 until the semicolon on line 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF BRANDON, AS THE "DEPUTY TRAVIS O. BIDDLE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 80 IN RANKIN COUNTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PEARL, AS THE "RAY ROGERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 811.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

A request was made by Rep. Currie that the Entire Membership to be added as authors to the following:

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

Rep. Bounds called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1028:** Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1028.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Bounds moved that the committee substitute be tabled, which motion prevailed.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:** This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

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

**SECTION 1.** This act shall be known and may be cited as the Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act.

**SECTION 2.** The Legislature finds that the availability of high-speed broadband Internet access services in the unserved areas in the State of Mississippi is important for economic development, education, health care and emergency services in the state, and that the grants and other incentives set forth in this act will further those objectives by encouraging new investment in broadband infrastructure. Therefore, to expand and upgrade

broadband Internet across the state and to ensure the State of Mississippi maximizes the substantial amount of federal dollars available to the states, the Legislature establishes the Mississippi Broadband Commission. It will be the responsibility of the commission to secure and administer federal grants, promulgate rules and regulations for such grants, and determine the most efficient use of federal and state dollars to maximize the distribution of broadband throughout the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act, the following words shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Broadband Internet access service" means a mass-market retail service by wire or radio provided to customers in the State of Mississippi that provides the capability to transmit data to, and receive data from, all or substantially all Internet endpoints, including, but not limited to, any capabilities that are incidental to and enable the operation of the communications service, but excluding dial-up Internet access service.

(b) "Commission" means the Mississippi Broadband Commission created in Section 4 of this act.

SECTION 4. (1) There is created the Mississippi Broadband Commission. The commission shall be charged with coordinating all broadband expansion efforts on behalf of the state as well as administering all federal broadband expansion programs. The commission shall be funded through state appropriations and use any available federal funds for the administration of broadband grants and planning. The commission shall be composed of seven (7) members with three (3) members appointed by the Governor and four (4) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; however, two (2) of the members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall be upon recommendation of the Speaker of the House. The Governor shall appoint one (1) member who is a resident from each of the three (3) Supreme Court districts. The Lieutenant Governor shall make one (1) appointment who is a resident from each of the four (4) congressional districts, and the Speaker of the House's recommendations shall be from the Second Congressional District and Third Congressional District with the Lieutenant Governor's other two (2) appointees being residents of the First Congressional District and Fourth Congressional District.

(2) Of the initial appointees, the members' terms shall be staggered as follows: one (1) term appointed by the Governor to expire on December 31, 2023; one (1) term appointed by the Governor to expire on December 31, 2024; one (1) term to be appointed by the Governor to expire on December 31, 2025; one (1) term to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to expire on December 31, 2024; one (1) term to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House to expire on December 31, 2024; one (1) term to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to expire on December 31, 2025; and one (1) term to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor upon the recommendation of the Speaker of the House to expire on December 31, 2025. After the expiration of the initial terms, members of the board shall serve terms of five (5) years. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. Members may be removed by the appointing public official for neglect of duty, misfeasance or nonfeasance in office. Upon the initial appointment of a majority of the commissioners, the Lieutenant Governor shall call the first meeting of the commission within thirty (30) calendar days, at which time the commission shall elect a chairman. Four (4) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum. The commission shall meet at such times as the chairman shall determine, and shall also meet upon call of three (3) or more of the commissioners. The commission shall annually elect a chairman from among its members. The commission shall keep accurate and complete records of all its meetings.

(3) Commissioners shall be entitled to per diem compensation pursuant to Section 25-3-69 paid by the commission and shall be reimbursed by the commission for necessary travel and other reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. No commissioner shall be considered a public officer.

(4) The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide the commission with conference and office space for operations, initial staffing support and other ancillary costs needed by the commission. Such costs shall be funded through appropriations by the Legislature.

(5) The executive director of the commission shall be appointed by the commission and must hold at least a bachelor's degree and shall have a minimum of five (5) years' managerial experience with a thorough knowledge of the telecommunications/utility industry. The executive director shall possess experience in reviewing and administering grant and/or financial applications for the purpose of public projects. The salary of the executive director shall be set by the State Personnel Board and shall be comparable to salaries of those holding similar positions in other state and federal agencies and commensurate with the duties and responsibilities imposed on this official position which affects the broad interests of the State of Mississippi.

(6) The executive director shall have general charge of the operations, necessary staffing and administration of the office. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the executive director to supervise and manage the personnel and formulate written policies and procedures for the effective and efficient operation thereof. In addition, the executive director may:

(a) Enter into contracts for services of, but not limited to, legal, accounting and engineering; and

(b) Enter into agreements with other state agencies to coordinate and share services, to conduct joint projects, and to receive support and information.

(7) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the commission and through the executive director to:

(a) Receive, administer and oversee all federal and any applicable state grant programs with regard to broadband deployment in and for the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited to, Coronavirus Capitol Projects Fund established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act;

(b) Administer and oversee all federal and any applicable state grant programs in accordance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the appropriate federal or state agency responsible for said grant program;

(c) If necessary and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act develop rules and procedures for federal and any applicable state grant programs and for sub-grantees to receive funds from said grants;

(d) Coordinate all broadband expansion efforts on behalf of the state to ensure an effective and efficient use of broadband grants funds;

(e) To develop rules and procedures, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, to implement a competitive statewide broadband grant program;

(f) Coordinate all information provided by broadband Internet access service providers. All information provided by a broadband Internet access service provider pursuant to this chapter shall be presumed to be confidential, proprietary, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state law and shall not be subject to disclosure except in the form of a map where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband Internet access services provider is not disclosed. Such provider-specific information shall not be released to any person without express permission of the submitting broadband Internet access service provider. In no instance shall a broadband Internet access service provider be required to provide any data beyond that which it is required to provide to the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 USC Section 641 et seq.

SECTION 5. (1) There is created as a special fund in the State Treasury the Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Fund. The fund shall consist of any monies appropriated to the fund by the Legislature for broadband deployment, monies received from the federal government awarded to or allocated by the state for broadband deployment, and any other monies received from any other source, including transfers from other funds or accounts. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer in the same manner as monies in the State General Fund and interest earned on the investment of those monies shall be credited to the fund. The fund shall be audited annually by the State Auditor.



(2) The commission shall establish and administer the broadband accessibility grant program for the purpose of promoting the deployment and adoption of broadband Internet access services to unserved areas. By August 1, 2022, the commission shall adopt rules and procedures to administer the program and begin to accept applications for grants, and shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to meet the future needs of the grant program. An award of funds must be issued by a competitive grant process. The grant process shall be technology neutral and shall result in awards to applicants that are eligible broadband Internet access service providers proposing projects based on objective and efficient measures and procedures.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY ACT; TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF THE COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S POWERS AND DUTIES; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 19 by deleting "and upgrade"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1029**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Horne. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen, Steverson. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Felsher called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1320:** Cat Island; prohibit the use of a purse seine within two miles of.

## AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Felsher:

AMEND on line 22 by striking "two (2) miles" and inserting in lieu thereof "one (1) mile".  
AMEND TITLE to conform.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1320**. On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Barton, Hines, Johnson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 657**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Mims. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B, Karriem, Stamps, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--5.  
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Hood called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND after line 1181 by inserting the following:

"(13) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Division of Medicaid shall not execute a contract or make capitated payments for services provided under this subsection (H) with any entity which has executed a settlement agreement with the State of Mississippi or any other state to repay over Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) related to allegations of fraud, waste, abuse or overpayments in the state's Medicaid program.

(14) In addition to the managed care entities with which the division has contracted as of January 1, 2022, to provide Medicaid services on a capitated basis under a managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this subsection (H), the division shall select a Mississippi nonprofit corporation to provide Medicaid services on a capitated basis under this subsection (H)."  
Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 658.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Cockerham, Mims, Read, Summers. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1352:** Voter registration files; provide the fees to be charged for providing copies of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND on line 34 by reinserting the word "and" after the semicolon.  
 AMEND further on line 39 by deleting the "; and" and reinserting in lieu thereof a period.  
 AMEND further by striking lines 40-43 in their entirety.  
 AMEND further the title to conform.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1352**. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Guice, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--62.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Ford, J, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Young. Total--49.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Goodin, Hale, Tubb. Total-4.

Present--Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, Mickens. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Beckett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, failed to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied registration:

(a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January 1987 and every following year;

(b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in the years when members of Congress are elected;

(c) On the first Monday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for state, state district legislative, county and county district offices in the years in which those offices are elected; \* \* \*

(d) On the second Monday of September preceding the general election or regular special election day in years in which a general election is not conducted \* \* \*;

(e) As provided in Section 23-15-152.

Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no person shall vote at any election whose name is not in the county voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System.

(2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75) days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100) days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more than eighty-five (85) additional days

allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240) days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year.

(3) In addition to the number of days authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a county may authorize, in its discretion, the election commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to exceed five (5) days.

(4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special election day shall not be considered a special election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to this paragraph.

(b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff, general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

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(5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a runoff election following either a general or special election.

(6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility on the same day.

(7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general or special election, the county registrar shall generate and distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide Elections Management System for the municipality located within the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only" access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its own pollbooks using this information.

(8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a primary election shall be treated the same as days county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

(9) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section, any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

(10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

The certification form shall be as follows:

COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

PER DIEM CLAIM FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

	PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100.00

TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

FOR ELECTION DAYS \_\_\_\_\_

PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$150.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner's Signature

When properly completed and signed, the certification must be filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any payment may be made. The certification will be a public record available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the oral or written request of any person.

Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of supervisors, as the case may be.

Any contestor who successfully contests any certification will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon final disposition of the contest before the election commission, board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

(11) Any election commissioner who has not received a certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received the required elections seminar instruction and that the election commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section 23-15-239.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Elections Support Fund. Monies derived from annual report fees imposed upon limited liability companies under Section 79-29-1203 shall be deposited into the Elections Support Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be disbursed as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The expenditure of monies in the fund shall be under the direction of the Secretary of State as provided by subsection (2) of this section, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) (a) Monies in the fund shall be used as follows:

(i) \*\*\* Seventy percent (70%) of the monies in the special fund shall be distributed annually to the counties, upon appropriation of the Legislature, based on the proportion that the population of a county bears to the total population in all counties of the state population according to the most recent information from the United States Census Bureau, and held in a separate fund solely for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining or repairing voting equipment, systems and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems, employing such personnel to conduct an election, and training election officials; and

(ii) The remaining \*\*\* thirty percent (30%) of the monies in the special fund shall be \*\*\* distributed annually to the Secretary of State for the purposes of maintaining, upgrading or equipping the Statewide Elections Management System, improving election security throughout the state and providing voter education.

(b) The Secretary of State shall create standard training guidelines to assist counties in training election officials with the funds authorized under subsection (2)(a)(ii) of this section. Any criteria established by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section shall be used in addition to any other training or coursework prescribed by the Secretary of State to train circuit clerks, poll managers and any other election officials participating in county elections.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no monies from the Elections Support Fund shall be used by the Secretary of State or any person associated with the Office of the Secretary of State to provide or otherwise support expert testimony in any manner for any hearing, trial or election contest.

(3) From and after July 1, 2017, none of the monies deposited in the Elections Support Fund may be used to reimburse or otherwise defray any costs that the Office of the Secretary of State may incur in administering the fund.

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

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-15. \*\*\* (1) The Statewide Elections Management System shall be compared with the Department of Public Safety driver's license database to ensure non-United States citizens are not registered to vote in this state. The Statewide Elections Management System shall notify the registrar, or his or her designee, of the county in which the person attempted to register to vote that the attempted voter may not be a citizen of the United States. If a person who has submitted a voter registration is flagged in the database as a potential noncitizen, the county registrar shall enter the person's information into the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) or its successor database for further inquiry.

(2) If, after following the procedures provided in subsection (1) of this section, both the Department of Public Safety driver's license database and SAVE indicate that the person is a noncitizen, the registrar, or his or her designee, shall send a notice to the attempted



voter that he or she has been flagged as a noncitizen. Any attempted voter who receives the notice shall, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notice, provide proof of citizenship to the registrar or his or her designee. For purposes of this subsection (2), proof of citizenship includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The attempted voter's birth certificate or a legible photocopy of the birth certificate;

(b) A United States passport, or a legible photocopy of the pertinent pages of the passport, identifying the voter and showing the passport number;

(c) The attempted voter's United States naturalization documentation, a legible photocopy of the naturalization documentation or the number of the voter's certificate of naturalization; however, the number of the certificate of naturalization shall not be considered proof of citizenship until the Secretary of State verifies the number with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security or its successor; or

(d) Any document or method of proof of citizenship established by the federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Public Law No. 99-603, compiled in 8 USCS Section 1101 et seq.

(3) If the attempted voter does not provide proof of citizenship within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notification, the registrar, or his or her designee, where the person registered to vote shall purge the voter from the Statewide Elections Management System.

(4) In the event a person is unable to provide any of the documentation listed in subsection (2) to show proof of citizenship, the person may appeal to the election commissioners of the county in which he or she attempted to register and submit additional proof of citizenship in person or in writing. The election commissioners shall conduct a hearing and make a finding concerning the individual's citizenship status and shall forward a copy of their decision to the registrar, or his or her designee, of the county where the person resides as established in Section 23-15-61. The registrar, or his or her designee, shall update the Statewide Elections Management System to accurately reflect the decision of the election commissioners with respect to such voter.

(5) All documentation provided to show proof of citizenship as well as the Department of Public Safety database or relevant federal and state agency and county records shall be confidential and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(6) On or before July 1, 2023, the Secretary of State shall compare the entire Statewide Elections Management System to the Department of Public Safety driver's license database and follow the procedures set forth in subsection (1) and (2) of this section as applicable.

(7) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to effectuate the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. Section 23-15-165, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-165. (1) The Office of the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the county registrars and election commissioners, shall procure, implement and maintain an electronic information processing system and programs capable of maintaining a centralized database of all registered voters in the state. The system shall encompass software and hardware, at both the state and county level, software development training, conversion and support and maintenance for the system. This system shall be known as the ""Statewide Elections Management System"" and shall constitute the official record of registered voters in every county of the state.

(2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall develop and implement the Statewide Elections Management System so that the registrar and election commissioners of each county shall:

(a) Verify that an applicant that is registering to vote in that county is not registered to vote in another county;

(b) Be notified automatically that a registered voter in its county has registered to vote in another county;

(c) Receive regular reports of death, changes of address and convictions for disenfranchising crimes that apply to voters registered in the county; \* \* \*

(d) Retain all present functionality related to, but not limited to, the use of voter roll data and to implement such other functionality as the law requires to enhance the maintenance of accurate county voter records and related jury selection and redistricting programs \* \* \*; and

(e) When evidence exists that a particular registered voter may not be a citizen of the United States as provided in Section 23-15-15, send notification to the registrar of the location where the person is registered to vote.

(3) As a part of the procurement and implementation of the system, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, with the assistance of the advisory committee, procure services necessary to convert current voter registration records in the counties into a standard, industry accepted file format that can be used on the Statewide Elections Management System. Thereafter, all official voter information shall be maintained on the Statewide Elections Management System. The standard industry accepted format of data was reviewed and approved by a majority of the advisory committee created in subsection (5) of this section after consultation with the Circuit Clerks Association and the format may not be changed without consulting the Circuit Clerks Association.

(4) The Secretary of State may, with the assistance of the advisory committee, adopt rules and regulations necessary to administer the Statewide Elections Management System. The rules and regulations shall at least:

(a) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of a centralized database for all voter registration information in the state;

(b) Provide procedures for integrating data into the centralized database;

(c) Provide security to ensure that only the registrar, or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law may require, can add information to, delete information from and modify information in the system;

(d) Provide the registrar or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law may require, access to the system at all times, including the ability to download copies of the industry standard file, for all purposes related to their official duties, including, but not limited to, exclusive access for the purpose of printing all local pollbooks;

(e) Provide security and protection of all information in the system and monitor the system to ensure that unauthorized access is not allowed;

(f) Provide a procedure that will allow the registrar, or his or her designee or other appropriate official, as the law may require, to identify the precinct to which a voter should be assigned; and

(g) Provide a procedure for phasing in or converting existing manual and computerized voter registration systems in counties to the Statewide Elections Management System.

(5) The Secretary of State established an advisory committee to assist in developing system specifications, procurement, implementation and maintenance of the Statewide Elections Management System. The committee included two (2) representatives from the Circuit Clerks Association, appointed by the association; two (2) representatives from the Election Commissioners Association of Mississippi, appointed by the association; one (1) member of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or its staff, appointed by the association; the Director of the Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University, or his or her designee; the Executive Director of the Department of Information Technology Services, or his or her designee; two (2) persons knowledgeable about elections and information technology appointed by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State, who shall serve as the chair of the advisory committee.

(6) (a) Social security numbers, telephone numbers and date of birth and age information in statewide, district, county and municipal voter registration files shall be exempt from and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(b) Copies of statewide, district, county or municipal voter registration files, excluding social security numbers, telephone numbers and date of birth and age information, shall be provided to any person in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 at a cost not to exceed the actual cost of production.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 23-15-152, Mississippi Code of 1972:

23-15-152. (1) For the purposes of this section, "confirmation notice" means a notice sent by the election commissioners, by forwardable mail, with return postage prepaid, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, to a registered voter to confirm the registered voter's current address. The notice shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

(2) The election commissioners shall send a confirmation notice to the following:

(a) A registered voter if it appears from the United States Postal Service change-of-address information that the registered voter has moved to a different residence;

(b) A registered voter if a county election commissioner or county registrar has received notice from another state, or political subdivision of another state, that the registered voter has registered to vote in another state;

(c) A registered voter who has failed to vote at least once in one (1) of the following periods:

(i) A period of three (3) years, which shall include two (2) federal general elections; or

(ii) A period of two (2) years, which shall include an election for Governor and a federal general election; and

(d) A registered voter if the registrar or election commissioners have received reliable information that he or she has moved within or outside of the state.

No registered voter shall be sent a confirmation notice under paragraph (c) of this subsection if he or she has been sent a confirmation notice for those same reasons within the last six (6) years.

(3) The county election commissioners shall place any registered voter who has been sent a confirmation notice on inactive status in the Statewide Elections Management System. Any registered voter who is placed on inactive status shall be unable to cast a regular ballot on election day but shall be able to cast an affidavit ballot as provided in Section 23-15-573.

(4) A registered voter "fails to respond to the confirmation notice" if the voter, during a period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice, fails to:

(a) Respond to the confirmation notice; or

(b) Update the elector's registration information.

The period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice required in subsection (4) of this section shall include two (2) general federal elections. A registered voter who votes at least once in any election in the registered voter's county of registration during the period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice shall not be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System.

(5) The county registrar or county election commission shall move those registered voters who fail to respond to the confirmation notice as provided in subsection (4) and who fail to vote as provided in subsection (4) of this section to purged status in the Statewide Elections Management System.

(6) No systematic list maintenance shall occur during the ninety (90) days immediately preceding a federal primary or general election.

(7) The county registrar shall retain removed voter registration records after they are removed for a period that includes at least two (2) federal general elections and shall record the reason for the removal.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System.

for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election. When county election commissioners determine that any elector is disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of electronic pollbooks.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MONIES THAT ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE ELECTIONS SUPPORT FUND; TO REVISE HOW THE MONIES IN THE ELECTIONS SUPPORT FUND ARE DISTRIBUTED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSES THEY ARE SPENT; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHALL BE COMPARED TO CERTAIN IDENTIFICATION DATABASES TO ENSURE NON-UNITED STATES CITIZENS ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE; TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED WHEN A NON-UNITED STATES CITIZEN IS FOUND TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE; TO PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-165, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 23-15-152, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTOR WHO FAILS TO RESPOND TO A CONFIRMATION NOTICE AND WHO FAILS TO VOTE DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME SHALL BE PURGED FROM THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "CONFIRMATION NOTICE" AND "FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE CONFIRMATION NOTICE"; TO PROVIDE THOSE REGISTERED VOTERS WHO SHALL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION NOTICES; TO PROVIDE THAT A REGISTERED VOTER WHO IS MAILED A CONFIRMATION NOTICE SHALL BE PLACED ON INACTIVE STATUS IN THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BUT SHALL BE ABLE TO VOTE BY AFFIDAVIT BALLOT; TO PROVIDE THE TIME FOR REMOVAL OF VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETENTION OF REMOVED VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-125, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on lines 511 through 600 by striking Section 5 and Section 6 in their entirety.

AMEND further on lines 38 and 39 by deleting the following underlined language "failure to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152".

AMEND further on line 55 by striking "(c) as provided in Section 23-15-152".

AMEND further on line 51 by reinserting "and".

AMEND further on line 54 by striking the semicolon and reinserting the period.

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1510**. On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Crudup, Denton, Harness, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Porter, Reynolds, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--25.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Gibbs, D. Total-2.

Present--Paden. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Byrd called up:

**S. B. No. 2719:** Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2719.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Aguirre, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Bain, Ford, K, Hood, Horan, McLean, Reynolds, Roberson. Total-8.

Present--Ford, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Currie called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official.

Rep. Crudup moved to lay on table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1487.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Brown, B, Crudup, Jackson, Karriem, Osborne, Reynolds, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Young. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Denton, Haney, Sanford, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Bell, C, Clark, Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Harness, Holloway, Paden, Porter, Scott, Walker. Total--10.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. McCarty called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1059:** Teacher licensure and certification; revise qualifications for receipt of and entry into educator preparation programs.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Felsher:

AMEND on line 669 by inserting the following language after "2022":  
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1059.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Busby by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1002:** (Memorial Highway; designate segment in Copiah County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway".) passed.

Representative Osborne entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

Representative Karriem entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 521:** Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records.

At 11:40 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:02 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1408:** (Sheriffs' salaries; increase.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1002:** (Memorial Highway; designate segment in Copiah County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway".) passed.

Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 592:** (Child support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions.) failed to pass, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND after line 86 by inserting the following:

"(7)The provisions of this section shall only apply to child support obligations for:

- (a) a child who receives financial or medical benefits from the Department of Human Services or Child Protection Services or
- (b) a child whose custodial parent receives financial or medical benefits from the Department of Human Services or Child Protection Services."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Tullos:

AMEND after the period on line 57 by inserting the following:

"(b)Every four months within a twenty-four month period after expiration of the sixty (60) days described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (3), the court, on its own motion, shall assess all factors related to the non-custodial parent's ability to pay in order to determine whether the child support obligations may be increased."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 592.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Crudup, McCray, Osborne, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Williams-Barnes. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Clarke, Gibbs, D, Kinkade, Summers, Young. Total-6.

Present--Barnett, Evans, B, Gibbs, K, Holloway, Jackson, Karriem, Mickens, Stamps. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--55

At 2:14 PM on motion of Rep. McKnight the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:29 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bills passed.

**H. B. No. 1367:** Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance.

**H. B. No. 1196:** Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of.

Representative Hood entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 504:** Commend Columbia High School "Wildcats" Football Team for first State Championship since 1982.

**S. C. R. No. 509:** Commend State Parole Board Chairman Steven Pickett on the occasion of his retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 534:** Congratulate Jackson State University "Tigers" Football Team and Coach Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders for remarkable season.



STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 2:33 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 11, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

(THIRTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, McCarty. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bain and McCarty.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2806:** Public purchases; prohibit reverse auctions for repair and remodeling of public facilities. Workforce Development.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by

the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1573:** (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for replacement of bridges incapable of supporting harvest permit allowable weight. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1574:** (Representative Busby) Appropriation; Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund to be utilized by MDOT. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1575:** (Representative Busby) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund to reimburse for monies expended to counties due to provisions of House Bill 779, 2019 Regular Session. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1576:** (Representative Busby) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund from State General Fund. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1577:** (Representatives Porter, Harness, Mickens) Income tax; exclude active duty military compensation. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1578:** (Representatives Deweese, Massengill, Steverson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Oxford repair and renovation of a building for its police department. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1579:** (Representative Huddleston) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc with relocating fire station. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1580:** (Representative Busby) Appropriation; MDOT for matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Appropriations.

**H. C. R. No. 50:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Brittney Reese; commend and congratulate successes as an Olympic medalist. Rules.

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Representative Powell called up the motion to reconsider the vote, strike all amendment, and amendment No. 1 to amendment No. 1 whereby **H. B. No. 1510:** (Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of a substitute amendment, which motion prevailed.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 506 and renumber the succeeding sections:  
" SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 23-15-152, Mississippi Code of 1972:

23-15-152. (1) For the purposes of this section, "confirmation notice" means a notice sent by the election commissioners, by forwardable mail, with return postage prepaid, on a form prescribed by the Secretary of State, to a registered voter to confirm the registered voter's current address. The notice shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

(2) The election commissioners shall send a confirmation notice to the following:

(a) A registered voter if it appears from the United States Postal Service change-of-address information that the registered voter has moved to a different residence;

(b) A registered voter if a county election commissioner or county registrar has received notice from another state, or political subdivision of another state, that the registered voter has registered to vote in another state; and

(c) A registered voter if the registrar or election commissioners have received reliable information that he or she has moved within or outside of the state.

(3) The county election commissioners shall place any registered voter who has been sent a confirmation notice on inactive status in the Statewide Elections Management System. Any registered voter who is placed on inactive status shall be unable to cast a regular ballot on election day but shall be able to cast an affidavit ballot as provided in Section 23-15-573.

(4) A registered voter "fails to respond to the confirmation notice" if the voter, during a period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice, fails to:

(a) Respond to the confirmation notice; or

(b) Update the elector's registration information.

The period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice required in subsection (4) of this section shall include two (2) general federal elections. A registered voter who votes at least once in any election in the registered voter's county of registration during the period of four (4) consecutive years beginning from the date of the delivery of the confirmation notice shall not be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System.

(5) The county registrar or county election commission shall move those registered voters who fail to respond to the confirmation notice as provided in subsection (4) and who fail to vote as provided in subsection (4) of this section to purged status in the Statewide Elections Management System.

(6) No systematic list maintenance shall occur during the ninety (90) days immediately preceding a federal primary or general election.

(7) The county registrar shall retain removed voter registration records after they are removed for a period that includes at least two (2) federal general elections and shall record the reason for the removal.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-125, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-125. The pollbook of each voting precinct shall designate the voting precinct for which it is to be used, and shall be ruled in appropriate columns, with printed or written headings, as follows: date of registration; voter registration number; name of electors; date of birth; and a number of blank columns for the dates of elections. All qualified applicants who register with the registrar shall be entered in the Statewide Elections Management System. Only the names of those qualified applicants who register within thirty (30) days before an election shall appear on the pollbooks of the election; however, if the thirtieth day to register before an election falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the registration applications submitted on the business day immediately following the legal holiday shall be accepted and entered in the Statewide Elections Management System for the purpose of enabling voters to vote in the next election. When county election commissioners determine that any elector is disqualified from voting, by reason of death, conviction of a disenfranchising crime, removal from the jurisdiction, failure to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152, or other legal cause, that fact shall be noted in the Statewide Elections Management System and the voter's name shall be removed from the Statewide Elections Management System, the state's voter roll and the county's pollbooks. Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of electronic pollbooks."

AMEND further on line 38 by inserting the following language after the comma: "failed to comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-152,".

AMEND further on line 51 by deleting "and".

AMEND further on line 54 by deleting the period and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
";

(e) As provided in Section 23-15-152.".

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

The strike all amendment and amendment No. 1 to amendment No. 1 was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1510**. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, McCarty, McGee. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1196**: (Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2719**: Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 9:13 AM, on motion of Rep. White the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 14, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022

(FORTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jeffery Harness.

Rep. Harness led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative McCarty.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2237:** Sentence suspension; prohibit for crimes involving the exploitation of children.

**S. B. No. 2244:** Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing options.

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF.

**S. B. No. 2451:** Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact.

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office.

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

**S. B. No. 2545:** Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met.

**S. B. No. 2601:** Mississippi Pink Alert System Act of 2022; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2604:** Mississippi Broadband Expansion Act; enact.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2081:** Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect.

**S. B. No. 2373:** Professional Engineers & Surveyors Licensing Board; remove provision requiring Governor to make appointments from nominees.

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

**S. B. No. 2706:** Third-grade reading assessment for 2021-2022 school year; allow students who fail to be promoted to fourth grade with remediation.

**S. B. No. 2772:** State Small Business Credit Initiative; update citations to federal law.

**S. B. No. 2814:** Mississippi Water Quality Commission; create for the purpose of providing oversight of certain water and sewer systems.

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#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2721:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Health/Science Workforce Development and Retention Act; create. Workforce Development.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2237:** Sentence suspension; prohibit for crimes involving the exploitation of children. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2244:** Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing options. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF. Corrections.

**S. B. No. 2451:** Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2545:** Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met. Judiciary B.

**S. B. No. 2601:** Mississippi Pink Alert System Act of 2022; create. Judiciary B.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1581:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1582:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1583:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1584:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1585:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1586:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1587:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1588:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1589:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1590:** (Representatives Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hopkins, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1591:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1592:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1593:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1594:** (Representatives Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hopkins, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1595:** (Representatives Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hopkins, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1596:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, Oliver, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hale, Haney, Hines, Huddleston, Jackson, Ladner, Turner, Watson, Young) Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1597:** (Representatives Hopkins, Read, White, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Busby, Cockerham, Hines, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1598:** (Representatives Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Hale) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1599:** (Representatives Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Appropriations.



**H. B. No. 1600:** (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1601:** (Representatives Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1602:** (Representatives Criswell, Read, Bennett, Barton, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Eure, Haney, Jackson, Sanford, Watson, Young, Hale) Appropriation; Library Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1603:** (Representatives Read, Oliver) Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1604:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1605:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1606:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1607:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1608:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1609:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1610:** (Representatives Read, Bounds, Arnold, Beckett, Cockerham, Eure, Hale, Mangold, Oliver, Turner, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1611:** (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1612:** (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1613:** (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Watson, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1614:** (Representatives Criswell, Eubanks, Read, Mims, Arnold, Bounds, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Hines, Hood, Horan, Sanford, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Health, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1615:** (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1616:** (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold, Stamps) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1617:** (Representatives Read, Pigott, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, Huddleston, Mangold, Hale, Stamps) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1618:** (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1619:** (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1620:** (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1621:** (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner, Hale) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1622:** (Representatives Read, Ladner, Arnold, Cockerham, Haney, Turner, Hale) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1623:** (Representatives Eubanks, Read, Huddleston, Barton, Boyd, Cockerham, Hines, Hopkins, Oliver, Watson, Young) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1624:** (Representatives Read, Eure, Barton, Beckett, Busby, Clarke, Haney) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1625:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1626:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1627:** (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1628:** (Representatives Hopkins, Criswell, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young, Stamps) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1629:** (Representatives Criswell, Hopkins, Read, Cockerham, Arnold, Beckett, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Eure, Hines, Jackson, Turner, Watson, White, Young) Appropriation; Attorney General. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1630:** (Representatives Eubanks, Read, Busby, Arnold, Hopkins, Jackson, Mangold, Sanford, Young) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1631:** (Representative Read) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1632:** (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 2. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1633:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 5. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1634:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 3. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1635:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 1. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1636:** (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 4. Appropriations.

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Representative Hood by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 658:** (Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.) was adopted.

Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1367:** (Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 521:** (Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 1:** Gary Jude Harkins; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 11:** Lieutenant Toby Johnson; commend for service during Hurricane Ida.

**H. C. R. No. 12:** Firefighter Linc Tucker; commend for meritorious service.

**H. C. R. No. 13:** Samuel Larry Richey; commend his life upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 14:** Vietnam War Veterans; recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange.

**H. C. R. No. 15:** Mr. George Smith; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 17:** Carroll V. Hood; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 33:** James A. Barber; commend service as Executive Director of PEER upon his retirement.

**H. C. R. No. 43:** Scott Central High School Football Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 2A State Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 44:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A Game Day National Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 45:** Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team; commend and congratulate upon winning 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Miles and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Helen McNeer Fisackerly, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Otis Lynn "Buster" Beech, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frankie Mae Pope, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "Jim" Seymour, Betty Sue Fortenberry, and Ada Pittman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carolyn Ray Rainey, Commer Bernice Vanzant, Josephine Street Box, Jessie Cox Lowery, Lonzo Henry Taylor, and Betty Jewel Briscoe Schneider, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bennett and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nancy Marie Landrum, and Richard Mark Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mahlon Gann, Faye Jackson, Lee Elvie Thompson, Marlon Lancaster, and Barry Randolph "Randy" Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Paul Brooks, which motion prevailed.

At 4:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

(FORTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Robert McCallum, Pastor of Priestly Chapel M. B. Church, Canton, MS.

Rep. Bell (65th) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

**S. B. No. 2350:** Certificate of Foreign Birth; allow issuance by Bureau of Vital Statistics.

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.

**S. B. No. 2362:** Salary cap; exempt certain attorneys employed by Attorney General from.

**S. B. No. 2443:** Nationally certified school employees; delete caps on nurses & speech pathologists, add athletic trainers for salary supplements.

**S. B. No. 2481:** Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others.

**S. B. No. 2504:** Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set term of executive director and create Division of Parks and Recreation.

**S. B. No. 2531:** Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2572:** Election commissioners; remove skills assessment requirement.

**S. B. No. 2575:** Judicial candidates; revise political limitations on.

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.

**S. B. No. 2658:** Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursement and administration.

**S. B. No. 2659:** Medicaid State Plan; allow to operate under previous plan if disapproved.

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.

**S. B. No. 2803:** Sheriffs; increase annual salaries of.

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to. Education; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate. Transportation.

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto. Public Utilities.

**S. B. No. 2772:** State Small Business Credit Initiative; update citations to federal law. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 2814:** Mississippi Water Quality Commission; create for the purpose of providing oversight of certain water and sewer systems. Conservation and Water Resources.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1581:** Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1582:** Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1583:** Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1584:** Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1585:** Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1588:** Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1590:** Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1591:** Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1592:** Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1596:** Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.



**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for new nursing school at UMMC and funding for Nursing Education Incentive Program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2966:** Appropriation; additional to the Revenue, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2967:** Appropriation; additional to the Health, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1550:** Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1441:** Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1523:** City of Saltillo; authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1525:** City of Richland; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1526:** City of Richland; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1547:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1549:** City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

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**S. C. R. No. 538:** Recognize Mary Lovelace O'Neal as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Visual Art. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

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**S. C. R. No. 544:** Commend Olympian Cory McGee of Pass Christian for track and field accomplishments at 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 506:** Commend Mississippi Humanities Council on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

**S. C. R. No. 507:** Extending the deepest sympathy on the passing of former Mississippi First Lady and community activist Elise Winter.

**S. C. R. No. 508:** Paying tribute to public health career and contributions of respected state health officer and first Medicaid Director Dr. Alton Cobb.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Tullos and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Donald "Jody" Fail, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of W. B. "Billy" Todd, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 2:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

(FORTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend John Robert Hall, Pastor of Mendenhall Methodist Church, Mendenhall, MS.

Rep. Wallace led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to. Apportionment and Elections.

**S. B. No. 2350:** Certificate of Foreign Birth; allow issuance by Bureau of Vital Statistics. Public Health and Human Services.

**S. B. No. 2362:** Salary cap; exempt certain attorneys employed by Attorney General from. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2443:** Nationally certified school employees; delete caps on nurses & speech pathologists, add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Education; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2481:** Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others. Transportation; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2504:** Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set term of executive director and create Division of Parks and Recreation. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

**S. B. No. 2572:** Election commissioners; remove skills assessment requirement. Apportionment and Elections.

**S. B. No. 2575:** Judicial candidates; revise political limitations on. Apportionment and Elections.

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment. Corrections.

**S. B. No. 2658:** Mississippi Medicaid Program; make technical amendments to reimbursement and administration. Medicaid.

**S. B. No. 2659:** Medicaid State Plan; allow to operate under previous plan if disapproved. Medicaid.

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital. Public Health and Human Services.

**S. B. No. 2803:** Sheriffs; increase annual salaries of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act. Public Health and Human Services.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact. Apportionment and Elections.

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The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance. Insurance.

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The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Ways and Means.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1637:** (Representatives Bell (65th), Yates) Hotel "occupancy tax" levied in City of Jackson to fund the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Facility and Reserve Fund; increase. Local and Private Legislation.



**H. B. No. 1638:** (Representative Porter) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for grocers and restaurants that donate food to certain entities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1639:** (Representatives Stamps, Newman, Shanks) Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1640:** (Representatives Yates, Bell (65th), Gibbs (72nd)) Appropriation; City of Jackson for certain water/sewer infrastructure projects. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1641:** (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of two water wells and related towers for a new detention center. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1642:** (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of two water wells and related towers for a new detention center. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1643:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Appropriation; Hinds County for cost of repairs and upgrades to portion of White Oak Creek. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1644:** (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for upgrades and improvements to Flowers Park. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1645:** (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Town of Meadville for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1646:** (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Pattison Community Water Association for water system improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1647:** (Representative Shanks) Appropriation; Thomasville Water Association for water system improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1648:** (Representative McCray) Appropriation; DFA to assist God's Living Word Ministry in Walls with construction of a community family life center. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1649:** (Representative McCray) Appropriation; DFA for costs of constructing a training facility for the Walls Volunteer Fire Department in DeSoto County. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1650:** (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Department of Health for upgrades and improvements to infrastructure at county health departments. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1651:** (Representatives Porter, Cockerham, Mims) Appropriations; City of McComb for repair and renovations for water, drainage and sewer infrastructure. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1652:** (Representatives Porter, Cockerham) Appropriation; City of Magnolia for repair and renovations for water, drainage and sewer. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1653:** (Representative Summers) Appropriation; City of Jackson for rehabilitation of vacant or abandoned properties. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1654:** (Representative Summers) Appropriation; City of Jackson for park improvements. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1655:** (Representative Cockerham) Appropriation; IHL for costs of constructing a separate water system for Jackson State University. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1656:** (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for making safety enhancements and upgrades to voting precinct building. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1657:** (Representatives Turner, Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1658:** (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with certain projects in Lee County and municipalities of Tupelo, Baldwyn, Guntown and Saltillo. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1659:** (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1660:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Lamar, Johnson) Appropriation; IHL for constructing a football stadium for Jackson State University. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1661:** (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; Mississippi Development Authority for Mississippi Main Street Association to increase capacity to provide assistance to Main Street communities. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1662:** (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1663:** (Representatives Arnold, Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1664:** (Representatives Read, Stamps) Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1665:** (Representatives Stamps, Read, Arnold) Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges. Appropriations.

**H. C. R. No. 51:** (Representative Lamar) Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team; commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 52:** (Representative Arnold) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2023. Rules.

**H. R. No. 26:** (Representative Reynolds) Kornfeld's Department Store; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Rules.

**H. R. No. 27:** (Representative Anthony) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter; commend upon 70th anniversary and its community service. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 426:** Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2769:** Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

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JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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Head Page, Jada Barnes, introduced the following pages for the week:

Jeremiah Crawford	Indianola, MS
Eli Eubanks	Walls, MS
Raygaen Hall	Jackson, MS
Burkley King	Olive Branch, MS
Curtiso Jennings	Indianola, MS
Jerrold Nations	Brookhaven, MS
Mara Norwood	Wesson, MS
Noah Stamps	Canton, MS
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Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson. Total-1.

Present--Miles. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

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Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 48:** Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop; commend upon his 50 years of police service in the State of Mississippi.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1441:** Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1441.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Scott. Total--

6.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1523:** City of Saltillo; authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1523.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-6.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1525:** City of Richland; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1525.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford, Turner. Total-8.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1526:** City of Richland; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1526.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Horne, Ladner, McCarty, Rushing, Sanford, Turner. Total-8.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1547:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1547.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1549:** City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1549.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the



provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Clarke. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Clark. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Felsher and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Janus, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sharon Lammey Rhea, which motion prevailed.

At 2:23 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 17, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

(FORTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Steve Hopkins.

Rep. Hopkins led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1666:** (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Rienzi with certain projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1667:** (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with construction of an industrial building. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1668:** (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Jumpertown with wastewater collection system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1669:** (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Thrasher Water Association with water system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1670:** (Representatives Arnold, Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with certain sewer system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1671:** (Representative Barton) Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1672:** (Representative Calvert) City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1673:** (Representative Barton) Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula - Moss Point. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1674:** (Representative Tullos) Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 53:** (Representative Kinkade) Dr. Sam Polles; recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP. Rules.

**H. R. No. 28:** (Representatives Eubanks, Burnett) Nakobe Dean; congratulate National Champion Georgia Bulldogs outside linebacker from Horn Lake. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2083:** Open meetings; legislative advisory committee members must be invited to stay during executive session. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY P. BOYD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2499:** Solid Waste Disposal Law; define advanced plastic recycling. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHRIS BROWN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2483:** Recreational off-highway vehicles; raise width and unladen dry weight limits. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2480:** Highways; conform weight tolerance provision, and remove repealers relating to harvest permits and timber deed grantees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

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Rep. Oliver called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Appropriations bills::

**H. B. No. 1581:** Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

**H. B. No. 1583:** Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1584:** Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1585:** Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1590:** Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

**H. B. No. 1591:** Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1592:** Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

**H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

**H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

**H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

**H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

On motion of Rep. Oliver, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Scott. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1582:** Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1582.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Kinkade, Powell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1588:** Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1588.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1594.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1593.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Miles, Newman. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Bell, C. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1596:** Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1596.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Present--Barnett, Crudup, Deweese, Felsher, Ford, J, Haney, McKnight, McLean, Owen. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bennett called up:

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1598.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up:

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1601.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett,



Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hopkins, McLeod, Newman, Owen, Shanks, Smith, Williamson. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up:

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1602.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by inserting the following language before the period on line 44: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood:

AMEND on line 11 by deleting the figures "44,129.00" and inserting in lieu thereof the figure "0"

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1615**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Barnett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hood, Hopkins, Newman, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Smith. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 5 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 778**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.  
Absent or those not voting--Sanders. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1517.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 4 and 13 by changing "841" to "453"  
AMEND FURTHER by deleting Section 5 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1518.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1521.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 5 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1522**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Darnell. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 5 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1537**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Smith, Turner. Total-4.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1538.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1550:** Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1550.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett,

Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, B, Criswell, Crudup, Hopkins, Stamps. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Watson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 34 by changing the figures "200,000.00" to "220,000.00"

AMEND FURTHER by deleting lines 56 through 59 in their entirety and re-lettering the succeeding paragraphs in Section 2.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1631**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bell, D, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horan, Ladner, Oliver, Owen, Thompson, Williamson. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Mims, White. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2966:** Appropriation; additional to the Revenue, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2966**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hopkins, Smith, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Miles, Morgan. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Oliver unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2967:** Appropriation; additional to the Health, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2967**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Scoggin, Smith. Total-2.

Present--Morgan. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Oliver unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.



Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 426:** Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 426.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2769:** Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university foundation.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2769.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1663**:

Unanimous consent of the House is requested to make the following changes to House Bill No. 1663:

- On lines 1329 through 1335 delete:  
"One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Magnolia Heights School, Senatobia, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the "Little Red School House" building including costs already incurred.  
( \* \* \*q)"
- On line 2395 change "Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00)" to "Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00)"
- Delete Section 23 of the bill and renumber the succeeding section accordingly
- Amend the title on line 37 by changing "\$20,000,000" to "\$50,000,000"
- Amend the title on lines 67 through 70 by deleting  
"TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET INVESTMENT GRANT FUND;"

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 4491 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1663**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Horne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1662:** Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Mississippi Armed Forces Museum.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1662.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Horne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Representative Hood entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 19:** Joe N. Lowery II; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 21:** William Earl Bailey, Sr.; commend life upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 22:** Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School Rangers Basketball Teams; commend on winning 2021-2022 Championship for Central Mississippi Athletic Conference Division.

**H. R. No. 23:** Rickey Medlocke; commend musical success and becoming a bona fide resident of Mississippi.

**H. R. No. 24:** Lake High School Lady Hornets Fast-Pitch Softball Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2021 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 25:** Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Cheer Squad; commend for winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association's All-Girl National Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Wright moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sara Lynn Hollis, Jack Glenn Blendinger, Elton "ET" Thomas Colvin, Jr., Kenneth Wayne Doyle, and Joan Gee Oswalt, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Anthony, Clark, Harness, Hines, Johnson and Paden moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mozella Joiner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Bobby" Richard Cirilli, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Miles and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Johnny L. Goodson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Bobby" Williams, which motion prevailed.

At 3:21 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 18, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

(FORTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Dan Eubanks.

Rep. Eubanks led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Scott, Turner. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Scott and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create. Agriculture.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1675:** (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance for capital improvements for state agencies. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1676:** (Representatives Tullos, Walker) Income tax; reduce rate of tax and authorize additional deduction for certain new businesses. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1677:** (Representative Huddleston) Appropriation; City of Pontotoc for relocating fire station. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1678:** (Representative Johnson) Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act; create. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1679:** (Representative Johnson) Appropriation; provide premium pay to essential health care workers through MSDH grants. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1680:** (Representative Johnson) Appropriation; Jackson State University to build its own athletic stadium. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1681:** (Representatives Yancey, Bain, Barnett, Deweese, Guice, Newman, Roberson, Shanks, Steverson) Income tax; authorize a credit for ad valorem taxes paid on certain property. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1682:** (Representative Barton) Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.). Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1683:** (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Harness, Porter) Appropriation; Scenic Rivers Development alliance for water, sewer, and tourism and economic development projects. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1684:** (Representatives Horan, Beckett, Hood, Reynolds, Sanford, Stamps, Oliver) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for qualified wood energy products and forest maintenance projects. Ways and Means.

**H. R. No. 29:** (Representatives Bain, Steverson, Arnold) Kossuth High School Cheerleading Team; commend outstanding season of accomplishments. Rules.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2966:** Appropriation; additional to the Revenue, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act.

**S. B. No. 2967:** Appropriation; additional to the Health, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 505:** Recognize legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Running Back Walter Payton and dedication of "Walter Payton Field" in Columbia, Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 510:** Commend Mississippi "Braves" Baseball Team for winning the Double A South Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 516:** Recognize March 2022 as "Kidney Disease Awareness Month."

**S. C. R. No. 526:** Express sympathy and remember the legacy of Lusia (Lucy) Harris of Minter City, Mississippi, "The Queen of Basketball."

**S. C. R. No. 535:** Recognize The Williams Brothers as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement in Music.

**S. C. R. No. 536:** Recognize Larry Gordon as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement in Motion Pictures/Television.

**S. C. R. No. 537:** Recognize Holly Lange as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award Governor's Choice.

**S. C. R. No. 538:** Recognize Mary Lovelace O'Neal as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Visual Art.

**S. C. R. No. 539:** Recognize Alcorn State University Jazz Festival as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Arts in Community.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 513:** Commend William (Bill) Bynum CEO of HOPE in Jackson, Mississippi, as recipient of 26th Heinz Award for the Economy.

**S. C. R. No. 515:** Commend Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium on its 50th Anniversary and recognize its achievements.

**S. C. R. No. 530:** Celebrate life and commend military service of Bridgette Rochelle Horn.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 540:** Recognize Myrna Colley-Lee as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Costume Design and Arts Patron.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Crawford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmie R. Benefield, C. E. "Boe" Collins, Jr., Rebecca "Becky" Parker Clemens, Mary Anna Loftus, and Patricia Ann Skellie, which motion prevailed.

At 9:05 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 21, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

(FORTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.



- S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.
- S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.
- S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.
- S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.
- S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.
- S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.
- S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.
- S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.
- S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.
- S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.
- S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.
- S. B. No. 3030:** Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.
- S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.
- S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.
- S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.
- S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.
- S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.
- S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.
- S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.
- S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.
- S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.
- S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Department of Tourism.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1685:** (Representatives Gunn, Lamar, Stamps) Pregnancy Resource Act; create. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1686:** (Representatives Stamps, Lamar, Gunn) Bonds; authorize issuance for defeasing bonds issued for the purpose of accelerating certain highway projects. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1687:** (Representatives Stamps, Lamar) Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions. Ways and Means.

**H. R. No. 30:** (Representatives Barton, Read) Den Knecht; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Rules.

**H. R. No. 31:** (Representatives Barton, Read) Royce Cumbest; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Rules.

**H. R. No. 32:** (Representatives Barton, Read) Jerry St. Pe'; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 51:** Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team; commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 53:** Dr. Sam Polles; recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 26:** Kornfeld's Department Store; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

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**H. R. No. 28:** Nakobe Dean; congratulate National Champion Georgia Bulldogs outside linebacker from Horn Lake. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 29:** Kossuth High School Cheerleading Team; commend outstanding season of accomplishments. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 502:** Commend former Mississippi Representative Honorable Fred Banks on his receipt of "2021 Lifetime Achievement Award" by MS BAR.

**S. C. R. No. 512:** Remember legacy of former POW and Retired Air Force Colonel Carlyle "Smitty" Harris at U.S. Post Office dedication in his honor.

**S. C. R. No. 514:** Congratulate MSU 2021 Baseball Team on National Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 517:** Extend sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of former Mayor, attorney, and blues promoter Bill Luckett of Clarksdale.

**S. C. R. No. 522:** Celebrating the legendary Mississippi basketball Coach Lafayette Stribling and extending the sympathy of Legislature.

**S. C. R. No. 525:** Commend James A. Barber on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of PEER.

**S. C. R. No. 532:** Commend University of Mississippi Quarterback Matt Corral for leading team to best regular season in program history.

**S. C. R. No. 541:** Recognize January 2022 as "Cervical Health Awareness Month in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 542:** Recognize the legacy of former Northern District Transportation Commissioner Zack Stewart.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 544:** Commend Olympian Cory McGee of Pass Christian for track and field accomplishments at 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gary Dwayne "Bit" Stanton, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Lancaster and Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Morris Wilson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie M. Jones Tucker, which motion prevailed.

At 4:04 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

(FIFTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Zakiya Summers.

Rep. Summers led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson (110th), Anderson (122nd), Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell (21st), Bell (65th), Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown (20th), Brown (70th), Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore IV, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans (45th), Evans (91st), Faulkner, Felsher, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber, Mr. Speaker. Total--121.

Absent--Huddleston. Total--1.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building, -ARPA Funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2514:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

**S. B. No. 2997:** City of Batesville; extend repealer on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism.

**S. B. No. 2999:** City of Horn Lake; extend the repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals.

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act. Drug Policy; Appropriations.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1688:** (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; IHL for funding certain projects at the University of Mississippi. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1689:** (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd)) Homestead exemption; increase for law enforcement officers. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1690:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1691:** (Representative Busby) Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1692:** (Representatives Porter, Mims) Appropriations; Town of Summit for repair and renovation of water and sewer. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1693:** (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th), Foster) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1694:** (Representatives Bennett, Haney, Williams-Barnes) City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 54:** (Representative Tullos) Raleigh High School Lions Football Team; commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 33:** (Representative Massengill) Hickory Flat High School Lady Rebels Volleyball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 34:** (Representative Scoggin) Stetson Bennett IV; commend stellar career and athletic accomplishments with the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team. Rules.

**H. R. No. 35:** (Representative Weathersby) Richland High School Boys Soccer Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 36:** (Representative Weathersby) Florence High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning first MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 37:** (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA 5A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 38:** (Representative Tullos) Bay Springs Bulldogs; commend and congratulate upon winning the MHSAA 1A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 39:** (Representative Roberson) Sheryl Smith Askew; commend the life and legacy upon the passing of. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2018:** MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance conduct periodic joint-bank examinations; extend repealer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2039:** Real estate appraisal management companies; extend repealer on registration provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2004:** Public lands; extend repealer on section prescribing who may purchase. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1530:** Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1564:** Ad valorem tax; authorize partial exemption for nonresidential use land that is converted to residential use. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1639:** Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1675:** Bonds; authorize issuance for capital improvements for state agencies. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1684:** Income tax; authorize a tax credit for qualified wood energy products and forest maintenance projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.



**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1686:** Bonds; authorize issuance for defeasing bonds issued for the purpose of accelerating certain highway projects. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1548:** Trailers and semitrailers; revise alternative highway privilege tax for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2716:** RegionSmart Development Interstate Compact between Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee; ratify. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Head Page, Noah Carpenter, introduced the pages for the week:

Ava Bondurant	Madison, MS
Avantavis Carter	Hazlehurst, MS
Antonea Hilliard	Hazlehurst, MS
Kandria Larry	Hazlehurst, MS
Mary Presley McLellan	West, MS

Tate McLellan	West, MS
Connor Mullins	Brandon, MS
Pepper Newman	Brandon, MS
Rebekah Oakley	Morton, MS
Wynn Oakley	Morton, MS
Garrison Payton	Pearl, MS
Logan Sullivan	Diamondhead, MS
Randy Sullivan	Diamondhead, MS
Marvin Summers	Jackson, MS

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Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1537**: (Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 12 by deleting "\$171,000,000.00" and insert the following "\$271,000,000.00"

The following funds shall be transferred from the following appropriation bills:

HB1517 in the amount of \$40,000,000.00  
 HB1518 in the amount of \$25,000,000.00  
 HB1521 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00  
 HB1522 in the amount of \$10,000,000.00  
 HB 1542 in the amount of \$15,000,000.00

Further amend on line 29 by inserting the following language after the (.) and before the word "In":

"If any of the following listed entities do not have the resources or capacity to address their priority wastewater needs that are of an emergency nature or have a predisposition for a health crisis maybe given special consideration.

Abbeville	Columbia
Aberdeen	Columbus
Ackerman	Como
Algoma	Corinth
Alligator	Courtland
Amory	Crawford
Anguilla	Crenshaw
Arcola	Crosby
Artesia	Crowder
Ashland	Cruger
Baldwyn	Crystal Springs
Bassfield	Decatur
Batesville	DeKalb
Bay St. Louis	Derma
Bay Springs	Diamondhead
Beaumont	D'Iberville
Beauregard	D'Lo
Belmont	Doddsville
Belzoni	Drew
Benoit	Duck Hill
Bentonina	Dumas
Beulah	Duncan
Big Creek	Durant
Blue Mountain	Ecru
Blue Springs	Eden

Bolton	Edwards
Booneville	Ellisville
Boyle	Enterprise
Brandon	Ethel
Braxton	Eupora
Brookhaven	Falcon
Brooksville	Faulkner
Bruce	Farmington
Bude	Fayette
Burnsville	Flora
Byhalia	Florence
Byram	Flowood
Caledonia	Forest
Calhoun City	French Camp
Canton	Friars Point
Carrollton	Fulton
Carthage	Gattman
Cary	Gautier
Centreville	Georgetown
Charleston	Glen
Chunky	Glendora
Clarksdale	Gloster
Cleveland	Golden
Clinton	Goodman
Coahoma	Greenville
Coffeeville	Greenwood
Coldwater	Grenada
Collins	Gunnison
Guntown	McLain
Hatley	Meadville
Hazlehurst	Mendenhall
Heidelberg	Meridian
Hernando	Merigold
Hickory	Metcalfe
Hickory Flat	Mize
Hollandale	Monticello
Holly Springs	Montrose
Horn Lake	Moorhead
Houston	Morgan City
Indianola	Morton
Inverness	Mound Bayou
Isola	Mount Olive
Itta Bena	Myrtle
Iuka	Natchez
Jonestown	Nettleton
Jumpertown	New Albany
Kilmichael	New Augusta
Kosciusko	New Hebron
Kossuth	New Houlka
Lake	Newton
Lambert	North Carrollton
Laurel	Noxapater
Leakesville	Oakland
Learned	Ocean Springs
Leland	Okolona
Lena	Olive Branch
Lexington	Osyka
Liberty	Oxford
Longbeach	Pace

Louin	Pachuta
Louise	Paden
Louisville	Pass Christian
Lucedale	Pearl
Lula	Pelahatchie
Lumberton	Petal
Lyon	Philadelphia
Maben	Picayune
Macon	Pickens
Madison	Pittsboro
Magee	Plantersville
Magnolia	Polkville
Mantachie	Pontotoc
Mantee	Pope
Marietta	Poplarville
Marion	Port Gibson
Marks	Potts Camp
Mathison	Prentiss
Mayersville	Puckett
McComb	Purvis
McCool	Quitman
Raleigh	Tishomingo
Raymond	Toccopola
Renova	Tremont
Richland	Tunica
Richton	Tupelo
Ridgeland	Tutwiler
Rienzi	Tylertown
Ripley	Union
Rolling Fork	Utica
Rosedale	Vaiden
Roxie	Vardaman
Ruleville	Verona
Sallis	Vicksburg
Saltillo	Walls
Sandersville	Walnut
Sardis	Walnut Grove
Sartatia	Walthall
Schlater	Water Valley
Scooba	Waveland
Sebastopol	Waynesboro
Seminary	Webb
Senatobia	Weir
Shannon	Wesson
Shaw	West
Shelby	West Point
Sherman	Wiggins
Shubuta	Winona
Shuqualak	Winstonville
Sidon	Woodland
Silver City	Woodville
Silver Creek	Yazoo City
Slate Springs	
Sledge	
Smithville	
Snow Lake Shores	
Soso	
Starkville	
State Line	

Stonewall  
Sturgis  
Summit  
Sumner  
Sumrall  
Sunflower  
Sylvarena  
Taylor  
Taylorsville  
Tchula  
Terry  
Thaxton

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--37.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Currie, Foster, Holloway, Huddleston, McLean, Yates. Total-7.

Present--Ford, J, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--57

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1537**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 51:** Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team; commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 53:** Dr. Sam Polles; recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Blackmon, Horan, Huddleston, Osborne, Roberson, White. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 26:** Kornfeld's Department Store; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

**H. R. No. 27:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter; commend upon 70th anniversary and its community service.

**H. R. No. 28:** Nakobe Dean; congratulate National Champion Georgia Bulldogs outside linebacker from Horn Lake.

**H. R. No. 29:** Kossuth High School Cheerleading Team; commend outstanding season of accomplishments.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Representative Roberson introduced our special guests - H. C. R. No. 11 and H. C. R. No. 12. A portion of the resolutions were read.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 5 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1542**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1664**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barton:

AMEND on lines 8 and 9 by deleting "State General Fund" and inserting "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1665.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1530:** Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1530.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M,



Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1564:** Ad valorem tax; authorize partial exemption for nonresidential use land that is converted to residential use.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1564.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston, McCray. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1639:** Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1639.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie,

Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Crudup, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Karriem, Owen, Scott, Summers, Williamson. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Haney, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, McKnight. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1675:** Bonds; authorize issuance for capital improvements for state agencies.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1675.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1684:** Income tax; authorize a tax credit for qualified wood energy products and forest maintenance projects.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1684.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1685.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston, Paden, Straughter, Summers, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1687.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**H. B. No. 1686:** Bonds; authorize issuance for defeasing bonds issued for the purpose of accelerating certain highway projects.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1686.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Horne, Huddleston. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 26:** Kornfeld's Department Store; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

**H. R. No. 27:** Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter; commend upon 70th anniversary and its community service.

**H. R. No. 28:** Nakobe Dean; congratulate National Champion Georgia Bulldogs outside linebacker from Horn Lake.

**H. R. No. 29:** Kossuth High School Cheerleading Team; commend outstanding season of accomplishments.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sammy Carter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Anthoniette (Toniette) Wallace, Norman Alphis Maynard, Christopher McCarter, and Guidano "Dano" Napoli, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Helen "Lucille" Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billie Jene O'Neal, Narval Rowe Robertson, and Kevin Clay McNeer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edith East Strickland, Al Taylor, Latrelle Holifield "Buddy", Jennifer Sue Patterson, and John McLaurin "Mitch", which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jean Faler Magee, and Donald W. Bullock, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jason Miller, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain and Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doc Stewart, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wanda Sue Phippen King, and Fannie Meadows, which motion prevailed.

Representative Eure moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas "Tommy" Darius Hengen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of April Diana Shoemaker McMillen, and Jimmy Dale Pickett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kevin Michael Wilson, Frank Joseph Malta, Ernestine Tyrone-Forehand, Richard L. Garrett, Shelby Paul Smith, Gladys D. Smith, Gerald L. King, and Jerry Alton King, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Gore, and Floyd Anderson, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alma Kirby Bates, Christopher Floyd Mobley, Edward Gerald Garrity, Jimmy Sexton, Radford Fedric, Edward Scott, Spencer Medlin, Patricia Morris, Aubrey Lee Hammack, Vernie Mae Meadows, and Edward Hesselbein, which motion prevailed.

At 2:47 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

(FIFTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Elder Kendrick Barnes, Pastor of St. Peter Church of Christ Holiness USA, Hazlehurst, MS.

Rep. Holloway led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2514:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 2997:** City of Batesville; extend repealer on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 2999:** City of Horn Lake; extend the repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1695:** (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1696:** (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with improvements to Dedeaux Road. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1697:** (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with Interstate 10/U.S. Highway 49 project. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1698:** (Representative Reynolds) Ad valorem tax; increase amount of exemption that a county may allow for a renewable energy project. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1699:** (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with construction of an access road. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1700:** (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the New Site Water Association with water system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1701:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Town of Rienzi for repair and renovation of and improvements to certain buildings. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1702:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair, replacement and relocation of certain sewer lines. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1703:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Town of Jumpertown for repair and upgrades to wastewater collection system pumping stations. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1704:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair, replacement and relocation of certain sewer lines. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1705:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Thrasher Water Association for construction, repair and upgrades to its water system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1706:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Thrasher Water Association for construction, repair and upgrades to its water system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1707:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Town of Jumpertown for repair and upgrades to wastewater collection system pumping stations. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1708:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Prentiss County for construction of an industrial building in an industrial park in Booneville. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1709:** (Representatives Denton, Ford (54th)) City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Auxiliary Boys State Program. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1710:** (Representative Denton) Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1711:** (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with drainage channel improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1712:** (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Lynch Street Creek. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1713:** (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with purchase of a fire truck. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1714:** (Representative Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alliance School for Workforce Development with repair of building. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1715:** (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Town of Utica for cost of boring projects for gas lines. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1716:** (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Town of Utica for purchasing public works equipment. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1717:** (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Town of Raymond for purchasing public works equipment. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1718:** (Representative Stamps) Appropriation; Town of Utica for purchasing and installing new advanced water metering technology. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1719:** (Representative Hines) Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. Judiciary B.

**H. C. R. No. 55:** (Representative Roberson) Former Representative Michael Weston Janus; commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 40:** (Representative Haney) Chief Wayne H. Payne; commend upon his retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 41:** (Representative Haney) Bryan Caldwell; commend upon retirement as athletic director of Gulfport High School. Rules.

**H. R. No. 42:** (Representative Summers) Flora Brown; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 43:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.



**S. B. No. 2269:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees for deposit into. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2272:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2275:** Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2276:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2277:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2280:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2024:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2450:** MS Windstorm Underwriting Association; divert nonadmitted policy fee to the State and School Employees' Insurance Fund. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2064:** District attorneys; provide for the appointment of part-time legal assistants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violation to the State Auditor. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2451:** Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be

obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1533:** Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1534:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1535:** Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1536:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1674:** Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1694:** City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2478:** Combination seafood dealer and processor license; separate into two licenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

TIMMY LADNER, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2698:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2700:** University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

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Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1615:** (Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1684**: (Income tax; authorize a tax credit for qualified wood energy products and forest maintenance projects.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES HORAN AND REYNOLDS:

AMEND on line 151 by striking "the lesser of".

AMEND further on lines 151 and 152 by striking "or the amount of tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the" and inserting in lieu thereof "in any".

AMEND further on line 153 by inserting "for such year" after "credits".

AMEND further on line 158 by striking "excess" and inserting in lieu thereof "unused".

AMEND further on line 160 by inserting "for any taxable year" after "credit".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1684**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Darnell, Hines, Huddleston, Johnson. Total-4.

Present--Williams-Barnes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Steverson called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**H. B. No. 1108**: Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Steverson:

AMEND on line 76 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on December 31, 2021" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1108**. On motion of Rep. Steverson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 1548:** Trailers and semitrailers; revise alternative highway privilege tax for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1548**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Huddleston, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1691**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Brown, B, Evans, B, Scott. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Austin Elliott, which motion prevailed.

At 2:19 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 24, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

(FIFTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Josh Brady, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison, MS.

Rep. Ford (73rd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 567:** Radar; revise population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 20:** Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2983:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs.

**S. B. No. 3150:** Bonds; increase amount authorized for Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund, and allow use for additional improvements.

**S. B. No. 3153:** Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements.

**S. B. No. 3163:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure.

**S. B. No. 3167:** Capital Expense Funds; FY2023 appropriation to MDOT for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE



Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1485:** Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 3164:** Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Department of Tourism. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds. Appropriations.

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**S. B. No. 2983:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 3150:** Bonds; increase amount authorized for Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund, and allow use for additional improvements. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 3153:** Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 3163:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 3164:** Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate. Ways and Means.

**S. B. No. 3167:** Capital Expense Funds; FY2023 appropriation to MDOT for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Appropriations.

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The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine. Apportionment and Elections.

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property. Public Property.

**S. B. No. 2724:** "MS Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Conservation and Water Resources; Appropriations.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2092:** Mississippi Development Authority; require periodic PEER review of effectiveness of Tourism Advertising Fund expenditures. Tourism.

**S. B. No. 2849:** COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program Fund; create. Tourism; Appropriations.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3030:** Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies. Appropriations.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2002:** "Mississippi Grain Producer Indemnity Act"; enact. Agriculture.

**S. B. No. 2081:** Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit. Universities and Colleges.

**S. B. No. 2373:** Professional Engineers & Surveyors Licensing Board; remove provision requiring Governor to make appointments from nominees. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2531:** Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. Public Utilities.

**S. B. No. 2604:** Mississippi Broadband Expansion Act; enact. Public Utilities.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2797:** Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from. Judiciary A.

**S. B. No. 2706:** Third-grade reading assessment for 2021-2022 school year; allow students who fail to be promoted to fourth grade with remediation. Education.

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Insurance.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2776:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend date of repeal. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriation bills. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2782:** Law Enforcement Officers Death Benefits Trust Fund; include presumption of eligibility for officers with COVID-19. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2791:** Salaries of public officers; bring forward various laws relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2803:** Sheriffs; increase annual salaries of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2839:** PERS; increase total book value limit for certain investments from 10% to 20% of total book value of all investments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
CORRECTIONS AND JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2584:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in circuit court districts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman  
NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2416:** Unused leave accumulated by teacher who transfers to another school district; allow to be credited. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2431:** Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; revise provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.



**S. B. No. 2545:** Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2563:** Mississippi Pill Press Law of 2022; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2537:** Fireworks; reduce offense for violation of law from felony to misdemeanor. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2587:** CDLs; treat certain moving violations as regular license holders. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 54:** Raleigh High School Lions Football Team; commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 55:** Former Representative Michael Weston Janus; commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 30:** Den Knecht; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 31:** Royce Cumbest; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 32:** Jerry St. Pe'; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 33:** Hickory Flat High School Lady Rebels Volleyball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 34:** Stetson Bennett IV; commend stellar career and athletic accomplishments with the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 35:** Richland High School Boys Soccer Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 36:** Florence High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning first MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 37:** Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 38:** Bay Springs Bulldogs; commend and congratulate upon winning the MHSAA 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 39:** Sheryl Smith Askew; commend the life and legacy upon the passing of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 40:** Chief Wayne H. Payne; commend upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 41:** Bryan Caldwell; commend upon retirement as athletic director of Gulfport High School. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 42:** Flora Brown; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 43:** Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2506:** Bow hunting; establish a three-day season the last weekend between September 10th and 20th for legal bucks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2806:** Public purchases; prohibit reverse auctions for repair and remodeling of public facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

**S. B. No. 2806:** Public purchases; prohibit reverse auctions for repair and remodeling of public facilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2806**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Turner, Walker, Watson. Total--32.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Huddleston, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total-5.

Present--Bell, C, Evans, B, Foster, Porter. Total--4.  
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 42:** Flora Brown; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 43:** Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Hines requested a Point of Personal Privilege to address the House. His request was granted.

Representative Hopkins entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**S. B. No. 2806:** Public purchases; prohibit reverse auctions for repair and remodeling of public facilities.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 20:** Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability.

**H. B. No. 567:** Radar; revise population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality.

**H. B. No. 1485:** Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 42:** Flora Brown; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 43:** Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Debra Jean McNeal Shoemaker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brandi Smith Shafer, and Patrick Wayne Swearinger, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tyrone Roberts, Doris Millican, and Mark Brabham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Archie Ross, and Rev. Aaron Lavale "Curly" Thompson, which motion prevailed.

At 2:20 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 25, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

(FIFTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Cockerham, Hopkins, Huddleston, Williamson. Total-5.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Brown, C, Cockerham, Hopkins, Huddleston and Williamson.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Appropriations.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2849:** COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program Fund; create. Tourism.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1720:** (Representative Darnell) City of Hernando; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1721:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1722:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1723:** (Representative Yancey) Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1724:** (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Marietta with sewer system improvements. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1725:** (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with improvements to the VFW Post 4877 building in Booneville. Ways and Means.

**H. B. No. 1726:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; New Site Water Association in Prentiss County for construction and upgrades to its water system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1727:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriations; Town of Marietta for repair of and upgrades to its sewer system. Appropriations.

**H. B. No. 1728:** (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair of and upgrades to the VFW Post 4877 building. Appropriations.

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. David Mark Slocum, Gerald "Jay" Hasselman, Lawrence "Ross" Thomas, and Joy L. Pitts, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bennett and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clarence Patrick "Pat" Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Arnold Smith Hederman, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 9:05 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 28, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022

(FIFTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jill Ford.

Rep. Ford (73rd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative McCarty.



A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that a motion to reconsider has been entered in the Senate on the following:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

THE HOUSE REQUESTS RETURN OF SAME.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 2513:** City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation.

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1729:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1730:** (Representative Williams-Barnes) Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1731:** (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1732:** (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

**H. C. R. No. 56:** (Representatives Karriem, Stamps, Taylor, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Osborne, Porter, Summers, Thompson, Young) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 57:** (Representatives Deweese, Oliver) Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A. Rules.

**H. R. No. 44:** (Representatives Karriem, Stamps, Taylor, Faulkner, Brown (70th), Clark, Osborne, Porter, Summers, Thompson, Young) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Rules.

**H. R. No. 45:** (Representative Darnell) Hernando High School Lady Tigers Softball Team; commend for winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 46:** (Representatives Bain, Carpenter) Corinth High School Cheer Team; commend and congratulate upon outstanding season of competition. Rules.

**H. R. No. 47:** (Representative McKnight) West Harrison High School Cheerleading Team; commend on winning second consecutive UCA National High School Cheer Championship. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman

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Representative Bell (21st) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2806:** (Public purchases; prohibit reverse auctions for repair and remodeling of public facilities.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gwen Gollotte, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rick Passman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Shanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marvin Robbins Carter, which motion prevailed.

At 4:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

(FIFTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Price Wallace.

Rep. Wallace led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2643:** Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Judiciary A.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2479:** Mississippi grain warehouse and grain dealers licensure law; revise and combine into grain handler license. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2778:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; revise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2874:** Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center; revise lease or contract requirements for the operation of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
DRUG POLICY AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2623:** Involuntary civil commitments; limit county's liability for costs of medical treatment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ANGELA COCKERHAM, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2224:** Arrest warrants; authorize electronic signatures. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON JUDICIARY B AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2066:** District attorneys and investigators; increase annual salaries of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NICK BAIN, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2033:** Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

TOM WEATHERSBY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2419:** Hospital Nurse and Allied Health Professional Retention Loan Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2092:** Mississippi Development Authority; require periodic PEER review of effectiveness of Tourism Advertising Fund expenditures. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2164:** Department of Tourism; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2849:** COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON TRANSPORTATION AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 2520:** Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2481:** Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CHARLES BUSBY, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MAC HUDDLESTON, Chairman  
JOHN READ, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:



**S. B. No. 2764:** Local Government Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2773:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2841:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2842:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act and related ad valorem tax and sales tax exemptions; extend repeal date. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2846:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repeal date on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d). Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2831:** Taxation of remote and internet-based computer software products and services; clarify. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2832:** Bonds; revise uses of IHL bond proceeds for Mississippi State University College of Architecture, Art and Design. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2772:** State Small Business Credit Initiative; update citations to federal law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman  
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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Head Page, Taylor Young, introduced the pages for the week:

Ava Calcote	Brookhaven, MS
Julian Glaude	Moss Point, MS
Bradmond Harewood	Moss Point, MS
Darreneka Howard	Utica, MS
Jarwaski Harris	Columbus, MS
Jimila Harris	Columbus, MS
Andrew Lott	Richton, MS
McKenzie Matthews	Terry, MS
Nayla McClure	Utica, MS
Landon McKnight	Byram, MS
Parker Miller	Brookhaven, MS
Noelle Pernleitner	New Site, MS
Taylor Upchurch	Brandon, MS
Mari Lampton Walker	Flowood, MS
Cecil Wentworth	Clinton, MS
Allie Windham	Beaumont, MS

Rep. Scoggin called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit.

Rep. Brown (20th) called up for consideration the following bills and were read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

**S. B. No. 2499:** Solid Waste Disposal Law; define advanced plastic recycling.

Rep. Boyd called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2083:** Open meetings; legislative advisory committee members must be invited to stay during executive session.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2806:** Public purchases; prohibit reverse auctions for repair and remodeling of public facilities.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 543:** Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Third District Circuit Court Judge Robert "Ken" Coleman of New Albany, MS.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Juanita Boggs, and Antony Sassone, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peyton Tyler Stokes, and Walter Mike Pruitt, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Scoggin and Tullos moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alma Dell Blakeney, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Foster Gates, James David Foley, Grover DuWayne Shoemaker, and Bobby Ford Freeman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Ray Harrison, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Flanagan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Pfister, which motion prevailed.

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Fred Travis Ogg, which motion prevailed.

At 2:14 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

(FIFTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Donnie Scoggin.

Rep. Scoggin led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--McGee. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative McGee.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. C. R. No. 547:** Recognize service of WWII Hero and POW Olin Pickens of Nesbit, Mississippi, and extend best wishes on his 100th Birthday.

**S. C. R. No. 558:** Commend Dia Chawla of Pillow Academy in Greenwood for winning National High School Heisman Trophy.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2513:** City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.). Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute. Local and Private Legislation.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 547:** Recognize service of WWII Hero and POW Olin Pickens of Nesbit, Mississippi, and extend best wishes on his 100th Birthday. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 558:** Commend Dia Chawla of Pillow Academy in Greenwood for winning National High School Heisman Trophy. Rules.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1733:** (Representative Bell (65th)) City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau and authorize increase in hotel/motel tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1734:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Frankie O'Neal Ward, Jr. of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1735:** (Representatives Deweese, Massengill) City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1736:** (Representative Scott) Suffrage; restore to Edna Barnett of Jones County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1737:** (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1738:** (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1739:** (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Jo Kendrick Calhoun of Tallahatchie County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1740:** (Representative Bell (21st)) City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 58:** (Representative Weathersby) Colonel Stanley A. Martin; commend service upon retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 48:** (Representative Clarke) Veniti Annette Hall Williams; commend her life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 49:** (Representatives Powell, Shanks, Weathersby, Yancey) Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 50:** (Representative Creekmore IV) Myrtle Attendance Center Fast-pitch Softball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 51:** (Representative Creekmore IV) East Union Attendance Center Urchins Boys Bowling Team; commend and congratulate on winning Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 52:** (Representative Creekmore IV) Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 53:** (Representative Foster) Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 54:** (Representative Reynolds) Linda Ross Aldy; commend legacy and service upon her retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 55:** (Representatives Calvert, Evans (45th), Horne) Dr. G.A. "Sonny" Rush; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 56:** (Representatives Bounds, Evans (45th)) Pat Thomasson; recognize and commend as first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. R. No. 45:** Hernando High School Lady Tigers Softball Team; commend for winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 46:** Corinth High School Cheer Team; commend and congratulate upon outstanding season of competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 47:** West Harrison High School Cheerleading Team; commend on winning second consecutive UCA National High School Cheer Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 48:** Veniti Annette Hall Williams; commend her life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 54:** Raleigh High School Lions Football Team; commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McGee. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 30:** Den Knecht; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation.

**H. R. No. 31:** Royce Cumbest; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation.

**H. R. No. 32:** Jerry St. Pe'; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation.



**H. R. No. 33:** Hickory Flat High School Lady Rebels Volleyball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship.

**H. R. No. 34:** Stetson Bennett IV; commend stellar career and athletic accomplishments with the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team.

**H. R. No. 35:** Richland High School Boys Soccer Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 36:** Florence High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning first MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 37:** Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA 5A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 38:** Bay Springs Bulldogs; commend and congratulate upon winning the MHSAA 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 39:** Sheryl Smith Askew; commend the life and legacy upon the passing of.

**H. R. No. 40:** Chief Wayne H. Payne; commend upon his retirement.

**H. R. No. 41:** Bryan Caldwell; commend upon retirement as athletic director of Gulfport High School.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 30:** Den Knecht; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation.

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**H. R. No. 37:** Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA 5A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 38:** Bay Springs Bulldogs; commend and congratulate upon winning the MHSAA 1A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 39:** Sheryl Smith Askew; commend the life and legacy upon the passing of.

**H. R. No. 40:** Chief Wayne H. Payne; commend upon his retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Bill Tucker, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Creekmore IV and Goodin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Buster, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore IV moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deomedes Capaning, and Auzie L. McNeely, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie Harold Sanford, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronald E. "Ron" Daughdrill, Margie Lyle Lassabe Cannon Lewis, Bernice L. Beskow, Betty J. Vincent, and Dee Dee Ray, which motion prevailed.

At 10:20 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 3, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

(FIFTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Jeff Clark, Venture Church, Hattiesburg, MS.

Rep. Tubb led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Evans, M, McGee and Miles.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, March 3, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 20:** Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Thursday, March 3, 2022, 1:37 PM

**H. B. No. 567:** Radar; revise population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Thursday, March 3, 2022, 1:40 PM

**H. B. No. 1485:** Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles. Thursday, March 3, 2022, 1:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 514:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility.

**H. B. No. 515:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 534:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention.

**H. B. No. 687:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 689:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into.

**H. B. No. 779:** Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020.

**H. B. No. 823:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences.

**H. B. No. 1360:** Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act.

**H. B. No. 1523:** City of Saltillo; authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish.

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

**H. B. No. 1389:** "Mississippi Grain Indemnity Act"; enact.

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

**H. B. No. 1425:** ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health.

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. R. No. 57:** (Representative Carpenter) Major General Billy M. Nabors; commend exemplary and outstanding service of to the Mississippi National Guard upon his retirement. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. R. No. 57:** Major General Billy M. Nabors; commend exemplary and outstanding service of to the Mississippi National Guard upon his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Representative Foster introduced the Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School Rangers Basketball Teams and commended them on winning the 2021-2022 Championship for Central Mississippi Athletic Conference Division. A portion of House Resolution No. 22 was read.

Speaker Gunn acknowledged fellow POW, Col. Smitty Harris of Tupelo, Mississippi, (who was unable to be recognized at the Capitol today) and commended him for all of his accomplishments.

Representatives Barton and Read introduced special guests, Den Knecht and Jerry St. Pe, and commended and recognized them for their service as members of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation, House Resolution No. 30 and House Resolution No. 32.

Representative Roberson introduced the Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team and commended them for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship. A portion of House Concurrent Resolution No. 8 was read.

On motion of Rep. Bennett the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bounds moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 57:** Major General Billy M. Nabors; commend exemplary and outstanding service of to the Mississippi National Guard upon his retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit.

Rep. Rosebud moved table, which motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--44.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Rosebud moved to postpone indefinitely, which motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles, Owen, Roberson. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES GIBBS (72ND) AND HINES:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-13-2, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-13-2. Each public institution of higher learning, public community or junior college, public school district and charter school shall, in accordance with the history curriculum adopted by such educational institution and approved by its respective governing board, teach a true and accurate depiction of Mississippi and United States history.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-13-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING, PUBLIC COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE, PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL TO TEACH A TRUE AND ACCURATE DEPICTION OF MISSISSIPPI AND UNITED STATES HISTORY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McCray, McGee, Miles, Roberson. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Stamps:

AMEND on line 27 by striking the following language:

", religion"

AMEND further on line 30 by striking the following language: ", religion"

AMEND the title on line 4 by striking the comma after the word "ETHNICITY".

AMEND the title on line 5 by striking the word "RELIGION".

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Karriem:

Amend after line 43, by inserting the following as a new subsection:



"(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, the teaching of specific factual occurrences of significant historical value within the State of Mississippi as components of the Mississippi History curriculum by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall not be censored or censured, nor shall the teaching of such components be construed as promoting the indoctrination or requiring the personal affirmation of superiority or inferiority of any sex, race, ethnicity, religion or national origin."

Further amend by renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, musical contributions accomplishments, which has garnered Mississippi the title of the "birthplace of America's music," of such notable Blues legends as:

- (i) B.B. King; Indianola
- (ii) Tyrone Davis; Greenville
- (iii) Muddy Waters; Issaquena County
- (iv) Robert Leroy Johnson; Hazlehurst
- (v) Michael Henderson; Yazoo City
- (vi) David Ruffin; Whynot and
- (vii) Jerry Butler; Sunflower

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne,

Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

#### AMENDMENT NO. 5 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, operatic and symphonic musical contributions and accomplishments of Mrs. Leontyne Price."

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McCarty, McGee, Miles, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

#### AMENDMENT NO. 6 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more

history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, civic contributions and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mrs. Coretta Scott-King." Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles, Yates. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 7 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, civic contributions and legislative accomplishments of:

(i) Robert G. Clark, Jr.;

(ii) Henry J. Kirksey;

(iii) Charles L. Young, Sr.; and

(iv) Dr. Aaron Henry."

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McCarty, McGee, Miles, Reynolds, Yates.  
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 8 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, social, civic and philanthropic contributions and political accomplishments of President Barrack Hussein Obama."

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young.  
Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles, Yates. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 9 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, contributions and athletic accomplishments of:

- (i) Kenny Payne;
- (ii) Clarence Weatherspoon;
- (iii) Jerry Rice;
- (iv) Walter Peyton;
- (v) Archie Manning;
- (vi) Peyton Manning;
- (viii) Eli Manning;

- (ix) James Harris;
- (x) Jackie Slater;
- (xi) Dak Prescott;
- (xii) Ralph Boston and
- (xiii) Steve McNair

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles, Rosebud, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 10 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance and discriminatory practices of Governor James K. Vardaman as implied through a literary review of the entire context of his speech on the purpose of the Mississippi Constitutional Convention of 1890, as follows:

"The race question is one of the most serious problems which confront the civilization of the present century. The entire republic is interested in it; but the South, where the nigger lives in such large numbers, is of course more widely affected and therefore more materially and vitally interested. The election in Maryland, and the interest manifested by the people of the whole republic, bids me hope that a way may be discovered whereby destructive attrition will be avoided—for many years at least. The first thing to be done to bring about the beginning of the process which works matters to a satisfactory issue is to bring our statesmen, philanthropists, sociologists, conservative business men, and misinformed preachers to a sane consideration of the real, inbred, God-planted, and time fixed moral and mental qualities of the nigger.

In the solution of this problem we must recognize in the very outset what Thomas Jefferson recognized a hundred years ago and what Abraham Lincoln indorsed fifty years later, that the nigger cannot live in the same country with the white man on terms of social or political equality. It is one of the impossible things. One of the other of the races will rule. They will not mix. Another thing must be done—the truth must be told about these matters and the nigger given to understand just what is expected of him and what will be done for him. I am very much in favor of protecting the nigger in the pursuit of happiness and the full enjoyment of the products of his labor. I believe in being honest in all business

dealing with him as I believe in being candid in the discussion of his political and civil rights.

I am opposed to the nigger's voting, it matters not what his advertised moral and mental qualifications may be. I am just as much opposed to Booker Washington as I am to voting by the cocoanut-headed, chocolate colored typical little coon, Andy Dotson, who blacks my shoes every morning. Neither one is fit to perform the supreme functions of citizenship. Some people may say that that is prejudice. It may be. But it is a wise prejudice founded upon the experience of all the ages. Did you ever think what we are indebted to this prejudice for? It is to this prejudice we are indebted for the purity of the Anglo-Saxon race—the master race of the world. We are indebted to it for the literature of the English-speaking people, for all the great discoveries in science, for the incomparable original plan of the government under which we live—in a word, all the glories which crown and glorify the civilization of the twentieth century. But it matters little what I may think or others may say, that prejudice will live as long as the Anglo-Saxon race retains its virility, its genius for government, and its unconquerable will to rule. When it shall cease to exist, then, indeed, will the scepter of world-rulership pass to other hands, and the glorious achievements of the "heir of all the ages" shall crumble and fall, and over it all will drift the Sahara sands of oblivion. The absolute domination by the white race means race purity. It means order, good government, progress, and general prosperity both for the nigger and white man. But when the nigger is taken into partnership in the government of the country, demoralization, retrogression, and decay ensue—just as surely as the night follows the day.

I want to do what is best for both races. I am the nigger's best friend. But I am friendly to him as a nigger whom I expect to live, act, and die as a nigger. A great deal of money, more than \$250,000,000, has been spent since the years 1861-65 by the white people of the North and the South in a foolish endeavor to make more of the nigger than God Almighty every intended. How well these efforts have succeeded, this extract from an address by a Northern man attests. I want to call attention to the fact that these statistics are entirely free from the suspicion of "race prejudice," for they were collected by Professor Wilcox, of Cornell University, a native of Massachusetts, and Dr. Winston, president of the North Carolina Agricultural College. These are the conclusions.

1. The negro element is the most criminal in our population.
2. The negro is much more criminal as a free man than he was as a slave.
3. The negro is increasing in criminality with fearful rapidity being one-third more criminal in 1890 than 1880.
4. The negroes who can read and write are more criminal than the illiterate, which is true of no other element of our population.
5. The negro is nearly three times as criminal in the Northeast, where he has not been a slave for a hundred years, and three and a half times as criminal in the Northwest, where he has never been a slave, as in the South, where he was a slave until 1865.
6. The negro is three times as criminal as a native white, and once and a half as criminal as the foreign white, consisting in many cases of the scum of Europe.
7. More than seven-tenths of the negro criminals are under thirty years of age.

But Dr. Wilcox is not the only man who has demonstrated the fallacy of the contention of the superficial student who sees in the school-house and book learning the panacea for the ills which render the nigger unfit to perform any other function in the economy of the world than that of a servant or menial. Read this clipping from the New Orleans Times-Democrat:

"These conclusions are sustained by an article by Professor J. R. Stratton printed in the North American Review for June 1900. Professor Stratton points out that, according to the census of 1890, the minimum illiteracy of the negro is found in New England, where it is 21.7 per cent.; and the maximum illiteracy of the negro is to be found in the so-called 'black belt' of South Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama, where it is 65.7 per cent. And yet the negro is four and a half times more criminal in New England, hundred for hundred of the population, than he is in the 'black belt.' You cannot deny or question the correctness of the conclusions reached by these gentlemen. They are irrefragable and stand a Gibraltar against the waves of ignorance, fanaticism, sectional hatred, and Rooseveltian stupidity. We squander money on their education and make criminals of what should be efficient laborers."

It is a grave question and should be handled with consummate skill. The services of the wise, fearless, and patriotic statesman are demanded. We must be just to the nigger, and we must at the same time be true to the white man and true to the civilization of the age. A long way toward the solution of this question would be effected by repealing the amendments to the Federal Constitution which gave the nigger the right to pollute politics. Congress should submit that question to the people, or rather to the States. A mistake was made and it should be corrected. It is urged by some men that it is "too early to discuss that matter." I do not think it is ever too early to tell the truth, correct a mistake, or explode a lie. The people of some of the Southern States have already in effect repealed those amendments. They have eliminated the nigger from politics, and I think and hope they will be able to keep him eliminated; but I prefer doing it in a different way. It would be infinitely better botch for the nigger and the white man if it could be done.

I do not know what will be done along the line we have been discussing by the Legislature of Mississippi. I should like to see Section 206 of the State constitution so amended as to put the public schools entirely in the hands of the Legislature. I am exceedingly desirous of improving the educational facilities of our rural white population. I want the white country boys and girls who are to rule Mississippi in the future equipped, in so far as the school can equip them, for the services, serious duties, and responsibilities which must soon devolve upon them. The hope of the republic, the Ark of the Covenant of American ideals, is in the keeping of the great common people, more especially those who live in the rural districts. In these days of sordid materialism and greed for gain, when the dollar has almost become the god, it is pleasant to contemplate the superb qualities of

"The old-fashioned people—The hale, hard-working people,  
The kindly country people,  
'At uncle used to know.'"

Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--41.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles, Rosebud, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 11 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

Amend on line 28 after origin by inserting "sexual orientation, or disability." Amend on line 30 after origin by inserting "sexual orientation, or disability." Amend on line 34 after race by inserting "sex, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability."

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--45.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--73.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, McLean, Miles. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 12 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

Amend on lines 4, 27 and 30 by inserting before the word "race", the following: "gender identity, disability,". Amend title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McCarty, McGee, Miles, Owen. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 13 BY REPRESENTATIVE Taylor:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to processes of institutionalized racism and discriminatory practices through:

(i) Redlining;

(ii) Disparities in grant allocations;

(iii) Systemic inequities in public primary, secondary and postsecondary education;

(iv) Health disparities;

(v) Criminal justice reform;

(vi) Policing; and

(vii) Employment practices.



These components, which are utilized by educational institutions, provide instruction through the lenses to allow critical thinking through the lens of morality and removal racial superiority based on the application of these practices."  
Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

AMENDMENT NO. 14 BY REPRESENTATIVE Thompson:

Amend on line 22 by inserting "(a)" after "(1)".

Further amend on line 27 by striking "(a)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(i)".

Further amend on line 29 by striking "(b)" and inserting in lieu thereof, "(ii)".

Further amend after line 30, by inserting the following as a new paragraph:

"(b) Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students to the life's story of Medgar Evers, through one or more of their history studies or curriculum instruction."  
Further, amend the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

## AMENDMENT NO. 15 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

Amend by striking all of the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any individual, entity, organization, institution, agency, political subdivision of this state, county or municipality, of persons based on race, gender, sex, sexual orientation, religion or national origin. Section 2: This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Amend title as follows: An act to prohibit the unlawful discrimination against any person or class of persons by certain individuals and entities, any agency, institution or political subdivision of the state, whether public or private, based on certain identifying characteristics.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey. Total--72.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, Hobgood-Wilkes, McCarty, McGee, Miles, Owen, Zuber. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

## AMENDMENT NO. 16 BY REPRESENTATIVE Banks:

On line 50 before the word violate, insert the words "gross violation" and delete the word violate.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, McLean, Miles, Sanford. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

## AMENDMENT NO. 17 BY REPRESENTATIVE Banks:

Add words "not be" before the word severable.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--42.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles, Yates. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2113.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, M, McGee, Miles. Total-3.

Present--Roberson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Speaker Gunn, unanimous consent was granted to any member requesting to insert 100 words or more into the journal.

On motion of Rep. Scott, unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

Senate Bill 2113 places in jeopardy the autonomy that educators need to entice, stimulate and develop young minds through the basic curiosity of learning. The following examples are just some subject matters that would be at risk of being censored in the classroom with the adoption of Senate Bill 2113:

Example # 1:

Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance and the civic, social and political engagement and contributions of James Meredith, as the first African-American to integrate University; to stage the "Walk Against Fear" arch from Memphis to the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson, which resulted in him being shot by Aubrey James Norvel; and the resumption and completion of the "Meredith Pilgrimage by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and approximately twelve thousand additional protesters."

Example # 2:

Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance, legislative career, murder accusation and acquittal of E.H. Hurst."

Further, amend the title to conform.

Example # 3:

Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance and civic and social engagement of the Tougaloo Nine (Evelyn Pierce; Meredith Anding, Jr.; Joseph Jackson, Jr.; Albert Lassiter; Alfred Cook; Ethel Sawyer; Geraldine Edwards Hollis; Janice Jackson and James Sammy Bradford), who attempted to integrated the main branch of the Jackson Public Library.

Example # 4:

Any history curriculum adopted by a public institution of higher learning, community or junior college, public school district, public school or charter school, shall include, but not be limited to, the exposure of Mississippi students, through one or more history studies or curriculum instruction, to the historical significance of the entire context of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 as originally adopted on November 1, 1890.

On motion of Rep. Karriem, unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

Why I Voted No On Senate Bill 2113 (CRT)Critical Race Theory

Senate Bill 2113, the Critical Race Theory Bill, is one of the most egregious pieces of legislation I have ever had to vote on during my tenure since being elected to the legislature. Critical race theory is an academic practice that examines how racism operates in US laws and society. It is not being taught in k-12 anywhere in the state. As he signed the bill into law, Mississippi's Republican governor, Tate Reeves, said the legislation would combat "indoctrination in our state." He argued, without citing evidence, that "children are dragged to the front of the classroom and are coerced to declare themselves as oppressors, taught that they should feel guilty because of the color of their skin, or that they are inherently a victim because of their race." The Mississippi Department of education has repeatedly stated that critical race theory is not taught in public schools. Reporting indicates it is taught in just one higher education class in the

entire state at the University of Mississippi School of Law. I believe, as do my fellow, Democratic colleagues in the house of representatives, argue the bill is a backlash against bipartisan efforts to remove the Confederate battle emblem from the state's flag, which occurred in 2020 after the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement. It's censorship in the classroom and fringes on home rule. This bill puts added pressure on school teachers and districts across the state. Like many other CRT bills around the country, the wording of Mississippi's legislation is short and vague. It prohibits public schools and universities from compelling "students to personally affirm, adopt or adhere ... that any sex, race, ethnicity, religion or national origin is inherently superior or inferior". It also blocks public educational institutions from making a "distinction or classification of students based on race." Despite not defining CRT directly, the bill stipulates that any school, college, or university that has violated these tenets could lose public funding. This legislation is a solution looking for a problem, and I dread to see what will happen to our education system in Mississippi in the future.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 514:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility.

**H. B. No. 515:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 534:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention.

**H. B. No. 687:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 689:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into.

**H. B. No. 779:** Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020.

**H. B. No. 823:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences.

**H. B. No. 1360:** Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act.

**H. B. No. 1523:** City of Saltillo; authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 57:** Major General Billy M. Nabors; commend exemplary and outstanding service of to the Mississippi National Guard upon his retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ann Pickett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Miss. Amber Nicole Mann, Ryker Richardson, Eugene Gifford, and Betty Gilmore, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marshall Glynn Dyess, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eugene "Gene" Burton Gifford, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Darrell Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George J. Mordica, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Riley Moore Garrett, Jr., Jason Glenn Stanley, Frances Gayle McLaurin, Karan Berniece Holmes, Gloria Jean Williams, Janie Lois Hales, Oscar James Crosby, Charles Freddie Combest, Sr., Kenneth Back, Zell Carlie Smith, Jr., James L. Haddox, Jr., Charles Lester Fleming, Sr., James "Butthead" Robert Robinson, Virginia L. Dickerson, and Douglas Christopher Fikes, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clarence Patrick Ladner, Frank A. Orr, Jr., Stuart Philip Suffern, William Ray Peterson, Keith Cuevas, Errol Christian Lagasse, Ronald E. Daughdrill, Glen John Parker, Lacy Joseph Cuevas, Jr., Donald William Lawson, and John Oluse Necaise, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hines entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit.

Representative Lamar entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

At 5:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 4, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

(SIXTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Johnson.

Rep. Johnson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Miles. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Felsher and Miles.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Felsher

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Massengill the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 7, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022

(SIXTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Speaker Gunn.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

Senators DeBar, Bryan, Hopson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1741:** (Representative Hale) City of Horn Lake; extend repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1742:** (Representatives McGee, McCarty, Watson) City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1743:** (Representative White) City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1744:** (Representatives Wallace, Miles, Newman, Powell, Shanks, Weathersby, Yancey) Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 59:** (Representatives Smith, Horne) Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson; mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 60:** (Representatives Wallace, Sanford, Weathersby) Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 58:** (Representative Watson) Eddie James Stepney; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.



**H. R. No. 59:** (Representatives Wallace, Shanks) Puckett High School Wolves Girls Basketball Team; commend on winning 2021-2022 MHSAA Class 2A District 6 Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 60:** (Representative Tullos) Grayson Green McNeil; commend for representing the State of Mississippi at Mrs. America 2021. Rules.

**H. R. No. 61:** (Representatives Banks, Miles) Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall; commend her life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 62:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th)) Johnny Allen Morrow; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 63:** (Representatives Banks, Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Stamps) Dr. Dorothy "Dot" J. Benford; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon her passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 64:** (Representative McCarty) William Carey University's School of Education; acknowledge and commend success of in combatting teacher shortages in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. R. No. 65:** (Representative Scoggin) Erin and Ben Napier; honor and commend for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 58:** Colonel Stanley A. Martin; commend service upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 49:** Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 50:** Myrtle Attendance Center Fast-pitch Softball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 51:** East Union Attendance Center Urchins Boys Bowling Team; commend and congratulate on winning Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 52:** Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 53:** Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 54:** Linda Ross Aldy; commend legacy and service upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 55:** Dr. G.A. "Sonny" Rush; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 56:** Pat Thomasson; recognize and commend as first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 547:** Recognize service of WWII Hero and POW Olin Pickens of Nesbit, Mississippi, and extend best wishes on his 100th Birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 558:** Commend Dia Chawla of Pillow Academy in Greenwood for winning National High School Heisman Trophy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 58:** Eddie James Stepney; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 59:** Puckett High School Wolves Girls Basketball Team; commend on winning 2021-2022 MHSAA Class 2A District 6 Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 60:** Grayson Green McNeil; commend for representing the State of Mississippi at Mrs. America 2021. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 61:** Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall; commend her life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 62:** Johnny Allen Morrow; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 63:** Dr. Dorothy "Dot" J. Benford; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 64:** William Carey University's School of Education; acknowledge and commend success of in combatting teacher shortages in the State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 65:** Erin and Ben Napier; honor and commend for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 65:** Erin and Ben Napier; honor and commend for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 65:** Erin and Ben Napier; honor and commend for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Gunn and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reggie Little, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Everett, Melvin L. Powell, Richard "Ricky" Allen Brumfield, Harry Lloyd Thornhill, and Carlton L. Swayze, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 4:06 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

(SIXTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Merrill Hawkins, Professor at Carson Newman University.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and read a poem in recognition of International Women's Day.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 158:** Off-road vehicles; revise definitions of.

**H. B. No. 365:** MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health.

**H. B. No. 720:** Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery.

**H. B. No. 920:** Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

**H. B. No. 927:** Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing.

**H. B. No. 1017:** Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a.

**H. B. No. 1056:** Professional Counseling Compact; create.

**H. B. No. 1073:** Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding.

**H. B. No. 1093:** PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund.

**H. B. No. 1130:** Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors.

**H. B. No. 1486:** CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

**H. B. No. 672:** Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of.

**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 843:** County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation.

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for.

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 1098:** Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for.

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

**H. B. No. 1388:** Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1745:** (Representative McLeod) George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1746:** (Representative Steverson) Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1747:** (Representative Gunn) City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. R. No. 66:** (Representatives Gunn, Haney) Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 57:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 59:** Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson; mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 60:** Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Head Page, Grace Williams, introduced the pages for the week:

Delton Boone	Forest, MS
John Thomas Butler	McHenry, MS
Dylan Cain	Coldwater, MS
Jacey Curtis	Jackson, MS
McClain Ellis	Madison, MS
Garrett Jones	Wiggins, MS
Gabriele Lewis	Jackson, MS
Tucker Lobrano	Centreville, MS
William Mason	Raleigh, MS
Ebonie McClain	Gloster, MS
Olivia Michael	Ripley, MS
Whitleigh Miller	Ripley, MS
Chasity Perry	Gloster, MS
Victoria Rogers	Brandon, MS
Emma Scruggs	Ocean Springs, MS
Regan Shoemaker	Laurel, MS
Sydney Sudduth	Pascagoula, MS
Kameron Weaver	Gulfport, MS

Representative Scoggin introduced Ben and Erin Napier and commended them for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series. (House Resolution No. 65).

Representative Pigott introduced Mississippi 4-H Officers.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1425:** ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 55:** Former Representative Michael Weston Janus; commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen,

Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Clark, Scott. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. R. No. 45:** Hernando High School Lady Tigers Softball Team; commend for winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 46:** Corinth High School Cheer Team; commend and congratulate upon outstanding season of competition.

**H. R. No. 47:** West Harrison High School Cheerleading Team; commend on winning second consecutive UCA National High School Cheer Championship.

**H. R. No. 48:** Veniti Annette Hall Williams; commend her life and legacy upon her passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 58:** Colonel Stanley A. Martin; commend service upon retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. R. No. 49:** Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship.

**H. R. No. 50:** Myrtle Attendance Center Fast-pitch Softball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.



**H. R. No. 51:** East Union Attendance Center Urchins Boys Bowling Team; commend and congratulate on winning Class 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 52:** Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 53:** Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 4A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 54:** Linda Ross Aldy; commend legacy and service upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 55:** Dr. G.A. "Sonny" Rush; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 56:** Pat Thomasson; recognize and commend as first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association.

**H. R. No. 58:** Eddie James Stepney; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 59:** Puckett High School Wolves Girls Basketball Team; commend on winning 2021-2022 MHSA Class 2A District 6 Championship.

**H. R. No. 60:** Grayson Green McNeil; commend for representing the State of Mississippi at Mrs. America 2021.

**H. R. No. 61:** Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall; commend her life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 62:** Johnny Allen Morrow; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 63:** Dr. Dorothy "Dot" J. Benford; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 64:** William Carey University's School of Education; acknowledge and commend success of in combatting teacher shortages in the State of Mississippi.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 547:** Recognize service of WWII Hero and POW Olin Pickens of Nesbit, Mississippi, and extend best wishes on his 100th Birthday.

**S. C. R. No. 558:** Commend Dia Chawla of Pillow Academy in Greenwood for winning National High School Heisman Trophy.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson,

Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Read called up:

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2120.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Paden. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2776:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend date of repeal.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2776.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B,

Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Horan, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2780.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriation bills.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2781.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up:

**S. B. No. 2782:** Law Enforcement Officers Death Benefits Trust Fund; include presumption of eligibility for officers with COVID-19.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:** This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2782.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2791:** Salaries of public officers; bring forward various laws relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2791**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--McLean. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2803:** Sheriffs; increase annual salaries of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2803**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Straughter. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2810.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Burnett, Young. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

**S. B. No. 2778:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; revise.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2778.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2822.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2764:** Local Government Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses.

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

**S. B. No. 2773:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state.

**S. B. No. 2841:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds.

**S. B. No. 2846:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repeal date on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2764, S. B. No. 2770, S. B. No. 2773, S. B. No. 2841** and **S. B. No. 2846**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Horne. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2842:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act and related ad valorem tax and sales tax exemptions; extend repeal date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Reynolds:

AMEND on lines 463 and 604 by inserting ", or one-tenth (1/10) if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46," before "of".

AMEND further on lines 497 and 638 by inserting "or one-tenth (1/10) of that amount if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46" before the period.

AMEND further on lines 498 and 639 by inserting "(a)" before "one-third".

AMEND further on lines 500 and 641 by inserting "or (b) if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46, one-tenth (1/10) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu" before the period.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2842**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford,



J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson.  
Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Boyd, Horne, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 771 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" before the period.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2063.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Newman.  
Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Rushing. Total-1.

Present--Anthony, Beckett. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 88 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2223**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d).

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 37 by striking "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2747**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan,

Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Newman, Owen, Williamson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2831:** Taxation of remote and internet-based computer software products and services; clarify.

Rep. Lamar moved that the Strike-all Amendment No. 1 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby created the Taxation of Remote and Internet-based Computer Software Products and Services Study Committee to examine and develop recommendations regarding the taxation of remote and Internet-based computer software products and services under the Mississippi Sales Tax Law and the Mississippi Use Tax Law.

(2) The study committee shall, at a minimum, study and report to the Legislature not later than October 1, 2022, the committee's findings regarding the taxation of remote and the Internet-based computer software products and services under the Mississippi Sales Tax Law and the Mississippi Use Tax Law and the committee's recommendations for which of such products and services should be taxable and the manner in which the products and services should be taxed. The study committee shall provide the provisions of the current Mississippi law that will need to be amended to adopt the measures described in this section and any other measures recommended by the committee.

(3) The committee shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, or his/her designee;

(b) The Chief Executive Officer of the Mississippi Association of Realtors, or his/her designee;

(c) The Executive Director of the Business and Industry Political Education Committee (BIPEC), or his/her designee;

(d) The President of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association, or his/her designee; and

(e) The President of the Mississippi Bankers Association, or his/her designee.

(4) At the first meeting, the study committee shall elect from among its membership a chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and keeping records.

(5) A majority of the members of the study committee shall constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be required.

(6) The Mississippi Department of Revenue shall provide the staff and other support necessary for the study committee to perform its duties.

(7) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department, division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof,

shall, at the request of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities, assistance, information and data needed to enable the study committee to carry out its duties.

(8) Upon the submission of its report to the Legislature, the study committee shall be dissolved.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE TAXATION OF REMOTE AND INTERNET-BASED COMPUTER SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE TAXATION OF REMOTE AND INTERNET-BASED COMPUTER SOFTWARE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI SALES TAX LAW AND THE MISSISSIPPI USE TAX LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2831**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Rushing. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2832:** Bonds; revise uses of IHL bond proceeds for Mississippi State University College of Architecture, Art and Design.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2832**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight,

McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Horne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2844.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Beckett, Bounds, Ladner. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2772:** State Small Business Credit Initiative; update citations to federal law.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2772.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Arnold, Brown, C, Horne, Young. Total--5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2735.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Mangold, Mims. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 149 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2421.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Mangold. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**S. B. No. 2419:** Hospital Nurse and Allied Health Professional Retention Loan Program; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2419.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott,

Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2820**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Mims. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 70 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Mims:

AMEND by deleting the underlined language on lines 29 through 31 and inserting the following: ", which must include the treatment of mental illness by community mental



health centers operated by a regional commission established under Section 41-19-33 or by a public or private entity under contract with a regional commission to operate the center."

AMEND FURTHER on line 36 by inserting after the word "center" the following: "described in paragraph (b) of this section"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2899**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Clark, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 12 after the word "records" and on line 13 after the word "patient" by inserting the following:

"or the patient's representative"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2725**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Clark, Evans, B, Porter. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

At 11:36 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Pigott called up:

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Carpenter:

AMEND on line 73 by adding the following after "2022": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

Rep. Evans (91st) moved to table the strike-all amendment, which motion lost.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2007**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill failed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, White, Wright, Zuber. Total--57.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Guice, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Massengill, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scott, Shanks, Steverson,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Williamson, Yancey, Young. Total--55.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Currie, Gibbs, D, Haney, McLean, Patterson, Sanford, Weathersby. Total-8.

Present--Williams-Barnes, Yates. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Pigott called up:

**S. B. No. 2479:** Mississippi grain warehouse and grain dealers licensure law; revise and combine into grain handler license.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2479.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Osborne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Newman, Summers, Williams-Barnes, Wright. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Currie called up:

**S. B. No. 2092:** Mississippi Development Authority; require periodic PEER review of effectiveness of Tourism Advertising Fund expenditures.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

AMEND on line 43 by adding the following after "2022": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2092.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Hale, Zuber. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

**S. B. No. 2849:** COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program Fund; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2849.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Brown (20th):

AMEND by deleting all language on lines 228 and 229 and inserting the following in lieu thereof: "This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."  
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2158**. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--120.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Powell. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2499:** Solid Waste Disposal Law; define advanced plastic recycling.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Brown (20th):

AMEND on line 433 by inserting the following language before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"  
AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2499**. On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen,

Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Boyd called up:

**S. B. No. 2083:** Open meetings; legislative advisory committee members must be invited to stay during executive session.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Boyd:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-41-7. (1) Any public body may enter into executive session for the transaction of public business; however, all meetings of any public body shall commence as an open meeting, and an affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of all members present shall be required to declare an executive session.

(2) The procedure to be followed by any public body in declaring an executive session shall be as follows: Any member shall have the right to request by motion a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. The motion, by majority vote, shall require the meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for executive session. No other business shall be transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter requiring executive session has been completed and a vote, as required in subsection (1) hereof, has been taken on the issue.

(3) An executive session shall be limited to matters allowed to be exempted from open meetings by subsection (4) of this section. The reason for holding an executive session shall be stated in an open meeting, and the reason so stated shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require that any meeting be closed to the public, nor shall any executive session be used to circumvent or to defeat the purposes of this chapter.

(4) A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to this section for one or more of the following reasons:

(a) Transaction of business and discussion of personnel matters relating to the job performance, character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person holding a specific position, or matters relating to the terms of any potential or current employment or services agreement with any physicians or other employees of public hospitals, including any discussion of any person applying for medical staff privileges or membership with a public hospital.

(b) Strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, litigation or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body.

(c) Transaction of business and discussion regarding the report, development or course of action regarding security personnel, plans or devices.

(d) Investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law.

(e) Any body of the Legislature which is meeting on matters within the jurisdiction of that body.

(f) Cases of extraordinary emergency which would pose immediate or irrevocable harm or damage to persons or property, or both, within the jurisdiction of the public body.

(g) Transaction of business and discussion regarding the prospective purchase, sale or leasing of lands.

(h) Discussions between a school board and individual students who attend a school within the jurisdiction of the school board or the parents or teachers of the students regarding problems of the students or their parents or teachers.

(i) Transaction of business and discussion concerning the preparation of tests for admission to practice in recognized professions.

(j) Transaction of business and discussions or negotiations regarding the location, relocation or expansion of a business, medical service or an industry.

(k) Transaction of business and discussions regarding employment or job performance of a person in a specific position or termination of an employee holding a specific position. The exemption provided by this paragraph includes transaction of business and discussion in executive session by the board of trustees of a public hospital regarding any employee or medical staff member or applicant for medical staff privileges and any such individual's credentialing, health, performance, salary, raises or disciplinary action. The exemption provided by this paragraph includes the right to enter into executive session concerning a line item in a budget which might affect the termination of an employee or employees. All other budget items shall be considered in open meetings and final budgetary adoption shall not be taken in executive session.

(l) Discussions regarding material or data exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 pursuant to Section 25-11-121.

(m) Transaction of business and discussion regarding prospective strategic business decisions of public hospitals, including without limitation, decisions to open a new service line, implement capital improvements, or file applications for certificates of need or determinations of nonreviewability with the State Department of Health.

(n) Transaction of business of the boards of trustees of public hospitals that would require discussion of any identifiable patient information, including without limitation, patient complaints, patients' accounts, patients receiving charity care, or treatment that could be identified to a patient.

(o) Investigative discussions, investigative strategies, probative strategies related to identifiable instances of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation, and discussions involving locations of shelters or safe-houses for victims of human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation.

(p) Transaction of business of committees, subcommittees or boards that would require discussion of any identifiable information of victims of human trafficking or children under eighteen years old who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

(5) The total vote on the question of entering into an executive session shall be recorded and spread upon the minutes of the public body.

(6) Any vote whereby an executive session is declared shall be applicable only to that particular meeting on that particular day.

(7) If a public body enters into executive session, the body shall invite any legislator who serves as an advisory member of the public body, if he or she is present, to stay during the executive session.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-41-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PUBLIC BODY ENTERS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE BODY SHALL INVITE ANY LEGISLATOR WHO SERVES AS AN ADVISORY MEMBER ON THE PUBLIC BODY, IF HE OR SHE IS PRESENT, TO STAY DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

Rep. Reynolds moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Pigott called up:

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Pigott:

Amend on line 24, by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2029**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up:

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Mangold:

Amend on lines 1, 11, 33, 36-37 and 38-39, by striking "Mississippi Farms and Families Program" and inserting in lieu thereof:

"Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program".

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2077**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:



Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bell (21st) called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

Rep. Carpenter called up:

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 79 by striking the period and inserting in lieu thereof ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2649**. On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Weathersby called up:

**S. B. No. 2004:** Public lands; extend repealer on section prescribing who may purchase.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2004.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Aguirre called up:

**S. B. No. 2018:** MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance conduct periodic joint-bank examinations; extend repealer.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2018.** On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Lamar. Total-1.

Present--Anderson, J, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Aguirre called up:

**S. B. No. 2039:** Real estate appraisal management companies; extend repealer on registration provisions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2039.** On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND REYNOLDS:

AMEND on line 304 by inserting the following after "2022": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2319.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violation to the State Auditor.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 83 after "2022" by inserting the following:  
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2338**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Karriem, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND REYNOLDS:

AMEND on line 189 by deleting "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof: "July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2341**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Clark, Faulkner, Karriem, Rosebud, Sanford, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tullos. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Paden. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Porter, Young. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2451:** Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 106 after "2022" by inserting the following:  
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2451**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND FELSHER:

AMEND on line 607 by deleting "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof: "July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2461**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Powell, Rushing. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Smith. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES COCKERHAM AND REYNOLDS:

AMEND on line 84 by inserting the following after "2022": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2620**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Haney. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2623:** Involuntary civil commitments; limit county's liability for costs of medical treatment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2623**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,

Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem, Summers, Yates. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2321**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Paden. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2437**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs,



K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2600.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2269:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees for deposit into.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2269.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Stamps, Summers. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2272:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2272.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Paden. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND after line 70 by inserting the following language:

" (5) The Department of Corrections shall allow any individual placed on probation or parole to have eight (8) hours per month reduced from his or her sentence if he or she attends a minimum of four (4) church services."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2273.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Hale, Tubb. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2275:** Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2275.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2276:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2276.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2277:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2277.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Byrd, Carpenter, Gibbs, D, Holloway, Taylor, Williams-Barnes. Total-7.

Present--Banks, Brown, B. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2280:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2280.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Walker. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2507.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up:

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

Representative Yates entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing amendment was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND after line 7 by inserting the following new paragraph and renumbering the succeeding paragraphs:

"(a) Have an unladen weight of five hundred (500) pounds or less;"

AMEND further on lines 34 through 38 by striking all language and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(5) A business entity that operates a personal delivery device shall maintain an insurance policy that includes general liability coverage of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) per claim for damages arising from the operation of the personal delivery device."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2508**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, B, Hopkins, McLeod, Owen, Scott. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up:

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2509**. On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up:

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2517.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLeod, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Busby called up:

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2519.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight,



McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates. Total--107.

Nays--Brown, B, Evans, B, Stamps. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Ford, J, Gibbs, D, Ladner, McLean, Rushing, Scott, Summers, Zuber. Total-9.

Present--Anderson, J, Crudup, Young. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Ladner called up:

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2076.** On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Brown, C, Byrd, Carpenter, Summers. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ladner called up:

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2476.** On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Ladner called up:

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2511.** On motion of Rep. Ladner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Karriem, Pigott, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Zuber called up:

**S. B. No. 2024:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2024**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem, Sanders, Taylor. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up:

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2335**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up:

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2336**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Hines, Johnson. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford (54th) called up:

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2357**. On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Goodin, Patterson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up:

**S. B. No. 2450:** MS Windstorm Underwriting Association; divert nonadmitted policy fee to the State and School Employees' Insurance Fund.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2450**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hines, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B. Reynolds, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up:

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2669**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bailey, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Pigott. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Zuber called up:

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2738.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

Amend on line 269 by striking the phrase, "or attendance".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2690**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, B, Haney, Ladner, McLeod. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson, Karriem, Scott, Summers. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**S. B. No. 2698:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2698**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, McCarty. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**S. B. No. 2700:** University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer.

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FOR AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-101-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-101-15. (a) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall succeed to and continue to exercise control of all records, books, papers, equipment, and supplies, and all lands, buildings, and other real and personal property belonging to or assigned to the use and benefit of the board of trustees formerly supervising and controlling the institutions of higher learning named in Section 37-101-1. The board shall have and exercise control of the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes, now and hereafter in possession, levied and collected, received, or appropriated for the use, benefit, support, and maintenance or capital outlay expenditures of the institutions of higher learning, including the authorization of employees to sign vouchers for the disbursement of funds for the various institutions, except where otherwise specifically provided by law.

(b) The board shall have general supervision of the affairs of all the institutions of higher learning, including the departments and the schools thereof. The board shall have the power in its discretion to determine who shall be privileged to enter, to remain in, or to graduate therefrom. The board shall have general supervision of the conduct of libraries and laboratories, the care of dormitories, buildings, and grounds; the business methods and arrangement of accounts and records; the organization of the administrative plan of each institution; and all other matters incident to the proper functioning of the institutions. The board shall have the authority to establish minimum standards of achievement as a prerequisite for entrance into any of the institutions under its jurisdiction, which standards need not be uniform between the various institutions and which may be based upon such criteria as the board may establish.

(c) The board shall exercise all the powers and prerogatives conferred upon it under the laws establishing and providing for the operation of the several institutions herein specified. The board shall adopt such bylaws and regulations from time to time as it deems expedient for the proper supervision and control of the several institutions of higher learning, insofar as such bylaws and regulations are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws, and not inconsistent with the object for which these institutions were established. The board shall have power and authority to prescribe rules and regulations for policing the campuses and all buildings of the respective institutions, to authorize the arrest of all persons violating on any campus any criminal law of the state, and to have such law violators turned over to the civil authorities.

(d) For all institutions specified herein, the board shall provide a uniform system of recording and of accounting approved by the State Department of Audit. The board shall annually prepare, or cause to be prepared, a budget for each institution of higher learning for the succeeding year which must be prepared and in readiness for at least thirty (30) days before the convening of the regular session of the Legislature. All relationships and negotiations between the State Legislature and its various committees and the institutions named herein shall be carried on through the board of trustees. No



official, employee or agent representing any of the separate institutions shall appear before the Legislature or any committee thereof except upon the written order of the board or upon the request of the Legislature or a committee thereof.

(e) For all institutions specified herein, the board shall prepare an annual report to the Legislature setting forth the disbursements of all monies appropriated to the respective institutions. Each report to the Legislature shall show how the money appropriated to the several institutions has been expended, beginning and ending with the fiscal years of the institutions, showing the name of each teacher, officer, and employee, and the salary paid each, and an itemized statement of each and every item of receipts and expenditures. Each report must be balanced, and must begin with the former balance. If any property belonging to the state or the institution is used for profit, the reports shall show the expense incurred in managing the property and the amount received therefrom. The reports shall also show a summary of the gross receipts and gross disbursements for each year and shall show the money on hand at the beginning of the fiscal period of the institution next preceding each session of the Legislature and the necessary amount of expense to be incurred from said date to January 1 following. The board shall keep the annual expenditures of each institution herein mentioned within the income derived from legislative appropriations and other sources, but in case of emergency arising from acts of providence, epidemics, fire or storm with the written approval of the Governor and by written consent of a majority of the senators and of the representatives it may exceed the income. The board shall require a surety bond in a surety company authorized to do business in this state of every employee who is the custodian of funds belonging to one or more of the institutions mentioned herein, which bond shall be in a sum to be fixed by the board in an amount that will properly safeguard the said funds, the premium for which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for said institutions.

(f) The board shall have the power and authority to elect the heads of the various institutions of higher learning and to contract with all deans, professors, and other members of the teaching staff, and all administrative employees of said institutions for a term not exceeding four (4) years. The board shall have the power and authority to terminate any such contract at any time for malfeasance, inefficiency, or contumacious conduct, but never for political reasons. It shall be the policy of the board to permit the executive head of each institution to nominate for election by the board all subordinate employees of the institution over which he presides. It shall be the policy of the board to elect all officials for a definite tenure of service and to reelect during the period of satisfactory service. The board shall have the power to make any adjustments it thinks necessary between the various departments and schools of any institution or between the different institutions.

(g) The board shall keep complete minutes and records of all proceedings which shall be open for inspection by any citizen of the state.

(h) The board shall have the power to enter into an energy performance contract, energy services contract, on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section 31-7-14.

(i) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, for and on behalf of Jackson State University, is hereby authorized to convey by donation or otherwise easements across portions of certain real estate located in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, for right-of-way required for the Metro Parkway Project.

(j) In connection with any international contract between the board or one (1) of the state's institutions of higher learning and any party outside of the United States, the board or institution that is the party to the international contract is hereby authorized and empowered to include in the contract a provision for the resolution by arbitration of any controversy between the parties to the contract relating to such contract or the failure or refusal to perform any part of the contract. Such provision shall be valid, enforceable and irrevocable without regard to the justiciable character of the controversy. Provided, however, that in the event either party to such contract initiates litigation against the other with respect to the contract, the arbitration provision shall be deemed waived unless asserted as a defense on or before the responding party is required to answer such litigation.

(k) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ("board"), on behalf of any institution under its jurisdiction, shall purchase and maintain business property insurance and business personal property insurance on all university-owned buildings and/or contents as required by federal law and regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as is necessary for receiving public assistance or reimbursement for repair, reconstruction, replacement or other damage to those buildings and/or contents caused by the Hurricane Katrina Disaster of 2005 or subsequent disasters. The board is authorized to expend funds from any available source for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining that property insurance. The board is authorized to enter into agreements with the Department of Finance and Administration, local school districts, community/junior college districts, community hospitals and/or other state agencies to pool their liabilities to participate in a group business property and/or business personal property insurance program, subject to uniform rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(l) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or its designee, may approve the payment or reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses incurred by candidates for open positions at the board's executive office or at any of the state institutions of higher learning, when the job candidate has incurred expenses in traveling to a job interview at the request of the board, the Commissioner of Higher Education or a state institution of higher learning administrator.

(m) (i) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning is authorized to administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state institutions of higher learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are paid for with self-generated funds.

(ii) Additionally, the board is authorized to oversee, administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state institutions of higher learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are funded in whole or in part by general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi at institutions designated annually by the board as being capable to procure and administer all such contracts. Prior to the disbursement of funds, an agreement for each project between the institution and the Department of Finance and Administration shall be executed. The approval and execution of the agreement shall not be withheld by either party unless the withholding party provides a written, detailed explanation of the basis for withholding to the other party. The agreement shall stipulate the responsibilities of each party, applicable procurement regulations, documentation and reporting requirements, conditions prior to, and schedule of, disbursement of general obligation bond funds to the institution and provisions concerning handling any remaining general obligation bonds at the completion of the project. Such agreement shall not include provisions that constitute additional qualifications or criteria that act to invalidate the designation of an institution as capable of procuring and administering such project. Inclusion of any such provisions may be appealed to the Public Procurement Review Board. This subparagraph (ii) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

SECTION 2. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program under which independent colleges and universities may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, stormwater, broadband and other eligible infrastructure projects to be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to the following institutions: Belhaven University, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Rust College, Tougaloo College and William Carey University. Grant program funds shall be distributed to each listed institution based on the pro rata share of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the respective college or university. For purposes of this distribution, a full-time equivalent student shall be calculated as follows:

(a) One (1) full-time student shall be considered one (1) full-time equivalent student;

(b) One (1) part-time student shall be considered one-half (1/2) of a full-time equivalent student; and

(c) One (1) online student shall be considered one-fourth (1/4) of a full-time equivalent student.

(3) For purposes of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MAICU Grant Program" shall mean the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program.

(b) "ARPA" shall mean the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" shall mean Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Department" shall mean the Department of Finance and Administration.

(4) On or before July 1, 2022, the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the MAICU Grant Program prescribed under this act, including application procedures and deadlines.

(5) Funds under the MAICU Grant Program shall be awarded for ARPA eligible projects in the following order:

(a) Eligible water, wastewater and stormwater projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other eligible water projects allowable by ARPA;

(b) Broadband infrastructure projects;

(c) Capital investments for prevention, mitigation and ventilation in congregate living facilities and other key settings; and

(d) Any eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury, excluding premium pay.

(6) The boards of trustees of the respective members of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) may submit an application for grant funds under this act. Applicants shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them by the department under this act is in compliance with the ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the department.

(7) An application for a grant under this act shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes. Each application shall include the following at a minimum: applicant contact information; project description and type of project; project map; estimate of the population served by the projects; estimated project cost; estimated project schedule; and readiness to proceed. The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to accept additional rounds of grant proposals for application consideration as needed.

(8) Applications shall be reviewed, and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration shall certify that each project submitted is eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. For water, wastewater and stormwater projects, the department must also certify that it is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. All final awards will be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Funds shall be made available to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement.

between the department and the approved applicant, and the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement.

(9) Grant requirements shall be used prospectively and grants are not available to cover the costs of debt incurred prior to the enactment of this program.

(10) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated by the Legislature from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies or other available federal grant funds for the purposes of awarding grants under this act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall remain in the fund. The expenditure of monies in the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration;

(b) All monies shall be disbursed from the fund created in this subsection shall be in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies received by or on behalf of the State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2). Unexpended amounts remaining in the funds at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the program fund shall be deposited to the credit of COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program Fund;

(c) If there are unobligated Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies remaining in the fund created in this act, on the later of December 17, 2024, or fourteen (14) days prior to the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal government, the Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer these unobligated balances to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The Department of Finance and Administration shall then transfer the unobligated balance of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Fund for an amount not to exceed the lesser of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) or the amount of allowable ARPA expenditures, by no later than December 31, 2024, or on the date of the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal government. The Department of Finance and Administration shall then transfer all remaining unobligated balances of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Fund up to the ARPA allowable amount, by no later than December 31, 2024, or on the date of the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal government; and

(d) The use of funds allocated under this program shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the requirements in this act shall return to the state all or a portion of the funds received.

(11) The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report. The reports shall contain the applications received, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and the status of each applicant's project.

(12) Grant funds shall be available under this act through December 31, 2026. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project that a grant is awarded that in the event the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA Funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through any other funds available.

(13) The Mississippi Finance and Administration may retain an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(14) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. Section 27-104-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-3. In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by statute, the Department of Finance and Administration shall have the following powers and duties, with regard to fiscal management:

(a) Provide direct technical assistance and training to state agencies and departments in implementing generally accepted accounting principles, in preparing financial statements as required by law, and in management and executive development.

(b) Provide temporary administrative services in financial accounting and public administration to any state agency, department or institution upon request of the governing board of the state agency, department or institution.

(c) Prepare and issue a comprehensive reference manual or manuals of policies and procedures for each state agency and department to use, which may include chapters on purchasing, personnel, payroll, travel, chart of accounts, fund classifications, receipts, warrants, expenditures, fixed assets, property inventory, and maintaining financial records and preparing financial reports as required and prescribed by law. The manual shall be revised on a continuing basis. The manual shall be prepared and revised in consultation with the State Auditor's office.

(d) Provide assistance to any state agency, department or institution in collecting a fee or other valid obligation that another agency, department or institution has failed to pay to it. For purposes of this paragraph, the agency, department or institution seeking to collect the funds shall be referred to as the "creditor agency," and the agency, department or institution that has not paid the creditor agency shall be referred to as the "delinquent agency." A valid obligation may be evidenced by an invoice or any other documentation as may be required by the Department of Finance and Administration, hereinafter referred to as the department. A creditor agency may request assistance from the department, and the department may require the creditor agency to furnish detailed information regarding the obligation. Upon determining that the delinquent agency owes the creditor agency a specific amount, the State Fiscal Officer shall pay to the creditor agency that amount out of any funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the delinquent agency. The State Fiscal Officer shall notify the creditor agency and the delinquent agency of the total amount of funds transferred. Either agency may appeal the transfer of funds or the failure to transfer funds, under rules and regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the Office of the State Auditor. The Department of Finance and Administration shall report any actions taken under this paragraph (d) to the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on a quarterly basis.

(e) To issue a request for an ACA-compliant health insurance policy, or policies, to offer health insurance coverage to the full-time equivalent employees not otherwise eligible to participate in the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan; and to issue a request for administrative support in order to meet reporting requirements under Internal Revenue Code Section 6056 and to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

(f) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have as additional responsibilities, the administration of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 and shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations relating to the application of eligible colleges and universities for grant funds and the awarding of such grants.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION; TO ESTABLISH THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) INFRASTRUCTURE

GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION UTILIZING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA); TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE; TO PRESCRIBE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO PROMULGATE GRANT APPLICATION REGULATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ADMINISTER THE MAICU GRANT PROGRAM AND RETAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TO CREATE IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND DESIGNATED AS THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FUND"; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2700**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Rushing, Zuber. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2893**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bounds called up:

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2530.** On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Kinkade:

Amend on line 62 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" before the period.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2010.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bailey, Hood. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Kinkade:**

Amend on line 173 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" before the period.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2505.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar. Total-1.



Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**S. B. No. 2506:** Bow hunting; establish a three-day season the last weekend between September 10th and 20th for legal bucks.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Kinkade:

Amend on line 88 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2506**. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bailey, Brown, C. Ford, K. Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, McLeod, Newman, Shanks, Wallace. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Scott, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2723**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin,

Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Kinkade, Read. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

A motion to table the committee strike-all amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2246.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Blackmon, Osborne, Taylor. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2245.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2545:** Scrap metal; revise provisions of and prescribe certain conditions for the purchase of detached catalytic converters.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2545.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2587:** CDLs; treat certain moving violations as regular license holders.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2587**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2913**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2543.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Bain called up:

**S. B. No. 2066:** District attorneys and investigators; increase annual salaries of.

Rep. Bain moved that AMENDMENT NO. 1 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bain: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2066.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Horne, McLean, Rosebud, Rushing. Total-5.

Present--Creekmore. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

**S. B. No. 2584:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in circuit court districts.

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2584.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.  
Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act.

Rep. Hood called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

**S. B. No. 2033:** Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months.

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violation to the State Auditor.

Rep. Beckett called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.

Rep. Bennett called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year.

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance.

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

**S. B. No. 2431:** Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; revise provisions of.

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on.

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.

Representative Scoggin entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Rep. Oliver called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2839:** PERS; increase total book value limit for certain investments from 10% to 20% of total book value of all investments.

Representative Carpenter entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill failed to pass.

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

Rep. Busby called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2520:** Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White.

**S. B. No. 2481:** Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others.

Rep. Weathersby called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

Rep. Cockerham called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

Rep. Barnett called up for consideration the following bills and was read for the third time:

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office.

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

Rep. Rushing called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:



**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeanette Roberts Linville, and H. P. "Pete" Crum, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Evans (45th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Paul Darnell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Anthony Everett, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Barton and Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Lapelle Lee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Wayne Rawls, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Ann Goza, Carolyn Marie Nabors, and Sondra Wilkerson, which motion prevailed.

At 4:40 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022

(SIXTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Colonel Terry Partain, Chief Chaplain of the Mississippi National Guard and Disciples Chapel, New Augusta, Mississippi.

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Junior Page, Jacey Curtis, a senior at Jim Hill High School, led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag in sign language.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 514:** Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:17 PM

**H. B. No. 515:** Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:19 PM

**H. B. No. 534:** Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:20 PM

**H. B. No. 687:** Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:21 PM

**H. B. No. 689:** Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:23 PM

**H. B. No. 823:** Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:22 PM

**H. B. No. 1523:** City of Saltillo; authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 2:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1748:** (Representative Mickens) Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1749:** (Representative Anderson (122nd)) City of Bay St. Louis; authorize hotel/motel tax to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. R. No. 67:** (Representatives Crudup, Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clarke, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway, Stamps, Summers, Yates, Foster) City of Jackson; commend upon its bicentennial celebration. Rules.

**H. R. No. 68:** (Representative Tullos) Mize Attendance Center Bulldogs Varsity Cheer Squad; commend on second place at UCA National Competition. Rules.

**H. R. No. 69:** (Representative Young) Meridian High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend and congratulate on winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1565:** City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1671:** Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1735:** City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1740:** City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.). Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. R. No. 66:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 67:** City of Jackson; commend upon its bicentennial celebration. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 68:** Mize Attendance Center Bulldogs Varsity Cheer Squad; commend on second place at UCA National Competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 69:** Meridian High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend and congratulate on winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Representative Holloway introduced special guest, Mr. Ben Richard Burney (House Resolution No. 42).

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

On motion of Rep. Currie the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 672:** Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of.

On motion of Rep. Yancey the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

Rep. Byrd moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 843:** County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.  
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Byrd moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1098:** Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Read. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

On motion of Rep. Beckett the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

Rep. Ladner moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Straughter, Watson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Representative Scoggin called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2113:** (Critical Race Theory; prohibit.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1029:** (Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Bounds the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the strike-all to **S. B. No. 2063:** (Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 769 and renumbering the succeeding section accordingly:

"SECTION 3. Section 67-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-3-9. Any \*\*\* municipality in this state, \*\*\* at an election held for the purpose, under the election laws applicable to such \*\*\* municipality, may either prohibit or permit, except as otherwise provided under Section 67-9-1, the sale and the receipt, storage and transportation for the purpose of sale of beer, light spirit product and light wine. An election to determine whether such sale shall be permitted in \*\*\* municipalities wherein its sale is prohibited by law shall be ordered by the \*\*\* municipal council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing body of such \*\*\* municipality for such \*\*\* municipality only, upon the presentation of a petition for such \*\*\* municipality to such governing board containing the names of twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1,500), whichever number is the lesser, of the duly qualified voters of such \*\*\* municipality asking for such election. In like manner, an election to determine whether such sale shall be prohibited in \*\*\* municipalities wherein its sale is permitted by law shall be ordered by the \*\*\* municipal council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing board of such \*\*\* municipality for such \*\*\* municipality only, upon the presentation of a petition to such governing board containing the names of twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of such \*\*\* municipality asking for such election. No election on either question shall be held by any one (1) city more often than once in five (5) years.

Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of such \*\*\* municipality in the manner prescribed by law upon the question of either permitting or prohibiting such sale, and the notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The tickets to be used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "For the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight"; and the words "Against the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight," next below. In making up his or her ticket the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

If in the election a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election shall vote "For the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight," then the \*\*\* municipal council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing body shall pass the necessary order permitting the legal sale of such light wine, light spirit product and beer in such \*\*\* municipality. If in the election a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election shall vote "Against the legal sale of light wine of an alcoholic content of not more than five percent (5%) by weight, light spirit product of an alcoholic content of not more than six percent (6%) by weight, and beer of an alcoholic content of not more than eight percent (8%) by weight," then the \*\*\* municipal council or mayor and board of aldermen or other governing body shall pass the necessary order prohibiting the sale of such light wine, light spirit product and beer in such \*\*\* municipality.

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this section are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only, this section being cumulative and supplementary."

AMEND further the title on line 6 by inserting the following after the semicolon: "TO AMEND SECTION 67-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY MUNICIPALITY MAY, AT AN ELECTION HELD FOR THAT PURPOSE, EITHER PROHIBIT OR PERMIT THE SALE AND THE RECEIPT, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SALE, OF BEER AND LIGHT WINE;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2063**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Darnell, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Turner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Goodin, Horne. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Brown, B, Crudup, Stamps. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Pigott called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the strike-all to **S. B. No. 2007**: (Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.) failed to pass for purposes of an amendment, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CARPENTER AND PIGOTT:

Amend on line 20 by inserting after the word "contains" by inserting the following: "any coloring."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2007**. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Byrd, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Guice, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williamson. Total--32.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Evans, B, Gibbs, D, Hines. Total--4.



Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Currie called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. C. R. No. 57:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A.

**H. C. R. No. 59:** Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson; mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 60:** Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st): This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2371**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade,

Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Hopkins, Owen, Turner, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Anderson, J, Evans, B. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 33 by adding the following after "2022": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2034.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Beckett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2306.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Clark, Scott. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B, Faulkner, Summers. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2879.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

Rep. Summers moved to table, which motion lost.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2358.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--69.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--45.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Ford, J, Haney, Patterson, Sanford. Total-5.

Present--Foster, Williams-Barnes, Yates. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Beckett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:** This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2422.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2423**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2431:** Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; revise provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2431**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles,

Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2887.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Holloway:

Amend on line 123 by striking: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2885**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2430**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2520:** Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2520.** On motion of Rep. Busby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Crawford, Karriem, Scoggin, Williamson. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Arnold called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2481:** Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2481.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Jackson. Total-2.

Present--Paden. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60



Rep. Yancey called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 9 after line 2010 and renumbering the following section:

"SECTION 9. In the negotiation and execution of all information technology contracts as necessary under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, the executive director of the State Department of Health and the executive director of the Department of Revenue may negotiate a limitation on the liability of prospective contractors to the state, provided that such limitation affords the state reasonable protection."

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 45 by inserting the following after the semicolon: "TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NEGOTIATE A LIMITATION ON THE LIABILITY OF PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTORS TO THE STATE IN THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF ALL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS AS NECESSARY UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2818.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, McLean, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Busby, Clark, Horne, Owen, Smith. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2424**. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Rushing called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

## ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2898**. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Criswell. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Weathersby called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Weathersby: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2525.** On motion of Rep. Weathersby the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Hood called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2739.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,

Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Kinkade called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 19 and 20 by deleting the words "with the advice and consent of" and inserting the words ",subject to confirmation by" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 24 by deleting the word "may" and inserting the word "shall" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 24 by deleting the words "of four (4) years" and inserting the words "concurrent with the Governor who appointed him or her" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 25 by deleting the word "each" and inserting the word "such" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 26 by inserting the word "not" after the word "shall".

AMEND FURTHER on lines 26 and 27 by deleting the words "the advice and consent of" and inserting the words "confirmation by" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on lines 29 and 30 by deleting the words "its advice and consent" and inserting the word "confirmation" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 34 by deleting the words "given the advice and consent of" and inserting the words "confirmed by" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 36 by deleting the words "advice and consent" and inserting the word "confirmation" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 41 by deleting the words "with the advice and consent of" and inserting the words "subject to confirmation by" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on lines 46 and 47 by deleting the words "with the advice and consent of" and inserting the words "subject to confirmation by" in lieu thereof.

Amend Further on line 47 by deleting the words "four-year".

Amend Further on line 77 by inserting the words ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022" after "2022".

AMEND FURTHER the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2503.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford,

K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Anderson, J, Barton, Karriem, Miles, Stamps. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Haney, Hines, Johnson. Total-4.

Present--Banks, Brown, B, Clark, Gibbs, D, Paden. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2263.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Sanders, Taylor. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2536**. On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Blackmon, Clark, Clarke, Jackson, Karriem, Osborne, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Taylor, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Crudup, Hines, Young. Total--4.

Present--Gibbs, D, Paden. Total--2.  
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Kinkade called up:

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 132 by inserting the following language after the period:

"To the maximum extent possible, encourage existing land uses to be maintained where appropriate, including, but not limited to, farming, active forest management, hunting and fishing."

AMEND further on line 180 by inserting the following language after the period:

"Nongovernmental entities that submit an application for funding shall submit their most recent audit and disclose any audit deficiencies in the previous five years, their most recent certificate of good standing from the Mississippi Secretary of State's office, and a current list of the applicant's board members for purposes of conflicts of interest."

AMEND further on line 233 by inserting the following language after the period:

"All members appointed to the board shall be equally represented from each congressional district as of 2022, and shall live in the district that they represent."

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 226 by deleting the word "Three (3)" and inserting the word "Four (4)" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on line 228 by deleting the word "Four (4)" and inserting the word "Three (3)" in lieu thereof.

AMEND FURTHER on lines 230 and 233 by deleting the word, "Lieutenant".

AMEND TITLE to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2495**. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Holloway, Owen, Watson. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 69:** Meridian High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend and congratulate on winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

At 11:53 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 12:11 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Karriem entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 45:** Hernando High School Lady Tigers Softball Team; commend for winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 46:** Corinth High School Cheer Team; commend and congratulate upon outstanding season of competition.

**H. R. No. 47:** West Harrison High School Cheerleading Team; commend on winning second consecutive UCA National High School Cheer Championship.

**H. R. No. 48:** Veniti Annette Hall Williams; commend her life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 49:** Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship.

**H. R. No. 50:** Myrtle Attendance Center Fast-pitch Softball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 51:** East Union Attendance Center Urchins Boys Bowling Team; commend and congratulate on winning Class 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 52:** Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 53:** Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 54:** Linda Ross Aldy; commend legacy and service upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 55:** Dr. G.A. "Sonny" Rush; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 56:** Pat Thomasson; recognize and commend as first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association.

**H. R. No. 58:** Eddie James Stepney; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 59:** Puckett High School Wolves Girls Basketball Team; commend on winning 2021-2022 MHSAA Class 2A District 6 Championship.

**H. R. No. 60:** Grayson Green McNeil; commend for representing the State of Mississippi at Mrs. America 2021.

**H. R. No. 61:** Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall; commend her life and legacy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 62:** Johnny Allen Morrow; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.



**H. R. No. 63:** Dr. Dorothy "Dot" J. Benford; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon her passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 64:** William Carey University's School of Education; acknowledge and commend success of in combatting teacher shortages in the State of Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 558:** Commend Dia Chawla of Pillow Academy in Greenwood for winning National High School Heisman Trophy.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 158:** Off-road vehicles; revise definitions of.

**H. B. No. 365:** MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health.

**H. B. No. 720:** Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery.

**H. B. No. 920:** Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

**H. B. No. 927:** Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing.

**H. B. No. 1017:** Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a.

**H. B. No. 1056:** Professional Counseling Compact; create.

**H. B. No. 1073:** Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding.

**H. B. No. 1093:** PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund.

**H. B. No. 1130:** Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1486:** CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 69:** Meridian High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend and congratulate on winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 12:13 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 10, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

Representative Straughter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Edward Sharkey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Beckett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ashley Winter, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Barton and Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bill Pope, which motion prevailed.

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

(SIXTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Ronald K. Moore, Stronger Hope Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Gibbs (72nd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins,

Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Hood.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, March 10, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 779:** Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. Thursday, March 10, 2022, 4:25 PM

**H. B. No. 1360:** Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. Thursday, March 10, 2022, 4:27 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 37:** Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi.

**H. C. R. No. 47:** Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie; commend her life upon her passing.

**H. C. R. No. 48:** Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop; commend upon his 50 years of police service in the State of Mississippi.

**H. C. R. No. 49:** Northwest Mississippi Community College Football Team; commend on winning MACCC State Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 50:** Brittney Reese; commend and congratulate successes as an Olympic medalist.

**H. C. R. No. 51:** Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team; commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 53:** Dr. Sam Polles; recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP.

**S. C. R. No. 545:** Recognize public service of longtime Hinds County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative Tomie T. Green.

**S. C. R. No. 549:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of The Carthaginian Newspaper (1872-2022) and recognize its contributions.

**S. C. R. No. 550:** Recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

**S. C. R. No. 552:** Recognize United States District Judge Debra Brown as Mississippi's first African American female Chief Federal Judge.

**S. C. R. No. 553:** Congratulate the "Pride of DeSoto Central High School Marching Band" for winning the 2021 Class 6A Marching Band Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 554:** Commend Millicent Gunter for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science.

**S. C. R. No. 555:** Commend Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls Soccer Team for first State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 556:** Recognize February 2022 as "Self Care Month in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 557:** Commend Laura Bivins for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

**S. C. R. No. 559:** Recognize outstanding public service of former U.S. Marshal and State Parole Board Member Nehemiah Flowers, Jr.

**S. C. R. No. 560:** Commend Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for first State Championship.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 160:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 175:** Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used.

**H. B. No. 192:** License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag.

**H. B. No. 252:** PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments.

**H. B. No. 475:** IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds.

**H. B. No. 483:** Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses.

**H. B. No. 492:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 503:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection."

**H. B. No. 504:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway."

**H. B. No. 505:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way."

**H. B. No. 980:** Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of.

**H. B. No. 990:** Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer.

**H. B. No. 1002:** Memorial Highway; designate segment in Covich County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway".

**H. B. No. 1067:** Child support; provide for imputation guidelines.

**H. B. No. 1097:** Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations.

**H. B. No. 1113:** Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection."

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to.

**H. B. No. 1331:** Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year.

**H. B. No. 1341:** Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain.

**S. B. No. 2154:** Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.

**S. B. No. 2155:** City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 472:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 473:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on statute prescribing powers and duties of.

**H. B. No. 512:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.

**H. B. No. 516:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects.

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

**H. B. No. 620:** Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws.

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit.

**H. B. No. 1068:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward.

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact.

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.

**H. B. No. 1378:** Memorial highways; designate in Prentiss County.

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 590:** Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process.

**H. B. No. 616:** Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property.

**H. B. No. 683:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 732:** State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create.

**H. B. No. 933:** Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for.

**H. B. No. 1131:** Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land.

**H. B. No. 1132:** Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties.

**H. B. No. 1328:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts.

**H. B. No. 1529:** Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1057:** Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 256:** Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county.

**H. B. No. 424:** Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create.

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copeiah County.

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

**H. B. No. 684:** Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

**H. B. No. 799:** Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting.

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

**H. B. No. 942:** Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor.



**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

**H. B. No. 1164:** Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010.

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8.

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

**H. B. No. 1222:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to.

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state.

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

**H. B. No. 1416:** "Student Protected Equal Access Rights Act"; establish to provide students to organize partisan political groups in public schools.

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and DAs; increase salaries of.

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2154:** Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 2155:** City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Local and Private Legislation.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. C. R. No. 61:** (Representative Calvert) Hunter Luis Melendez; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 62:** (Representative Calvert) Cooper Conner; commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the Year. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 63:** (Representative Calvert) Tere Turner; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year. Rules.

**H. R. No. 70:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Banks, Bell (65th), Brown (70th), Clarke, Crudup, Foster, Stamps, Summers, Yates) Women's History Month; commend and congratulate honorees for contributions promoting women's excellence and empowerment in Mississippi. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3030:** Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Department of Tourism. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

Representatives Currie and Owen introduced special guests, the Pearl River Community College Cheer Squad. House Resolution No. 25.

Representatives Currie and McCarty introduced special guests, William Carey University's School of Education, House Resolution No. 64.

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Representative Cockerham called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2339:** (Health insurance policies; require coverage for hearing aids and services for children under 21.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2536:** (Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 10:14 AM on motion of Rep. Currie the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:35 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Young introduced special guests, the Meridian High School 6A Girls' State Basketball champions. House Resolution No. 69.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 547:** Recognize service of WWII Hero and POW Olin Pickens of Nesbit, Mississippi, and extend best wishes on his 100th Birthday.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2004:** Public lands; extend repealer on section prescribing who may purchase.

**S. B. No. 2018:** MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance conduct periodic joint-bank examinations; extend repealer.

**S. B. No. 2039:** Real estate appraisal management companies; extend repealer on registration provisions.

**S. B. No. 2832:** Bonds; revise uses of IHL bond proceeds for Mississippi State University College of Architecture, Art and Design.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 175:** Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used.

**H. B. No. 252:** PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments.

**H. B. No. 475:** IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds.

**H. B. No. 483:** Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses.

**H. B. No. 492:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 503:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection."

**H. B. No. 504:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway."

**H. B. No. 505:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way."

**H. B. No. 980:** Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of.



STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1097:** Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations.

**H. B. No. 1098:** Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for.

**H. B. No. 1113:** Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection."

**H. B. No. 1331:** Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year.

**H. B. No. 1341:** Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 37:** Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi.

**H. C. R. No. 47:** Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie; commend her life upon her passing.

**H. C. R. No. 48:** Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop; commend upon his 50 years of police service in the State of Mississippi.

**H. C. R. No. 49:** Northwest Mississippi Community College Football Team; commend on winning MACCC State Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 50:** Brittney Reese; commend and congratulate successes as an Olympic medalist.

**H. C. R. No. 51:** Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team; commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 53:** Dr. Sam Polles; recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elsie Langley, Alatha McElhenney, Joe "Gaddy" Nowlin, William Parrish, and Shannon Probst, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald Dewayne "Donnie" Wilson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hopkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Emelia Rone Nolan, James Wendell Sanders, and Judith Ann Lantrip, which motion prevailed.

At 10:41 AM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 11, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

(SIXTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Rex Yancey, retired Baptist Minister.

Rep. Yancey led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2431:** Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; revise provisions of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 192:** License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag.

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 843:** County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation.

**H. B. No. 1002:** Memorial Highway; designate segment in Copley County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway".

**H. B. No. 1131:** Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land.

**H. B. No. 1529:** Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2113:** Critical Race Theory; prohibit.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2481:** Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others.

**S. B. No. 2520:** Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Linda Upton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ann Caroline McIntosh, which motion prevailed.

At 9:07 AM, on motion of Rep. Horan the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 14, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTIETH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

(SEVENTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Brady Williamson.

Rep. Williamson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, March 14, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 232:** Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. B. No. 3150:** Bonds; increase amount authorized for Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund, and allow use for additional improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3153:** Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3163:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3164:** Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

On motion of Rep. Byrd the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.

On motion of Rep. Shanks the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

On motion of Rep. Beckett the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 942:** Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor.

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

On motion of Rep. Busby the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

On motion of Rep. Bain the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

**H. B. No. 620:** Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws.

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

**H. B. No. 799:** Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting.

On motion of Rep. Pigott the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

At 4:11 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:20 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 3164:** Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3164.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Reynolds. Total-2.

Present--Crudup, Holloway. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 160:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 590:** Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process.

**H. B. No. 616:** Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property.

**H. B. No. 683:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 732:** State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create.

**H. B. No. 933:** Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for.

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for.

**H. B. No. 990:** Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer.

**H. B. No. 1057:** Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by.

**H. B. No. 1067:** Child support; provide for imputation guidelines.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:



**H. B. No. 1132:** Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties.

**H. B. No. 1328:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Luther Burt Murphree, Jr., and Ethel Hinton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edwin Michael "Big Ed" Catchot, Sr., William "Brad" Bradford Lemon, Dr. Roger M. Simnicht, Charles A. Durso, Sr., Crawford Hines Cronin, Jr., Pamela Michelle Nelson, Elena Diaz Broussard, and Maria Christina Villalon, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Shanks and Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marvin Robbins Carter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Edward "Jimmy" Williams, Melinda Chevalier Messina, Deborah Susan Butler Kilgore, Ruth Ann Crawford, Maxine Dallas, Betty Joyce Webb Tassin, Hildegard Kenneman Lundy Kale, Benford McGarrity, Jr., Shirley Pyron Blount, Lillian Ruth Lindley, Ricky Joe Mitchell, Ethlyne "Gran" Morgan, Gerald Dean "Buddy" Lindley, Bobby Dean Carpenter, Honorable Judge Jimmy Charles Tallant, Kathleen "Kathy" McMahan Griffin, Benny Aaron Hicks, Marvin R. Cutler, Julia Lake Cutler, John Newman, Doris Elaine McDaniel West, Linda Faye Bennett, Susie Ann Johnson Chandler, Larry Doyle Vance, Gary Steven Tate, Warren Everett "Bud" Golding, Stanley Bryan Rayburn, Lynn Lewis, Bobby Gayle Bell, Jackye Staton Britt, Joe D. Justus, Sherry Jean Franklin Hill, Denise Chantel Boozer Dorris, Lynnda Rains Logan, Robert Harold "Bobby" Ross, John E. Artman, Jr., James "Bubba" Kendall, Dr. George Virgil Smith, William Allan Powell, and Diann Chambley Vance, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Morgan Pearl Bennett, James Hensley "Jimmy" Mitchell, and Joshua Cory Harrison, which motion prevailed.

At 5:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

(SEVENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Pro Tempore White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Shirley Harrington, Cade Chapel M. B. Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Clarke led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K,

Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1550:** Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1751:** (Representative Ford (73rd)) City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1752:** (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1753:** (Representative Creekmore IV) City of New Albany; authorize to possess same powers as a rural EPA and to enter into certain interlocal agreements. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1754:** (Representatives Bell (65th), Banks, Crudup, Gibbs (72nd), Stamps, Summers, Yates) City of Jackson; authorize increase hotel/motel tax to provide funding for Jackson Convention Center. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1755:** (Representative Anderson (110th)) City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 64:** (Representative Gunn) Laura Bivins; commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 65:** (Representative Busby) Madeline Zimmerman; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 66:** (Representative Busby) Jo Anne Daniels; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 67:** (Representative Busby) Monica Donohue; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County Campus of MGCCC. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 68:** (Representative Busby) Mandy Withrow; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 69:** (Representative Busby) Darlene Bush; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of MGCCC. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 70:** (Representative Busby) Angela Butler; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 71:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Clarke, McCray, Summers, Yates) International Women's Month; designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 72:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Holloway, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Watson, Yates) Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 73:** (Representatives McLeod, Ladner) John Girard Guthrie; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 74:** (Representative Holloway) Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. Rules.

**H. R. No. 71:** (Representative Watson) Samuel Earl Wilson III; mourn loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 72:** (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise; commend esteemed legal and judicial career upon her retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 73:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Boyd) East Union Attendance Center Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 74:** (Representative Watson) Fredrick (Fred) George Burns; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1743:** City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1744:** Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1745:** George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1748:** Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2154:** Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2155:** City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 2997:** City of Batesville; extend repealer on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1742:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

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Head Page, Noah Carpenter, introduced the pages for the week:

Arian Adams  
William Andrews  
Samuel Bandy  
Ethan Barrow  
Christian Bates  
Jack Brown  
Christopher Dawson

Terry, MS  
Purvis, MS  
Fayette, MS  
Maben, MS  
Kiln, MS  
Mathiston, MS  
Jackson, MS

Benton Donahue	Madison, MS
Jakayla Dunlap	Greenville, MS
James Dunlap	Greenville, MS
Annabell Egger	Tremont, MS
Douglas Egger	Tremont, MS
Lauren Feuerstein	Bay Saint Louis, MS
Eli Formby	Picayune, MS
Jacob Franklin	Ridgeland, MS
Carolena Graham	Columbus, MS
Kentricia Jones	Jackson, MS
Caroline Lagasse	Waveland, MS
Alfred Love	Dekalb, MS
Micah McClenton	Lewisville, TX
Brady Morse	Perkinston, MS
Clark Roberts	Madison, MS
Caleb Robinson	Abbeville, MS
Harper Scott	Madison, MS
Jacob Scott	Madison, MS
Caylin Simmons	Brandon, MS
Emma Spinks	Cleveland, MS
TyKevon Steele	DeKalb, MS
Addison Tatum	Madison, MS
Celeste Tatum	Madison, MS
Lauren Tatum	Madison, MS
Amber Thompson	Jackson, MS
Seth Tubb	Purvis, MS
Watson Williamson	Oxford, MS

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and DAs; increase salaries of.

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

On motion of Rep. Currie the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 66:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of.

**H. R. No. 67:** City of Jackson; commend upon its bicentennial celebration.

**H. R. No. 68:** Mize Attendance Center Bulldogs Varsity Cheer Squad; commend on second place at UCA National Competition.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3030:** Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3030**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3031**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.  
Nays--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Hines. Total-1.

Present--Anderson, B, McLeod, Owen. Total--3.  
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3033**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.  
Absent or those not voting--None.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3035**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3036.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3037.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:



Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3039.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3040**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3041**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3042.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up:

**S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3032.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Oliver. Total--1.

Present--Banks, Burnett, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.  
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up:

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3055.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following Appropriations bills::

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

**S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Department of Tourism.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

On motion of Rep. Roberson, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hale, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3018.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hale. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3052.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--59

At 11:03 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:00 PM.

At 1:00 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1068:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward.

Rep. Bell (21st) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1388:** Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr.

Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Crawford, Ford, K, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, Scoggin. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--56

On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

Rep. Powell moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Anderson, B, Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Ford, K, Karriem. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 424:** Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood,



Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3049.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmere, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 335 and renumbering the succeeding sections: "SECTION 28. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose specified in this section, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 .\$. 430,000,000.00.

The money appropriated under this section shall be allocated in an amounts of \$2,500,000.00 to each member of the Legislature for use by the member, in his or her discretion, to fund projects in the member's district during the fiscal year.

The appropriation in this section shall be funded by decreasing the amount appropriated from the State General Fund for debt service under Senate Bill No. 3054 by the same amount of this appropriation, as required under Joint Rule 20A."

AMEND FURTHER by inserting the following after line 341 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

"SECTION 30. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing funds to counties, metropolitan cities and nonentitlement units of local government to be used for costs associated with water and sewer infrastructure projects authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act, as provided in Section 2 of this act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 900,000,000.00.

SECTION 31. (1) The funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall be distributed to counties, metropolitan cities and nonentitlement units of local government in accordance with an equitable formula developed by the Department of Finance and Administration; however, the department shall distribute Six Hundred Million Dollars (\$600,000,000.00) of the funds to the metropolitan cities and nonentitlement units of local government having the greatest need for the funds, as determined by the department.

(2) As a condition of receiving funds from the department under this act, each recipient must expend as matching funds a certain percentage of its funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act for water or sewer infrastructure projects, the percentage to be specified by the department, and the recipient must document those expenditures to the department.

SECTION 32. The money appropriated by Section 30 of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law."

AMEND FURTHER the title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--39.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--79.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Foster, McCarty, Miles. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3045**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2159.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Smith, Turner. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 3150:** Bonds; increase amount authorized for Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund, and allow use for additional improvements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3150.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Newman. Total-1.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 3153:** Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3153.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, McLeod, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up:

**S. B. No. 3163:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Reynolds:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 897 and renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly:

"SECTION 4. Section 27-31-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2095, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, \*\*\* 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects by a qualified business (as such term is defined in Section 57-117-3) meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(iv) Projects, in addition to those projects referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24) months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the term "existing enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101; or

(v) A private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after January 1, 2014.

County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

(b) A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district located in the municipality; however, if the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

(4) The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be less than one-third (1/3), or one-tenth (1/10) if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46, of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that the millage imposed for the school districts by the appropriate levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case may be, for the duration of the agreement.

(5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that amount or one-tenth (1/10) of that amount if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or (a) one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu or (b) if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46, one-tenth (1/10) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

(7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and located in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the members of the regional economic development alliance may divide the sum allowed as a fee-in-lieu in a manner as determined by the alliance agreement, and the boards of supervisors of the member counties may then apportion the sum allowed between school district purposes and all other county purposes.

(8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is located may negotiate with the school district in which the project is located and apportion to the school district an amount of the fee-in-lieu that is agreed upon in the negotiations different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the debt service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 57-75-37(3)(c).

(10) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

[From and after July 1, \* \* \* 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5, Mississippi Code of 1972) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects, in addition to those projects referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24) months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iii), the term "existing enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101; or

(iv) A private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after January 1, 2014.

County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

(b) A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district located in the municipality; however, if the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

(4) The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be less than one-third (1/3), or one-tenth (1/10) if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46, of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that the millage imposed for the school districts by the

appropriate levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case may be, for the duration of the agreement.

(5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that amount or one-tenth (1/10) of that amount if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or (a) one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu or (b) if the project is also a project as defined in Section 27-31-46, one-tenth (1/10) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

(7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and located in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the members of the regional economic development alliance may divide the sum allowed as a fee-in-lieu in a manner as determined by the alliance agreement, and the boards of supervisors of the member counties may then apportion the sum allowed between school district purposes and all other county purposes.

(8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is located may negotiate with the school district in which the project is located and apportion to the school district an amount of the fee-in-lieu that is agreed upon in the negotiations different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the annual debt service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 57-75-37(3)(c).

(10) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 5. A project as defined in Section 27-31-46, for which initial construction begins on or after July 1, 2022, but not later than December 31, 2024, shall be allowed an exemption from ad valorem taxation as provided in this section. For such a project, one-half (1/2) of that true value of property of the project that is subject to a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes pursuant to an agreement under Section 27-31-104 shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation for a period of ten (10) years from and after the date of the expiration of such fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes."

AMEND further on line 899 by inserting the following after the period: "Section 5 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Chapter 31, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972."

AMEND further on line 902 by inserting "or ad valorem tax laws" after "laws".

AMEND further on line 906 by inserting "and ad valorem tax laws" after "laws".

AMEND further on line 914 by inserting "Sections 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022," after "2020,".

AMEND TITLE to conform.



ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3163**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3004**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson, McCray. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3043**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3019**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3020.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 7 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 7. This act shall take effect from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 8 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 8. This act shall take effect from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 7 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 7 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 7 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 8 in its entirety and inserting the following:  
"SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2862, S. B. No. 2863, S. B. No. 2864, S. B. No. 2865, S. B. No. 3057, S. B. No. 3058, S. B. No. 3059, S. B. No. 3060, S. B. No. 3061, S. B. No. 3063 and S. B. No. 3064.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the

Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Present--Clark, Hale, Owen. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 7 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022."

ADOPTED

#### AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on line 17 by deleting the figures "400,000,000.00" and inserting the figures "900,000,000.00"

AMEND FURTHER on line 32 by deleting the figures "350,000,000.00" and inserting the figures "700,000,000.00"

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3056.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean,

McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

Rep. Oliver moved that AMENDMENT NO. 1 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Oliver:

AMEND by deleting Section 12 in its entirety and inserting the following:

"SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and shall stand repealed on June 29, 2022."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3062.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up:

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3029.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1533:** Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1533.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Rushing. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1534:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1534.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the



provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Rushing. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1535:** Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1535.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford, Tullos. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1536:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1536.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Taylor. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1674:** Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1674.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, B, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Ladner, Miles, Rushing, Sanford. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1694:** City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1694.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1565:** City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1565.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Ladner. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1671:** Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1671.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Ladner, Sanford. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1735:** City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1735.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1740:** City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1740.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3000.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3065**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3066**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Rushing. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3067**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Eubanks, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3068**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps,

Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--

7.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Rushing. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3069.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Rushing, Tullos. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--77

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 66:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of.



**H. R. No. 67:** City of Jackson; commend upon its bicentennial celebration.

**H. R. No. 68:** Mize Attendance Center Bulldogs Varsity Cheer Squad; commend on second place at UCA National Competition.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lisa Renee Shelnutt, Gerry Paul Kendall, Ruth Nichols, Marie Freeman Place, Dorris Marie Winter Holland, Virginia Lee Dowdle Rutland, Jimmie Wayne White, Leonard Wesley Blackwood, Dorothy "Dot" Taylor Trusty, Evelyn Wheeler Thomas, Patricia Aline Gullette, Bruce Aron Bounds, and James Elbert Gordon, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlie Holt, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William "Brian" Rutledge, and Sue Bruce Kirk, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Larry Papizan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy Ann Mann, Langdon A. Barber, William "Bill" Victor John, and Margaret J. "Bunny" Darnell, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rickey Lin Swanner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles William Gibson, Jr. , and Terry Lee Eveland, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara E. Palmer, and Mary Jensen, which motion prevailed.

At 2:10 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

(SEVENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Head Page, Noah Carpenter.

Rep. Carpenter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod,

Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 158:** Off-road vehicles; revise definitions of. Friday, March 11, 2022, 1:37 PM

**H. B. No. 920:** Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program. Friday, March 11, 2022, 1:43 PM

**H. B. No. 927:** Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing. Friday, March 11, 2022, 1:44 PM

**H. B. No. 1017:** Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a. Friday, March 11, 2022, 1:59 PM

**H. B. No. 1056:** Professional Counseling Compact; create. Friday, March 11, 2022, 1:50 PM

**H. B. No. 1073:** Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. Friday, March 11, 2022, 1:53 PM

**H. B. No. 1130:** Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:00 PM

**H. B. No. 1486:** CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 365:** MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health. Monday, March 14, 2022, 6:25 AM

**H. B. No. 720:** Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery. Monday, March 14, 2022, 6:27 AM

**H. B. No. 1093:** PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund. Monday, March 14, 2022, 6:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1582:** Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

**H. B. No. 1530:** Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create.

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

**H. B. No. 1581:** Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

**H. B. No. 1583:** Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1584:** Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1585:** Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1588:** Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1590:** Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

**H. B. No. 1591:** Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1592:** Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

**H. B. No. 1596:** Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

**H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

**H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

**H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23.

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2419:** Hospital Nurse and Allied Health Professional Retention Loan Program; create.

Senators Parks, Boyd, Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 545:** Recognize public service of longtime Hinds County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative Tomie T. Green. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 549:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of The Carthaginian Newspaper (1872-2022) and recognize its contributions. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 552:** Recognize United States District Judge Debra Brown as Mississippi's first African American female Chief Federal Judge. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 553:** Congratulate the "Pride of DeSoto Central High School Marching Band" for winning the 2021 Class 6A Marching Band Championship. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 554:** Commend Millicent Gunter for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 555:** Commend Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls Soccer Team for first State Championship. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 556:** Recognize February 2022 as "Self Care Month in Mississippi." Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 559:** Recognize outstanding public service of former U.S. Marshal and State Parole Board Member Nehemiah Flowers, Jr. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 560:** Commend Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for first State Championship. Rules.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1756:** (Representative Creekmore IV) City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1757:** (Representatives Felsher, Bennett, Crawford, Haney, McKnight, Patterson, Eure) Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1758:** (Representative Denton) Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1759:** (Representative Clark) Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1760:** (Representative Clark) Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 75:** (Representative Porter) Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 76:** (Representative Bennett) Mississippi High School Activities Association; commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 77:** (The Entire Membership) Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 78:** (Representative Gunn) Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Rules.

**H. R. No. 75:** (Representative Paden) W.C. Handy; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Rules.

**H. R. No. 76:** (Representative Paden) Sam Cooke; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Rules.

**H. R. No. 77:** (Representative Porter) Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of. Rules.

**H. R. No. 78:** (Representative Robinson) Linda Gavin; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 79:** (Representative Zuber) Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ocean Springs; recognize upon its 25th anniversary. Rules.

**H. R. No. 80:** (Representatives Thompson, Boyd, Arnold) Shake Rag; commemorate the legacy of the community. Rules.

**H. R. No. 81:** (Representatives Walker, Clark) Benton High School Class of 1972; recognize upon occasion of their 50th class reunion. Rules.

**H. R. No. 82:** (Representative Sanders) Lusia "Lucy" Mae Harris Stewart; honor life and legacy as the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA and express sympathy upon her passing. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 61:** Hunter Luis Melendez; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 62:** Cooper Conner; commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 63:** Tere Turner; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 64:** Laura Bivins; commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 65:** Madeline Zimmerman; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.



**H. C. R. No. 66:** Jo Anne Daniels; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 67:** Monica Donohue; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County Campus of MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 68:** Mandy Withrow; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 69:** Darlene Bush; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 70:** Angela Butler; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 71:** International Women's Month; designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 72:** Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 73:** John Girard Guthrie; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 74:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 75:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 76:** Mississippi High School Activities Association; commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 77:** Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 70:** Women's History Month; commend and congratulate honorees for contributions promoting women's excellence and empowerment in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 71:** Samuel Earl Wilson III; mourn loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 72:** Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise; commend esteemed legal and judicial career upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 73:** East Union Attendance Center Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 74:** Fredrick (Fred) George Burns; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 75:** W.C. Handy; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 76:** Sam Cooke; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 77:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 78:** Linda Gavin; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 79:** Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ocean Springs; recognize upon its 25th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 545:** Recognize public service of longtime Hinds County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative Tomie T. Green. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 549:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of The Carthaginian Newspaper (1872-2022) and recognize its contributions. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 552:** Recognize United States District Judge Debra Brown as Mississippi's first African American female Chief Federal Judge. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 553:** Congratulate the "Pride of DeSoto Central High School Marching Band" for winning the 2021 Class 6A Marching Band Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 554:** Commend Millicent Gunter for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 555:** Commend Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls Soccer Team for first State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 556:** Recognize February 2022 as "Self Care Month in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 559:** Recognize outstanding public service of former U.S. Marshal and State Parole Board Member Nehemiah Flowers, Jr. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 560:** Commend Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for first State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.  
Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Bell (65th)

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.  
Representatives Bain, Sanford, Oliver

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.  
Representatives Bain, Roberson, Guice

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".  
Representatives Bain, Sanford, Ford (73rd)

**H. B. No. 620:** Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws.  
Representatives Bain, Sanford, Miles

**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.  
Representatives Yancey, Bain, Creekmore IV

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.  
Representatives Byrd, Taylor, Barton

**H. B. No. 799:** Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting.  
Representatives Bain, Sanford, Owen

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.  
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Arnold

**H. B. No. 942:** Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor.  
Representatives Kinkade, Barnett, Hale

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.

Representatives Mims,McGee,White

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.  
Representatives Bounds,Anderson (122nd),Stamps

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife,  
Fisheries and Parks to establish.  
Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Hale

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating  
to.  
Representatives Pigott,Mangold,Bounds

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi  
Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.  
Representatives Busby,Massengill,Byrd

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise  
authority to inflict the death penalty.  
Representatives Bain,Sanford,Miles

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local  
government from imposing.  
Representatives Mims,Shanks,White

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license  
without examination.  
Representatives Busby,Massengill,McKnight

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Representative Carpenter introduced special guests, the family of Retired Brigadier  
General Martha Jo Leslie, HCR 47.

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1222:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical  
amendments to.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new  
bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks,  
Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B,  
Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,  
Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans,  
M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,  
Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,  
Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,  
McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr.  
Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read,  
Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott,

Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Gibbs, D, McCarty, Owen, Weathersby. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Hood the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

Rep. Zuber moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Clark, McCarty, Owen, Scott, Smith, Weathersby. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

At 10:29 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:38 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. McCarty the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

Rep. Busby moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1378:** Memorial highways; designate in Prentiss County.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. McCarty the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8.

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state.

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

Representative Aguirre introduced special guest, Mr. Tommy Barnes, the songwriter for Tim McGraw.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 77:** Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Clark, Criswell, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--58

A request was made to add the Entire Membership as authors to the following:

**H. C. R. No. 77:** Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 424:** Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create.

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding.

**H. B. No. 1582:** Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of J. D. McCullum, and Henry Pettigrew, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Everly Kate May, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Oliver Stringer, which motion prevailed.

At 11:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 17, 2022.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

(SEVENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 73:** East Union Attendance Center Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend upon winning MHSA Class 1A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Bishop Lee Miller, Jr., Pastor of Faith Harvest, Boonville, MS.

Rep. Arnold led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.



On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, March 17, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 1331:** Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year. Monday, March 14, 2022, 6:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, March 17, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 175:** Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:46 PM

**H. B. No. 192:** License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag. Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:09 PM

**H. B. No. 252:** PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:48 PM

**H. B. No. 475:** IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:49 PM

**H. B. No. 483:** Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:51 PM

**H. B. No. 492:** Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:52 PM

**H. B. No. 503:** Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection." Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:52 PM

**H. B. No. 504:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway." Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:54 PM

**H. B. No. 505:** Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way." Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:55 PM

**H. B. No. 843:** County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation. Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:10 PM

**H. B. No. 1002:** Memorial Highway; designate segment in Copiah County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway". Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:11 PM

**H. B. No. 1097:** Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:56 PM

**H. B. No. 1098:** Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for. Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

**H. B. No. 1113:** Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection." Friday, March 11, 2022, 2:57 PM

**H. B. No. 1131:** Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land. Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:12 PM

**H. B. No. 1135:** Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to. Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:13 PM

**H. B. No. 1341:** Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain. Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:07 PM

**H. B. No. 1529:** Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:14 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

March 14, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 980

I am returning House Bill 980: "AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION WITHIN ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 29, TITLE 41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE AN AUTOMATIC DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION FOR ANY CHARGE THAT IS BROUGHT WITHIN TWO YEARS OF A FEDERAL DECLASSIFICATION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THE OFFENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

House Bill 980 adopts a new section of the Mississippi Code to create an automatic defense and bar to criminal prosecution for any violation of Mississippi's controlled substances laws upon the Federal government declassifying the substance that is the subject of the criminal charge. Specifically, House Bill 980 provides in relevant part at lines 22-29: "If a charge is brought under [Mississippi's Uniform Controlled Substances Law] within two years from the date of declassification of a controlled substance. . . and that federally declassified controlled substance is the subject of the offense, there shall be an automatic defense to prosecution. The defense shall be raised sua sponte by the court or by any party to the proceeding and shall bar the prosecution of the charge." (emphasis added).

The State of Mississippi enjoys exclusive police powers to protect the health, welfare and safety of its citizens. In furtherance of its police powers, Mississippi has adopted a Uniform Controlled Substances Law that both regulates substances and provides criminal penalties for violations of such regulations. While Mississippi's five controlled substances schedules, codified at Miss. Code §§ 41-29-113 through 121, largely mirror the federal schedules, such schedules are not coextensive. Most notably, earlier this session the Mississippi Legislature passed and I signed into law Senate Bill 2095 creating a medical marijuana program that authorizes the use of medical marijuana and decriminalizes the

cultivation, processing and possession of medical marijuana despite the fact that marijuana remains a controlled substance under federal law and subject to criminal penalties. Additionally, this week I signed into law House Bill 232 that makes numerous additions to Mississippi's five controlled substances schedules, including scheduling twenty fentanyl-related substances. Such actions were consistent with Mississippi's exclusive police powers.

House Bill 980 imprudently abdicates to the federal government the police powers of the state to regulate substances and impose criminal penalties for violations of Mississippi Controlled Substances Act. In some Democrat-controlled states, there is a disturbing trend toward deregulating and decriminalizing such hard street drugs as cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. While thankfully this trend has not yet spread to Congress, I am unwilling to gamble with the health, welfare and safety of Mississippians. If the past fifteen months have taught us anything, it is that we must jealously guard state's rights and powers and not cede any authority to the federal government.

In some instances, it may be appropriate to amend Mississippi's controlled substances schedules to mirror changes in the federal schedules, while also amending Mississippi's criminal laws to account for such changes. In other instances, it may be appropriate for Mississippi to decline to declassify a controlled substance and instead exercise its police powers to regulate it and impose criminal penalties for violation of such regulations. In either case, the decision of what substances should be regulated and what criminal penalties should be imposed for violations of such regulations should be made by the Mississippi Legislature on a case-by-case basis not the federal government. For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 980.

Respectfully submitted,

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR  
6:15 a.m.

Clerk, Andrew Ketchings, read the Governor's veto message to the House for House Bill No. 980.

Rep. Bain moved to refer the foregoing veto message to the Committee on Judiciary B, which motion prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 3001:** City of Bay Saint Louis; authorize election for 3% tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.  
Senators Fillingane, England, Barnett

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.  
Senators Fillingane, McCaughn, Thompson

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.  
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Parker

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.  
Senators Wiggins, Parker, England

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year.  
Senators DeBar, Blount, Boyd

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance.  
Senators DeBar, Blount, Polk

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.  
Senators DeBar, Blount, Johnson

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.  
Senators DeBar, Blount, Johnson

**S. B. No. 2451:** Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact.  
Senators Wiggins, Boyd, Parker

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.  
Senators Wiggins, Barrett, McCaughn

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.  
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Barnett

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.  
Senators McCaughn, Sparks, Hickman

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.  
Senators Fillingane, England, Sparks

**S. B. No. 2545:** Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met.  
Senators Fillingane, Thompson, Whaley

**S. B. No. 2587:** CDLs; treat certain moving violations as regular license holders.

Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Thomas

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.  
Senators Wiggins, Boyd, England

**S. B. No. 2623:** Involuntary civil commitments; limit county's liability for costs of medical treatment.  
Senators Wiggins, Boyd, Simmons (12th)

**S. B. No. 2849:** COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program Fund; create.  
Senators Chassaniol, Williams, Polk

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.  
Senators DeBar, Blount, DeLano

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. C. R. No. 583:** Suspend rules for introduction; codify constitutional provisions of eminent domain.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

**S. B. No. 2769:** Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university foundation.

**S. B. No. 2831:** Taxation of remote and internet-based computer software products and services; clarify.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1525:** City of Richland; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax.

**H. B. No. 1526:** City of Richland; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax.

**H. B. No. 1547:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax.

**H. B. No. 1549:** City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs.

**S. B. No. 2993:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax on restaurant sales.

**S. B. No. 2998:** Town of Sardis; authorize the levy of a tax on hotel, motel and restaurant sales.

**S. B. No. 3181:** City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax.

**S. B. No. 3200:** Washington County; extend the repeal date on the hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 54:** Raleigh High School Lions Football Team; commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 55:** Former Representative Michael Weston Janus; commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 57:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A.

**H. C. R. No. 58:** Colonel Stanley A. Martin; commend service upon retirement.

**H. C. R. No. 59:** Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson; mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 60:** Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 546:** Encouraging further economic activity between Mississippi and Taiwan.

**S. C. R. No. 548:** Mourn the passing of former Senator George Smith of Wiggins, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 551:** Mourn the passing of former Representative and Senator Delma Furniss of Rena Lara, MS, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 561:** Commend Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team for winning 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 562:** Designate April 2022 as the "Month of the Military Child" and April 20 as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 564:** Recognize 30th Anniversary Celebration of Parents for Public Schools (PPS).

**S. C. R. No. 565:** Commend Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team for winning MAIS State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 566:** Commend Dean of Mississippi College School of Law Patricia Bennett on retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 567:** Commend Leake Academy "Lady Rebels" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 568:** Recognize legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as the first African American to graduate from University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

**S. C. R. No. 569:** Commend Meridian High School "Lady Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team for winning first State Championship in school history.

**S. C. R. No. 570:** Commend Jackson Prep "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS Overall State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 571:** Commend Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" Girls Soccer Team for Class 6A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 572:** Commend Biggersville Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Coach Cliff Little for two State Championships on same day.

**S. C. R. No. 573:** Commend Lake High School "Lady Hornets" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Maurice Bowie for winning the MHSAA 2A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 574:** Commend Choctaw Central "Lady Warriors" Basketball Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 575:** Commend Clinton High School "Arrows" Boys Basketball Team for consecutive 6A State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 576:** Commend CCC Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy as MACCC "Coach of the Year."

**S. C. R. No. 577:** Commend Raymond High School "Rangers" Boys Basketball Team for winning 4A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 578:** Commend Northwest Community College Cheer Team for National Titles.

**S. C. R. No. 579:** Declare that March 21, 2022, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 580:** Commend Northwest Community College Football Team for consecutive State Championships.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. C. R. No. 563:** Condemn the invasion of Ukraine and sever all connections with the Russian Federation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 3001:** City of Bay Saint Louis; authorize election for 3% tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Local and Private Legislation.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 583:** Suspend rules for introduction; codify constitutional provisions of eminent domain. Rules.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 546:** Encouraging further economic activity between Mississippi and Taiwan. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 548:** Mourn the passing of former Senator George Smith of Wiggins, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 551:** Mourn the passing of former Representative and Senator Delma Furniss of Rena Lara, MS, and commend his public and charitable service. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 561:** Commend Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team for winning 5A State Championship. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 562:** Designate April 2022 as the "Month of the Military Child" and April 20 as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Mississippi. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 564:** Recognize 30th Anniversary Celebration of Parents for Public Schools (PPS). Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 565:** Commend Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team for winning MAIS State Championship. Rules.



**S. C. R. No. 566:** Commend Dean of Mississippi College School of Law Patricia Bennett on retirement. Rules.

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**S. C. R. No. 568:** Recognize legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as the first African American to graduate from University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Rules.

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**S. C. R. No. 571:** Commend Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" Girls Soccer Team for Class 6A State Championship. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 572:** Commend Biggersville Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Coach Cliff Little for two State Championships on same day. Rules.

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#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2993:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax on restaurant sales. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 2998:** Town of Sardis; authorize the levy of a tax on hotel, motel and restaurant sales. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3181:** City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3200:** Washington County; extend the repeal date on the hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Local and Private Legislation.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 563:** Condemn the invasion of Ukraine and sever all connections with the Russian Federation. Rules.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1761:** (Representative Bell (65th)) City of Jackson; authorize additional hotel occupancy fee for the upkeep of the Jackson Convention Complex. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1762:** (Representatives Foster, Stamps) Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 79:** (Representatives Haney, Bennett) Millicent "Mandy" Gunter; commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Rules.

**H. R. No. 83:** (Representative Owen) Liska Wallace; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Rules.

**H. R. No. 84:** (Representative Blackmon) Alice Walker; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Rules.

**H. R. No. 85:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Banks, Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Clarke, Foster, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, Paden, Summers, Yates) Judge Denise Owens; commend for 33 years of exemplary service as Hinds County District 3 Chancery Judge, and congratulate upon retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 86:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Banks, Brown (70th), Bell (65th), Clarke, Foster, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, Paden, Summers, Yates) Honorable Fred Lee Banks, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award. Rules.

**H. R. No. 87:** (Representatives Bounds, Evans (45th)) Marty Stuart; commend for being inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 by The MAX. Rules.

**H. R. No. 88:** (Representative Brown (20th)) Jason Sullivan and Monroe County Veterans Services Office; commend zealous advocacy. Rules.

**H. R. No. 89:** (Representative Rosebud) Matthew Lambert; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Rules.

**H. R. No. 90:** (Representatives McLean, Karriem) Sharicka Gray; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Rules.

**H. R. No. 91:** (Representative Hopkins) Becki Cope; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Rules.

**H. R. No. 92:** (Representatives Reynolds, Roberson) Daylight saving time; urge Congress and President Biden to enact legislation making year-round. Rules.

**H. R. No. 93:** (Representative Faulkner) Ida B. Wells; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 980:** Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of. (Vetoed)

NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1752:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1754:** City of Jackson; authorize increase hotel/motel tax to provide funding for Jackson Convention Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1755:** City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1756:** City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1757:** Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1759:** Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1760:** Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2514:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 78:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 80:** Shake Rag; commemorate the legacy of the community. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 81:** Benton High School Class of 1972; recognize upon occasion of their 50th class reunion. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 82:** Lusia "Lucy" Mae Harris Stewart; honor life and legacy as the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA and express sympathy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Representative Hale introduced special guest, Rickey Medlocke, and commended him for his musical success and becoming a bona fide resident of Mississippi, House Resolution No. 23.

On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1743:** City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1743.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Beckett, Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Rushing, Sanford. Total-7.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1744:** Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1744.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Rushing, Sanford. Total-6.

Present--Eubanks. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1745:** George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1745.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1747.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Rushing. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1748:** Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1748.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Present--Williamson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2981.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Rushing, Sanford. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2997:** City of Batesville; extend repealer on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism.

On motion of Rep. Barton **S. B. No. 2997:** (City of Batesville; extend repealer on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism.) was recommitted to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1742:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1742.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Read, Rushing. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Read moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1550:** Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:



Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.  
Nays--Banks, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.  
Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Crudup, Eubanks, McCarty, Osborne, Owen, Weathersby. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create.

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1581:** Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1583:** Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1584:** Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden,

Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.  
Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, B, Gibbs, D, McCarty, Shanks. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1585:** Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--Clark, McCarty, Owen, Sanders, Taylor. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1588:** Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Scott. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1590:** Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.  
Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1591:** Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.  
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.  
Absent or those not voting--Ladner, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1592:** Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1596:** Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Ford, J, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.  
Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Evans, M, Hood, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.  
Absent or those not voting--Busby, McCarty, McLean, Owen. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read,

Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23.

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.



- H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.
- H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
- H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
- H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
- H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
- H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.
- H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
- H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
- H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 256:** Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, McCarty, Newman, Wright. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1164:** Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Newman, Owen, Wright. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 512:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

**H. B. No. 1530:** Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 684:** Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 78:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Evans, B. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 61:** Hunter Luis Melendez; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 62:** Cooper Conner; commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 63:** Tere Turner; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 64:** Laura Bivins; commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

**H. C. R. No. 65:** Madeline Zimmerman; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 66:** Jo Anne Daniels; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 67:** Monica Donohue; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 68:** Mandy Withrow; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 69:** Darlene Bush; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 70:** Angela Butler; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 71:** International Women's Month; designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance.

**H. C. R. No. 72:** Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement.

**H. C. R. No. 74:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness.

**H. C. R. No. 75:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of.

**H. C. R. No. 76:** Mississippi High School Activities Association; commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, McCarty, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 70:** Women's History Month; commend and congratulate honorees for contributions promoting women's excellence and empowerment in Mississippi.

**H. R. No. 71:** Samuel Earl Wilson III; mourn loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 72:** Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise; commend esteemed legal and judicial career upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 74:** Fredrick (Fred) George Burns; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 75:** W.C. Handy; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 76:** Sam Cooke; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 77:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of.

**H. R. No. 78:** Linda Gavin; commend distinguished career upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 79:** Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ocean Springs; recognize upon its 25th anniversary.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 545:** Recognize public service of longtime Hinds County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative Tomie T. Green.

**S. C. R. No. 549:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of The Carthaginian Newspaper (1872-2022) and recognize its contributions.

**S. C. R. No. 552:** Recognize United States District Judge Debra Brown as Mississippi's first African American female Chief Federal Judge.

**S. C. R. No. 553:** Congratulate the "Pride of DeSoto Central High School Marching Band" for winning the 2021 Class 6A Marching Band Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 554:** Commend Millicent Gunter for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science.

**S. C. R. No. 555:** Commend Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls Soccer Team for first State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 556:** Recognize February 2022 as "Self-Care Month in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 559:** Recognize outstanding public service of former U.S. Marshal and State Parole Board Member Nehemiah Flowers, Jr.

**S. C. R. No. 560:** Commend Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for first State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 73:** John Girard Guthrie; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing resolution passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS. The yeas and nays being taken on H. C. R. No. 73 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Johnson, McCarty, Owen, Sanford. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1388:** Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 503:** Mourn the passing of former Senator Joseph Stogner of Sandy Hook, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. B. No. 3030:** Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3150:** Bonds; increase amount authorized for Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund, and allow use for additional improvements.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2769:** Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university or community college foundation or federally qualified health center.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Patty Gail Potts, William Earl "Monk" Griffin, Trestin Montana Villasenor, Gardner Eugene "Gene" Miller, Bobbye Sue Collins Miller, Maudie Janice Edwards Robles, Mary Arbuckle Rose, Marjorie James Usry, Dr. H. Mack Ballard, James Anthony "Tony" Arnold, Betty Lee Farrar Myrick, Nelda Ward Taylor, Diane Wilson Melton, Robbie Carver Ray, Ralph Criss Armstrong, Sr., and Deborah Kay Smith Fitzgerald, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bennett, Haney and Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doris Klein Ishee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronnie Neil King, Jr. , and Steven Villarreal, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (54th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mark Roby, William "Billy" Alvin Worthy, Jr. , Martha Faye Ertle, Sally Jeanette Emfinger Hambricht, Jeanette Thomas Abraham, William "Bill" Marlin Bost, Jr., Judith Hale

McCollum, Billie Sue Purvis, Ouida Dye Joseph, Alex J. Monsour, Sr., George "Gil" Gilmore Martin, Brenda Slay, Barbara Thomas Wills, Virginia W. Weaver, Lillie B. Brown, Montic C. Washington, Ethel Madeline Dove, Robert Winton McCarley, and Marianne Conerly, which motion prevailed.

At 11:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, March 18, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

(SEVENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Miss Harper Scott, Junior Page and Seventh grader at Germantown Middle School, Madison, MS.

Madam Clerk, Hunter Scott led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

Senators Kirby, Boyd, Michel

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE



Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

Adopted: 03/17/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

**S. B. No. 2773:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state.

**S. B. No. 2841:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds.

**S. B. No. 2846:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repeal date on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects.

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on.

**S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

**S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

**S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

**S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

**S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

**S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids. Senators Michel, Boyd, Frazier

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.

Senators Polk, Thompson, Turner-Ford

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

Senators Whaley, Simmons (12th), Blackwell

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Senators Harkins, McCaughn, Thompson

**S. B. No. 2066:** District attorneys and investigators; increase annual salaries of.

Senators Polk, Blackwell, Hopson

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

Senators Harkins, Parker, Kirby

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

Senators Harkins, Boyd, England

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements.

Senators Fillingane, Turner-Ford, McCaughn

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings.

Senators Barnett, Chassaniol, Parker

**S. B. No. 2275:** Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer.

Senators Barnett, Chassaniol, Carter

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

Senators Michel, Boyd, Younger

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

Senators Michel, DeLano, Horhn

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority.

Senators Michel, McLendon, Frazier

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

Senators Michel, Blackwell, DeLano

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF.  
Senators Barnett, Sparks, DeBar

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.  
Senators Whaley, Hopson, Polk

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,  
Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office.  
Senators Whaley, Polk, Sparks

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor  
registration.  
Senators Whaley, Suber, Younger

**S. B. No. 2506:** Bow hunting; establish a three-day season the last weekend  
between September 10th and 20th for legal bucks.  
Senators Whaley, McCaughn, Michel

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes  
involve public funds.  
Senators Fillingane, England, Suber

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of  
federally recognized officers or men on.  
Senators Seymour, DeLano, Turner-Ford

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or  
forfeited.  
Senators Michel, Thomas, Kirby

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine  
services.  
Senators Michel, Boyd, Younger

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit  
and set certain standards related to such service.  
Senators Blackwell, Parker, Blount

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water  
transportation enterprises.  
Senators Harkins, Sparks, Simmons (12th)

**S. B. No. 2772:** State Small Business Credit Initiative; update citations to  
federal law.  
Senators Harkins, Fillingane, Blount

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state  
employees to engage in telework.  
Senators Polk, Blackwell, Blount

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of  
new warehouse and contracting for operations.  
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Carter

**S. B. No. 3153:** Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community  
and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements.  
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Sparks

**S. B. No. 3163:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure.  
Senators Harkins, Fillingane, England

**S. B. No. 3164:** Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate.  
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Parker

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.  
Senators Polk, Butler (36th), Parks

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.  
Senators Barnett, Sparks, Simmons (12th)

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d).  
Senators Harkins, Chassaniol, Barnett

**S. B. No. 2803:** Sheriffs; increase annual salaries of.  
Senators Polk, Butler (36th), Harkins

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The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.  
Representatives Horan, Shanks, Rushing

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.  
Representatives Carpenter, Newman, Hopkins

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.  
Representatives Horan, Felsher, Turner

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact.  
Representatives Horan, Goodin, Rosebud

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.  
Representatives Horan, Yates, Anthony

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.  
Representatives Horan, Turner, Felsher

**H. B. No. 1068:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward.  
Representatives Huddleston, Scoggin, Bounds

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.  
Representatives Carpenter, Newman, Hopkins

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.  
Representatives Weathersby, Bennett, Barton

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.  
Representatives Brown (20th), Clark, Lancaster

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.  
Representatives Weathersby, Holloway, Morgan

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On motion of Rep. Steverson the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

On motion of Rep. Mickens the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1752:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1752.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Gibbs, D, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford, Summers, Tullos. Total-8.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1754:** City of Jackson; authorize increase hotel/motel tax to provide funding for Jackson Convention Center.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1754.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1755:** City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1755.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1756:** City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1756.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Gibbs, D, Sanford, Summers, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1757:** Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1757.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Horne, Ladner, Rushing, Williamson. Total-5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1759:** Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1759.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1760:** Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1760.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.



Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Horne, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2514:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2514.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Rushing. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Local and Private bills.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit.

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact.

**H. B. No. 1222:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to.

**H. B. No. 1378:** Memorial highways; designate in Prentiss County.

**H. B. No. 1525:** City of Richland; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax.

**H. B. No. 1526:** City of Richland; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax.

**H. B. No. 1547:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax.

**H. B. No. 1549:** City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 70:** Women's History Month; commend and congratulate honorees for contributions promoting women's excellence and empowerment in Mississippi.

**H. R. No. 71:** Samuel Earl Wilson III; mourn loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 72:** Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise; commend esteemed legal and judicial career upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 73:** East Union Attendance Center Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 74:** Fredrick (Fred) George Burns; commend his life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 75:** W.C. Handy; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 76:** Sam Cooke; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 77:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of.

**H. R. No. 78:** Linda Gavin; commend distinguished career upon her retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. R. No. 79:** Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ocean Springs; recognize upon its 25th anniversary.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 54:** Raleigh High School Lions Football Team; commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 55:** Former Representative Michael Weston Janus; commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 57:** Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A.

**H. C. R. No. 58:** Colonel Stanley A. Martin; commend service upon retirement.

**H. C. R. No. 59:** Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson; mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 60:** Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Oliver Stringer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marion Whitley, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Brown (20th), Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins and Williamson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Veteran Thomas Lamar Williams, which motion prevailed.

At 9:18 AM, on motion of Rep. Steverson the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 21, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

(SEVENTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Tonya H. Ware, Executive Pastor, Church of Triumphant Global.

Rep. Gibbs (72nd) led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson,

Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.  
Absent or those not voting--Kinkade. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Kinkade.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

Senators McMahan, Kirby, Whaley

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

Senators McMahan, Blackmon, Whaley

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

Senators McMahan, Blackmon, Whaley

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

Senators McMahan, Blackmon, Whaley

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

Senators McMahan, Kirby, Whaley

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

Senators Turner-Ford, Harkins, Barrett

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

Senators DeLano, Williams, Boyd

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

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**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.  
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Thompson

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriation bills.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Parker

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Michel

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Parks

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeLano

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeLano

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Sparks

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Parker

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Butler (36th)

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Harkins

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,McCaughn

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Williams

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,DeBar

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.  
Senators Hopson,Parks,Blount

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.  
Senators Hopson,Frazier,DeLano

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.  
Senators Hopson,Frazier,DeLano

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.  
Senators Hopson,Wiggins,Hickman

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.  
Senators Hopson,Wiggins,DeBar

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Butler (38th)

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Butler (38th)

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Butler (38th)

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Polk

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Moran

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.  
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Seymour

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.  
Senators Hopson,Norwood,Branning

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.  
Senators Hopson,Norwood,Branning

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.  
Senators Hopson,Michel,McCaughn

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.  
Senators Hopson,Michel,McCaughn

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.  
Senators Hopson,Michel,McCaughn

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

Senators Hopson, Michel, McCaughn

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Hill, Michel

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road  
Construction, Office of.  
Senators Hopson, Branning, Polk

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development  
Authority.  
Senators Hopson, Sparks, Parks

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.  
Senators Hopson, Butler (36th), Suber

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.  
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, Blount

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department  
of.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Simmons (13th)

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department  
of.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi  
Development Authority.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Department of Tourism.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Simmons (13th)

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Jackson (11th)

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Michel

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Parker

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Parks

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Butler (36th)

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building, -ARPA Funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Butler (36th)

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Wiggins

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Parks

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

Senators Parker, England, Younger

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS



The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1763:** (Representative Evans (45th)) Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 80:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Reynolds) Bobbie Gentry; commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 81:** (Representative Carpenter) Global Reman Day; designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. R. No. 94:** (Representative Foster) Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 95:** (Representative Robinson) Ann Tucker; commend for outstanding 62-year teaching career. Rules.

**H. R. No. 96:** (The Entire Membership) Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend upon being honored as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association. Rules.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.  
Representatives Currie,Lamar,Oliver

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.  
Representatives Hood,White,Deweese

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.  
Representatives Hood,White,Deweese

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.  
Representatives Horan,Mickens,Roberson

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official.  
Representatives Currie,Gibbs (72nd),Oliver

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings.  
Representatives Horan,Rushing,Faulkner

**S. B. No. 2275:** Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer.  
Representatives Horan,Bain,Mickens

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF.

Representatives Horan,Roberson,Goodin

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.  
Representatives Horan,Yates,Ford (73rd)

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 256:** Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county.

**H. B. No. 684:** Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 1164:** Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010.

**H. B. No. 1550:** Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence.

**H. B. No. 1581:** Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

**H. B. No. 1583:** Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1590:** Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

**H. B. No. 1591:** Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1592:** Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

**H. B. No. 1596:** Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

**H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 549:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of The Carthaginian Newspaper (1872-2022) and recognize its contributions.

**S. C. R. No. 552:** Recognize United States District Judge Debra Brown as Mississippi's first African American female Chief Federal Judge.

**S. C. R. No. 559:** Recognize outstanding public service of former U.S. Marshal and State Parole Board Member Nehemiah Flowers, Jr.

**S. C. R. No. 560:** Commend Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for first State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1584:** Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1585:** Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

**H. B. No. 1588:** Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

**H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2514:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

**S. B. No. 2773:** Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state.

**S. B. No. 2841:** State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds.

**S. B. No. 2846:** Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repeal date on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects.

**S. B. No. 2885:** Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on.

**S. B. No. 3031:** Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3032:** Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

**S. B. No. 3033:** Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3035:** Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

**S. B. No. 3036:** Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3039:** Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

**S. B. No. 3040:** Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

**S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

**S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Louis Hauersperger, and Joey Castiglia, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Miller, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doris Christine Everett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billie Sue Stringer Cochran, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Huddleston and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carolyn Barefield, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billie Sue Stringer Cochran, and Toney Carmen McDaniel, which motion prevailed.

Representative Felsher moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edwin Catchot, which motion prevailed.

At 4:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Steverson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 22, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

(SEVENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Jerry Mannery, We Are One United Methodist Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 160:** Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:26 PM

**H. B. No. 590:** Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:24 PM

**H. B. No. 616:** Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:27 PM

**H. B. No. 683:** State Parole Board; extend repealer on. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:28 PM

**H. B. No. 732:** State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:29 PM

**H. B. No. 933:** Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:30 PM

**H. B. No. 972:** Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:34 PM

**H. B. No. 990:** Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:36 PM

**H. B. No. 1057:** Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:35 PM

**H. B. No. 1067:** Child support; provide for imputation guidelines. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:40 PM

**H. B. No. 1132:** Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:42 PM

**H. B. No. 1328:** Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.  
Senators Parks, Polk, Boyd

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.  
Senators Parker, Sparks, Younger

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections.  
Senators Parks, Williams, Boyd

**S. B. No. 2700:** University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer.  
Senators Parks, Harkins, Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

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**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.  
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Simmons (12th)

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

Senators Moran, Wiggins, Thompson

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violation to the State Auditor.

Senators Wiggins, England, Barrett

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

Senators Moran, Thompson, England

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

Senators Moran, Thompson, England

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

Senators Fillingane, Hopson, DeBar

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.

Senators Barnett, Sparks, Carter

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

Senators Fillingane, Wiggins, Sparks

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

Senators Fillingane, England, Sparks

**H. B. No. 620:** Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws.

Senators Fillingane, Hopson, England

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

Senators Blackwell, Fillingane, Wiggins

**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Barnett

**H. B. No. 799:** Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting.

Senators Fillingane, McCaughn, Thompson

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

Senators Barnett, Parker, Sparks

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

Senators Barnett, Parker, Sparks

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

Senators Barnett, Norwood, Whaley

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

Senators Barnett, Wiggins, Blackwell

**H. B. No. 942:** Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor.

Senators Whaley, Suber, Younger

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

Senators Whaley, McCaughn, Michel

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

Senators Barnett, Parker, Sparks

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.

Senators Whaley, Hill, Parker

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

Senators Fillingane, England, DeBar

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

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**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

Senators Younger, McCaughn, Seymour

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

Senators Younger, Caughman, Whaley

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create.

Senators Younger, Whaley, Jackson (11th)

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

Senators McDaniel, Caughman, DeLano

**S. B. No. 2479:** Mississippi grain warehouse and grain dealers licensure law; revise and combine into grain handler license.

Senators Younger, McCaughn, Chassaniol



**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.  
Senators Branning,Harkins,Parks

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.  
Senators Branning,Harkins,Boyd

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.  
Senators Branning,Sparks,McCaughn

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 658:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes.  
Senators Blackwell,Fillingane,Wiggins

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.  
Senators Branning,Kirby,England

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.  
Senators Branning,DeLano,Williams

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.  
Senators Carter,Parks,Harkins

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.  
Senators Branning,Whaley,Butler (36th)

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.  
Senators Hopson,Jackson (11th),Blackwell

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.  
Senators Hopson,Jackson (11th),Thompson

- H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Michel, Hickman
- H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.  
Senators Hopson, Michel, Hickman
- H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Williams
- H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell
- H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.  
Senators Hopson, Moran, Suber
- H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Michel, Jackson (11th)
- H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, DeBar, McCaughn
- H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.  
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Norwood
- H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.  
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Michel
- H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Moran, Polk
- H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Whaley
- H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.  
Senators Hopson, Moran, Suber
- H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.  
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Carter
- H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.  
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, DeLano
- H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.  
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Moran
- H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.  
Senators Hopson, DeLano, DeBar
- H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Wiggins
- H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, McLendon
- H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.  
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Butler (36th)
- H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

Senators Hopson, Hill, Michel

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.  
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, McCaughn

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.  
Senators Hopson, Moran, Younger

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.  
Senators Hopson, Branning, Parks

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management  
District.  
Senators Hopson, Branning, Butler (38th)

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.  
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Moran

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Moran, Polk

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.  
Senators Hopson, Norwood, McCaughn

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.  
Senators Hopson, Norwood, McCaughn

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.  
Senators Hopson, Norwood, McCaughn

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial  
judges services.  
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Sparks

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.  
Senators Hopson, Norwood, DeBar

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.  
Senators Hopson, Branning, Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE  
FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi  
Destination Development Fund; create.  
Senators Chassaniol, Polk, Williams

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE  
AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to  
adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED  
CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.  
Senators Tate,Blount,Blackwell

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.  
Senators Tate,Chassaniol,Fillingane

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.  
Senators Tate,Blount,Fillingane

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022";  
create.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Michel

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding  
Program; establish.  
Senators Parker,England,Younger

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Blackwell

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant  
Programs; establish under Department of Health.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Michel

**H. B. No. 1425:** ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant  
Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Michel

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium  
pay to.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,DeBar

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various  
activities and programs.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Parker

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing  
organizations for certain marketing activities.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Thompson

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive  
Program.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Parks

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and  
Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Parker

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant  
Program.  
Senators Hopson,Polk,Michel

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Michel

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

**H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Jackson (11th)

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Michel

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Butler (36th)

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.  
Senators Hopson, Michel, Moran

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.  
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Turner-Ford

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.  
Senators Tate, Parker, Blount

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and DAs; increase salaries of.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Norwood

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Hickman

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.  
Senators Tate, Blount, Blackwell

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.  
Senators Hopson, Michel, Hill

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Michel

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.  
Senators Hopson, Jackson (11th), Parker

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. C. R. No. 82:** (Representative Barton) Mississippi Export Railroad; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 83:** (Representative Steverson) Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 84:** (Representatives Mims, Porter) City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. Rules.

**H. R. No. 97:** (Representative Rushing) Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison; commend upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday. Rules.

**H. R. No. 98:** (Representative Holloway) Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. Rules.

**H. R. No. 99:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Roberson, Tullos, Taylor, Hood, White, Lamar, Cockerham, Clark) Dean Patricia W. Bennett; commend distinguished legal career upon her retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 100:** (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Holloway, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Watson, Yates) Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Rules.

**H. R. No. 101:** (Representatives Miles, Rushing) Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 102:** (Representative Wright) New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach Susanna "Susie" Oglesby; commend on winning the state VEX Robotics Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 103:** (Representative Arnold) Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 104:** (Representative Arnold) Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Basketball Team, commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 105:** (Representative Powell) American oil and natural gas; urge President of the United States to take measures to support. Rules.

**H. R. No. 106:** (Representative Thompson) Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights; commend upon 25th anniversary. Rules.

**H. R. No. 107:** (Representative Bounds) Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 108:** (Representatives Mims, Porter) City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. Rules.

**H. R. No. 109:** (Representative Scoggin) South Jones High School Marching Band; commend for first place Class 1A at the 2021 Bands of America Regional Competition. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 79:** Millicent "Mandy" Gunter; commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 80:** Bobbie Gentry; commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 81:** Global Reman Day; designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 83:** Liska Wallace; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 84:** Alice Walker; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 85:** Judge Denise Owens; commend for 33 years of exemplary service as Hinds County District 3 Chancery Judge, and congratulate upon retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 86:** Honorable Fred Lee Banks, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 87:** Marty Stuart; commend for being inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 by The MAX. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 88:** Jason Sullivan and Monroe County Veterans Services Office; commend zealous advocacy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 89:** Matthew Lambert; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 90:** Sharicka Gray; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 91:** Becki Cope; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 92:** Daylight saving time; urge Congress and President Biden to enact legislation making year-round. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 93:** Ida B. Wells; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 94:** Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 95:** Ann Tucker; commend for outstanding 62-year teaching career. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 96:** Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend upon being honored as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 546:** Encouraging further economic activity between Mississippi and Taiwan. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.



**S. C. R. No. 548:** Mourn the passing of former Senator George Smith of Wiggins, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 551:** Mourn the passing of former Representative and Senator Delma Furniss of Rena Lara, MS, and commend his public and charitable service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 561:** Commend Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team for winning 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 562:** Designate April 2022 as the "Month of the Military Child" and April 20 as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 563:** Condemn the invasion of Ukraine and sever all connections with the Russian Federation. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 564:** Recognize 30th Anniversary Celebration of Parents for Public Schools (PPS). Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 565:** Commend Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team for winning MAIS State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 566:** Commend Dean of Mississippi College School of Law Patricia Bennett on retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 567:** Commend Leake Academy "Lady Rebels" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 568:** Recognize legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as the first African American to graduate from University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 569:** Commend Meridian High School "Lady Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team for winning first State Championship in school history. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 570:** Commend Jackson Prep "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS Overall State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 571:** Commend Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" Girls Soccer Team for Class 6A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 572:** Commend Biggersville Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Coach Cliff Little for two State Championships on same day. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 573:** Commend Lake High School "Lady Hornets" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Maurice Bowie for winning the MHSAA 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 574:** Commend Choctaw Central "Lady Warriors" Basketball Team for winning Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 575:** Commend Clinton High School "Arrows" Boys Basketball Team for consecutive 6A State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 576:** Commend CCC Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy as MACCC "Coach of the Year." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 577:** Commend Raymond High School "Rangers" Boys Basketball Team for winning 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 578:** Commend Northwest Community College Cheer Team for National Titles. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 579:** Declare that March 21, 2022, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 580:** Commend Northwest Community College Football Team for consecutive State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mims

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Currie

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Currie

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Beckett

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Hale

- H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Huddleston
- H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.  
Representatives Read, White, Oliver
- H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Ladner
- H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Ladner
- H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure
- H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure
- H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure
- H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett
- H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett
- H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Mims
- H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett
- H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Mims
- H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett
- H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett
- H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Mims, Bounds
- H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Mims, Bounds
- H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.  
Representatives Read, Hood, White
- H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Mims, Bounds
- H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.  
Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold
- H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Representatives Read,Pigott,Mangold

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.  
Representatives Read,Ladner,Currie

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management  
District.

Representatives Read,Ladner,Arnold

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.  
Representatives Read,Huddleston,Barton

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.  
Representatives Read,Eure,Bennett

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.  
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Eure

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.  
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Hines

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.  
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Young

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial  
judges services.

Representatives Read,Cockerham,White

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.  
Representatives Read,Cockerham,Boyd

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.  
Representatives Read,Busby,Mangold

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify  
use of reverse auction.

Representatives Bell (21st),White,McCarty

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding  
appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

Representatives Bell (21st),Hale,White

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.  
Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.  
Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research,  
Extension and Land-Grant programs.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural  
and Forestry Experiment Station.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative  
Extension Service.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Representatives Read,Beckett,Bounds

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

Representatives Read,Barton,Hale

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

Representatives Read,Barton,Hale

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

Representatives Read,Horan,Barton

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

Representatives Currie,Oliver,Lamar

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create.

Representatives Read,Oliver,White

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish.

Representatives Read,Oliver,White

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.

Representatives Read,Cockerham,White

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

Representatives Read,Oliver,White

**H. B. No. 1425:** ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health.

Representatives Read,Oliver,White

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.

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**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

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**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1631:** Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23.  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, Oliver

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 2419:** Hospital Nurse and Allied Health Professional Retention Loan Program; create.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, White

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriation bills.  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, Oliver

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard, -ARPA funds.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of -ARPA funds.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, Turner

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock  
shows.  
Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.  
Representatives Read, Pigott, Mangold

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.  
Representatives Read, Huddleston, Barton

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.  
Representatives Read, Huddleston, Boyd

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, White

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, White

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Mims

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mangold

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Mims, Beckett

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road  
Construction, Office of.  
Representatives Read, Busby, Hale

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development  
Authority.  
Representatives Read, Ladner, Currie

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Mims

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.  
Representatives Read, Eure, Bennett

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Mims

of. **S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Ladner

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.  
Representatives Read, Barton, Horan

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.  
Representatives Read, White, Oliver

of. **S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department  
Representatives Read, Bounds, Beckett

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi  
Development Authority.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

**S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Department of Tourism.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Currie

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.  
Representatives Read, Beckett, Bounds

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.  
Representatives Read, Bennett, Eure

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

agencies. **S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state  
Representatives Read, Cockerham, Oliver

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS  
Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA  
Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied  
Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds.



Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building, -ARPA Funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

Representatives Read, Barton, Eure

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

Representatives Bennett, McCarty, McGee

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.

Representatives Read, Beckett, Bounds

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8.

Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Felsher

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state.

Representatives Bennett, McCarty, McKnight

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

Representatives Bennett, Read, Crudup

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

Representatives Beckett, Eubanks, Powell

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Barton

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and DAs; increase salaries of.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.  
Representatives Beckett, Eubanks, Powell

**S. B. No. 2066:** District attorneys and investigators; increase annual salaries of.

Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Cockerham

**S. B. No. 2422:** Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year.  
Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Owen

**S. B. No. 2423:** Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance.  
Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Felsher

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.  
Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Owen

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.  
Representatives Bennett, Read, McCarty

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.  
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Weathersby

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.  
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Smith

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.  
Representatives Hood, Deweese, McGee

**S. B. No. 2803:** Sheriffs; increase annual salaries of.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Barton

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, Beckett

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.  
Representatives Bennett, McCarty, Owen

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.  
Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).  
Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.  
Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.  
Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.  
Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.  
Representatives Lamar, Massengill, Zuber

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.  
Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Busby

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.  
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.  
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 512:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.  
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Zuber

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.  
Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.  
Representatives Lamar, Barnett, Morgan

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.  
Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Hale

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.  
Representatives Lamar, Barnett, Massengill

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.  
Representatives Lamar, Carpenter, Massengill

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.  
Representatives Lamar, Roberson, Zuber

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

Representatives Lamar, Aguirre, Bain

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1530:** Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

Representatives Lamar, Massengill, Yancey

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Massengill

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Zuber

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

Representatives Ladner, Felsher, McKnight

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

Representatives Lamar, Steverson, Powell

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

Representatives Steverson, Powell, Zuber

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Hobgood-Wilkes

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority.

Representatives Zuber, Ford (54th), Denton

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

Representatives Zuber,Ford (54th),Robinson

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

Representatives Ladner,Felsher,McKnight

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

Representatives Ladner,Felsher,McKnight

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

Representatives Weathersby,Holloway,Lancaster

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

Representatives Zuber,Ford (54th),Yancey

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

Representatives Zuber,Ford (54th),Newman

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d).

Representatives Lamar,Powell,Zuber

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

**S. B. No. 2772:** State Small Business Credit Initiative; update citations to federal law.

Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations.

Representatives Lamar,Powell,Zuber

**S. B. No. 3153:** Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements.

Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

**S. B. No. 3163:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure.

Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

**S. B. No. 3164:** Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate.

Representatives Lamar,Steverson,Massengill

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Head Page, Jada Barnes, introduced the following pages for the week:

Chloe Allen	Brandon, MS
James Antinnes	Hattiesburg, MS
Ella Bailey	Clinton, MS
Connor Batson	Hattiesburg, MS
Samuel Bender	Ridgeland, MS
Kharleston Clark	Edwards, MS
Maegan Cooks	Gulfport, MS
Rayden Davis	Purvis, MS
Kristopher Gaylor	Jackson, MS
Samuel L. Gaylor	Jackson, MS
Kenji Holloway, Jr.	Carthage, MS
Kaitlyn Jackson	Gulfport, MS
Calvin Johnson	Jonestown, MS
Jaycee Kelly	Seminary, MS
Dan Lindsay	Kosciusko, MS
Jamea McDowell	Starkville, MS
Jadyn Miles	Morton, MS
Skylar Miles	Morton, MS
John Norman	Jackson, MS
Kage Pickett	Petal, MS
Jaden Potlow	Starkville, MS
Candice Sanders	Bolton, MS
Bethany Marie Satcher	Clarksdale, MS
Anthony Shirley	Edwards, MS
Taylor Spell	Goodman, MS
Dylan Stewart	Madison, MS
Kaley Weems	Clinton, MS

Representative Lamar introduced Special guests; the Northwest Mississippi Community College Football Team and the Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team, H. C. R. No. 49 and H. C. R. No. 51.

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 530: The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-19-7. (1) The allowance in the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for teachers' salaries in each \* \* \* public school district shall be determined and paid in accordance with the scale for teachers' salaries as provided in this subsection. For teachers holding the following types of licenses or the equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education, and the following number of years of teaching experience, the scale shall be as follows:

\* \* \*

2022-2023 AND SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

Exp.	AAAA	AAA	AA	A
0	45,500.00		44,000.00	43,000.00
41,500.00				
1	46,100.00		44,550.00	43,525.00
41,900.00				
2	46,700.00		45,100.00	44,050.00
42,300.00				
3	47,300.00		45,650.00	44,575.00
42,700.00				
4	47,900.00		46,200.00	45,100.00
43,100.00				
5	49,250.00		47,500.00	46,350.00
44,300.00				
6	49,850.00		48,050.00	46,875.00
44,700.00				
7	50,450.00		48,600.00	47,400.00
45,100.00				
8	51,050.00		49,150.00	47,925.00
45,500.00				
9	51,650.00		49,700.00	48,450.00
45,900.00				
10	53,000.00		51,000.00	49,700.00
47,100.00				
11	53,600.00		51,550.00	50,225.00
47,500.00				
12	54,200.00		52,100.00	50,750.00
47,900.00				
13	54,800.00		52,650.00	51,275.00
48,300.00				
14	55,400.00		53,200.00	51,800.00
48,700.00				
15	56,750.00		54,500.00	53,050.00
49,900.00				
16	57,350.00		55,050.00	53,575.00
50,300.00				
17	57,950.00		55,600.00	54,100.00
50,700.00				
18	58,550.00		56,150.00	54,625.00
51,100.00				
19	59,150.00		56,700.00	55,150.00
51,500.00				
20	60,500.00		58,000.00	56,400.00
52,700.00				
21	61,100.00		58,550.00	56,925.00
53,100.00				
22	61,700.00		59,100.00	57,450.00
53,500.00				
23	62,300.00		59,650.00	57,975.00
53,900.00				
24	62,900.00		60,200.00	58,500.00
54,300.00				

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25	65,400.00	62,700.00	61,000.00
56,800.00			
26	66,000.00	63,250.00	61,525.00
57,200.00			
27	66,600.00	63,800.00	62,050.00
57,600.00			
28	67,200.00	64,350.00	62,575.00
58,000.00			
29	67,800.00	64,900.00	63,100.00
58,400.00			
30	68,400.00	65,450.00	63,625.00
58,800.00			
31	69,000.00	66,000.00	64,150.00
59,200.00			
32	69,600.00	66,550.00	64,675.00
59,600.00			
33	70,200.00	67,100.00	65,200.00
60,000.00			
34	70,800.00	67,650.00	65,725.00
60,400.00			
35			
& above	71,400.00	68,200.00	66,250.00
			60,800.00

It is the intent of the Legislature that any state funds made available for salaries of licensed personnel in excess of the funds paid for such salaries for the 1986-1987 school year shall be paid to licensed personnel pursuant to a personnel appraisal and compensation system implemented by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall have the authority to adopt and amend rules and regulations as are necessary to establish, administer and maintain the system.

All teachers employed on a full-time basis shall be paid a minimum salary in accordance with the above scale. However, no school district shall receive any funds under this section for any school year during which the local supplement paid to any individual teacher shall have been reduced to a sum less than that paid to that individual teacher for performing the same duties from local supplement during the immediately preceding school year. The amount actually spent for the purposes of group health and/or life insurance shall be considered as a part of the aggregate amount of local supplement but shall not be considered a part of the amount of individual local supplement.

The level of professional training of each teacher to be used in establishing the salary allotment for the teachers for each year shall be determined by the type of valid teacher's license issued to those teachers on or before October 1 of the current school year. \* \* \* However, \* \* \* school districts are authorized, in their discretion, to negotiate the salary levels applicable to \* \* \* licensed employees who are receiving retirement benefits from the retirement system of another state, and the annual experience increment provided above in Section 37-19-7 shall not be applicable to any such retired certificated employee.

(2) (a) The following employees shall receive an annual salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), plus fringe benefits, in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled:

(i) Any licensed teacher who has met the requirements and acquired a Master Teacher certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a teacher and not as an administrator. Such teacher shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the teacher shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(ii) A licensed nurse who has met the requirements and acquired a certificate from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses, Inc., and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a school



nurse and not as an administrator. The licensed school nurse shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school nurse shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. \* \* \*

(iii) Any licensed school counselor who has met the requirements and acquired a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) endorsement from the National Board of Certified Counselors and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a counselor and not as an administrator. Such licensed school counselor shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the endorsement was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school counselor shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. However, any school counselor who started the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards process for school counselors between June 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, and completes the requirements and acquires the Master Teacher certificate shall be entitled to the master teacher supplement, and those counselors who complete the process shall be entitled to a one-time reimbursement for the actual cost of the process as outlined in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(iv) Any licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist who has met the requirements and acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and any certified academic language therapist (CALT) who has met the certification requirements of the Academic Language Therapy Association and who is employed by a local school board \* \* \*. The licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate or endorsement was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. \* \* \*

(v) Any licensed athletic trainer who has met the requirements and acquired Board Certification for the Athletic Trainer from the Board of Certification, Inc., and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as an athletic trainer and not as an administrator. The licensed athletic trainer shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed athletic trainer shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(b) An employee shall be reimbursed for the actual cost of completing each component of acquiring the certificate or endorsement, excluding any costs incurred for postgraduate courses, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each component, not to exceed four (4) components, for a teacher, school counselor or speech-language pathologist and audiologist, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. A local school district or any private individual or entity may pay the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for any employee of the school district described under paragraph (a), and the State Department of Education shall reimburse the school district for such cost, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. If a private individual or entity has paid the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for an employee, the local school district may agree to directly reimburse the individual or entity for such cost on behalf of the employee.

(c) All salary supplements, fringe benefits and process reimbursement authorized under this subsection shall be paid directly by the State

Department of Education to the local school district and shall be in addition to its \* \* \* adequate education program allotments and not a part thereof in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education. Local school districts shall not reduce the local supplement paid to any employee receiving such salary supplement, and the employee shall receive any local supplement to which employees with similar training and experience otherwise are entitled. However, an educational employee shall receive the salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for only one (1) of the qualifying certifications authorized under paragraph (a) of this subsection. No school district shall provide more than one (1) annual salary supplement under the provisions of this subsection to any one (1) individual employee holding multiple qualifying national certifications.

(d) If an employee for whom such cost has been paid, in full or in part, by a local school district or private individual or entity fails to complete the certification or endorsement process, the employee shall be liable to the school district or individual or entity for all amounts paid by the school district or individual or entity on behalf of that employee toward his or her certificate or endorsement.

(3) The following employees shall receive an annual salary supplement in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), plus fringe benefits, in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled:

Effective July 1, 2016, if funds are available for that purpose, any licensed teacher who has met the requirements and acquired a Master Teacher Certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a public school district located in one (1) of the following counties: Claiborne, Adams, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Amite, Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Issaquena, Sunflower, Washington, Holmes, Yazoo and Tallahatchie. The salary supplement awarded under the provisions of this subsection (3) shall be in addition to the salary supplement awarded under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

Teachers who meet the qualifications for a salary supplement under this subsection (3) who are assigned for less than one (1) full year or less than full time for the school year shall receive the salary supplement in a prorated manner, with the portion of the teacher's assignment to the critical geographic area to be determined as of June 15th of the school year.

(4) (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Performance-Based Pay (MPBP)" plan. In addition to the minimum base pay described in this section, only after full funding of MAEP and if funds are available for that purpose, the State of Mississippi may provide monies from state funds to school districts for the purposes of rewarding \* \* \* licensed teachers, administrators and nonlicensed personnel at individual schools showing improvement in student test scores. The MPBP plan shall be developed by the State Department of Education based on the following criteria:

(i) It is the express intent of this legislation that the MPBP plan shall utilize only existing standards of accreditation and assessment as established by the State Board of Education.

(ii) To ensure that all of Mississippi's teachers, administrators and nonlicensed personnel at all schools have equal access to the monies set aside in this section, the MPBP program shall be designed to calculate each school's performance as determined by the school's increase in scores from the prior school year. The MPBP program shall be based on a standardized scores rating where all levels of schools can be judged in a statistically fair and reasonable way upon implementation. At the end of each year, after all student achievement scores have been standardized, the State Department of Education shall implement the MPBP plan.

(iii) To ensure all teachers cooperate in the spirit of teamwork, individual schools shall submit a plan to the local school district to be approved before the beginning of each school year beginning July 1, 2008. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, how all teachers, regardless of subject area, and administrators will be responsible for improving student achievement for their individual school.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop the processes and procedures for designating schools eligible to participate in the MPBP. State assessment results, growth in student achievement at individual schools and other measures deemed

appropriate in designating successful student achievement shall be used in establishing MPBP criteria. \* \* \*

(5) (a) \* \* \* If funds are available for that purpose, each school in Mississippi shall have mentor teachers, as defined by Sections 37-9-201 through 37-9-213, who shall receive additional base compensation provided for by the State Legislature in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per each beginning teacher that is being mentored. The additional state compensation shall be limited to those mentor teachers that provide mentoring services to beginning teachers. For the purposes of such funding, a beginning teacher shall be defined as any teacher in any school in Mississippi that has less than one (1) year of classroom experience teaching in a public school. For the purposes of such funding, no full-time academic teacher shall mentor more than two (2) beginning teachers.

(b) To be eligible for this state funding, the individual school must have a classroom management program approved by the local school board.

(6) Effective with the 2014-2015 school year, the school districts participating in the Pilot Performance-Based Compensation System pursuant to Section 37-19-9 may award additional teacher and administrator pay based thereon.

SECTION 2. Section 37-21-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-21-7. (1) This section shall be referred to as the "Mississippi Elementary Schools Assistant Teacher Program," the purpose of which shall be to provide an early childhood education program that assists in the instruction of basic skills. The State Board of Education is authorized, empowered and directed to implement a statewide system of assistant teachers in kindergarten classes and in the first, second and third grades. The assistant teacher shall assist pupils in actual instruction under the strict supervision of a licensed teacher.

(2) (a) Except as otherwise authorized under subsection (7), each school district shall employ the total number of assistant teachers funded under subsection (6) of this section. The superintendent of each district shall assign the assistant teachers to the kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade classes in the district in a manner that will promote the maximum efficiency, as determined by the superintendent, in the instruction of skills such as verbal and linguistic skills, logical and mathematical skills, and social skills.

(b) If a licensed teacher to whom an assistant teacher has been assigned is required to be absent from the classroom, the assistant teacher may assume responsibility for the classroom in lieu of a substitute teacher. However, no assistant teacher shall assume sole responsibility of the classroom for more than three (3) consecutive school days. Further, in no event shall any assistant teacher be assigned to serve as a substitute teacher for any teacher other than the licensed teacher to whom that assistant teacher has been assigned.

(3) Assistant teachers shall have, at a minimum, a high school diploma or a High School Equivalency Diploma equivalent, and shall show demonstrable proficiency in reading and writing skills. The State Department of Education shall develop a testing procedure for assistant teacher applicants to be used in all school districts in the state.

(4) (a) In order to receive funding, each school district shall:

(i) Submit a plan on the implementation of a reading improvement program to the State Department of Education; and

(ii) Develop a plan of educational accountability and assessment of performance, including pretests and posttests, for reading in Grades 1 through 6.

(b) Additionally, each school district shall:

(i) Provide annually a mandatory preservice orientation session, using an existing in-school service day, for administrators and teachers on the effective use of assistant teachers as part of a team in the classroom setting and on the role of assistant teachers, with emphasis on program goals;

(ii) Hold periodic workshops for administrators and teachers on the effective use and supervision of assistant teachers;

(iii) Provide training annually on specific instructional skills for assistant teachers;

(iv) Annually evaluate their program in accordance with their educational accountability and assessment of performance plan; and  
(v) Designate the necessary personnel to supervise and report on their program.

(5) The State Department of Education shall:

(a) Develop and assist in the implementation of a statewide uniform training module, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature, which shall be used in all school districts for training administrators, teachers and assistant teachers. The module shall provide for the consolidated training of each assistant teacher and teacher to whom the assistant teacher is assigned, working together as a team, and shall require further periodic training for administrators, teachers and assistant teachers regarding the role of assistant teachers;

(b) Annually evaluate the program on the district and state level. Subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature, the department shall develop: (i) uniform evaluation reports, to be performed by the principal or assistant principal, to collect data for the annual overall program evaluation conducted by the department; or (ii) a program evaluation model that, at a minimum, addresses process evaluation; and

(c) Promulgate rules, regulations and such other standards deemed necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section. Noncompliance with the provisions of this section and any rules, regulations or standards adopted by the department may result in a violation of compulsory accreditation standards as established by the State Board of Education and the Commission on School Accreditation.

(6) In addition to other funds allotted under the Minimum Education or Adequate Education Program, each school district shall be allotted sufficient funding for the purpose of employing assistant teachers. No assistant teacher shall be paid less than the amount he or she received in the prior school year. No school district shall receive any funds under this section for any school year during which the aggregate amount of the local contribution to the salaries of assistant teachers by the district shall have been reduced below such amount for the previous year.

For assistant teachers, the minimum annual salary shall be as follows:

\* \* \*

2022-2023 and Subsequent Years Minimum Salary                      \$17,000.00

In addition, for each one percent (1%) that the Sine Die General Fund Revenue Estimate Growth exceeds five percent (5%) in fiscal year 2006, as certified by the Legislative Budget Office to the State Board of Education and subject to the specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature, the State Board of Education shall revise the salary scale in the appropriate year to provide an additional one percent (1%) across-the-board increase in the base salaries for assistant teachers. The State Board of Education shall revise the salaries prescribed above for assistant teachers to conform to any adjustments made in prior fiscal years due to revenue growth over and above five percent (5%). The assistant teachers shall not be restricted to working only in the grades for which the funds were allotted, but may be assigned to other classes as provided in subsection (2)(a) of this section.

(7) (a) As an alternative to employing assistant teachers, any school district may use the allotment provided under subsection (6) of this section for the purpose of employing licensed teachers for kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade classes; however, no school district shall be authorized to use the allotment for assistant teachers for the purpose of employing licensed teachers unless the district has established that the employment of licensed teachers using such funds will reduce the teacher:student ratio in the kindergarten, first-, second- and third-grade classes. All state funds for assistant teachers shall be applied to reducing teacher:student ratio in Grades K-3.

It is the intent of the Legislature that no school district shall dismiss any assistant teacher for the purpose of using the assistant teacher allotment to employ licensed teachers. School districts may rely only upon normal attrition to reduce the number of assistant teachers employed in that district.

(b) Districts meeting the highest levels of accreditation standards, as defined by the State Board of Education, shall be exempted from the provisions of subsection (4) of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, and the amendments to subparagraphs (ii), (iv) and (v) of Section 37-19-7(2)(a) in this act shall be retroactive to July 1, 2021.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY SCALE; TO DELETE THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF NATIONAL BOARD-CERTIFIED NURSES AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHO ARE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE THE SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF AN ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENT TO STATE-LICENSED ATHLETIC TRAINERS EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT WHO HAVE ACQUIRED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-21-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE TO THE MINIMUM BASE SALARY FOR TEACHER ASSISTANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Kevin Felsher

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Hob Bryan, W. Briggs Hopson III

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

On motion of Rep. Bennett, unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

At the beginning of the 2021 session, Speaker Phillip Gunn and House Education Chairman Richard Bennett requested to meet with House Education Vice Chairman Kent McCarty, Rep. Kevin Felsher, and Rep. Jansen Owen to discuss the creation of a transformational teacher pay raise plan. After the meeting, McCarty, Felsher, and Owen left the Capitol and went to Martin's restaurant for lunch.

It was there, at Martin's, where the blueprint for what would become the largest teacher pay raise in Mississippi's history would be drawn on a napkin. The initial plan was presented to Chairman Bennett who approved and arranged a meeting with Speaker Gunn. After approving the concept of the initial plan, a meeting with Chairman Bennett, Representatives McCarty, Felsher, Owen, and House Education Committee attorney Dwan Johnson, and Governor Tate Reeve's Education Policy Advisor Holly Spivey met to draft the plan.

After several hours of meeting, the Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act was named and drafted. Ultimately, there was

not enough time remaining in the session to introduce and advance such an expansive piece of legislation.

Speaker Gunn and Chairman Bennett committed to McCarty, Felsher, and Owen that the first major piece of legislation the House would pass would be the START Act. On 1/11/22 HB 530, the START Act, passed the Education Committee with no opposition and on 1/12/22 passed the House by a margin of 114-6. The bill was transmitted to the Senate on 1/13/22

Unfortunately, the senate would not take up HB 530 and would pass an inferior teacher pay raise bill. As the deadline for general legislation came, Chairman Bennett had a crucial decision to make. Decide to take up an inferior senate bill or press the issue and force the senate to take up the house plan. The decision was made to stay the course and force the senate to take the plan that was better for the teachers.

The senate passed HB 530 out of the Education Committee on 3/1/22 with a strike-all inserting the senate language. The next day, the Senate passed the amended version of HB 530 and sent it back to the house for concurrence or non-concurrence. The house declined to concur and invited conference.

Chairman Bennett named himself, Vice Chairman McCarty, and Rep. Felsher as conferees while the senate named Education Chairman Dennis DeBar, Finance Chairman W. Briggs Hopson, III, and Sen. Hob Bryan as their conferees.

After intense negotiations nearly failed, the senate called for one final conference meeting with less than 24 hours notice and demanded it be televised to the public. Chairman Bennett, having a previous commitment, tapped Rep. Owen to attend in his stead with McCarty and Felsher.

That morning, McCarty, Felsher, and Owen attended the meeting to the Senate's surprise. Owen brought donuts for the senators as a goodwill gesture. When the meeting began, Chairman DeBar explained the senate had executed a conference report which was a compromise between the house and senate plans, but in fact, the conference report was the house plan with just a few of the senate's plans components.

Rep. Felsher opened for the house explaining Chairman Bennett could not attend on such short notice and that the house was appreciative of the senate's efforts. Vice Chairman McCarty also thanked the senate and, upon reviewing the plan, informed the senate conferees that the house conferees in attendance were satisfied with the senate's report.

Vice Chairman McCarty, along with Rep. Felsher and Owen, recommended to Chairman Bennett and Speaker Gunn that the house accept the report and move HB 530 to the Governor. Leadership agreed and the report was signed and returned to the senate.

On 3/17/22 the senate passed HB 530 and on 3/22/22 the house passed HB 530 and sent it to the Governor. On 3/30/22 Governor Tate Reeves signed the START Act, thus, enacting the largest teacher pay raise in the history of the state of Mississippi.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2831:** Taxation of Remote and internet-based Computer Software Products and Services Study Committee; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Jean Reis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William E. Beasley, and Cora Ella Magee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanders moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Florence Coleman, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Banks and Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steven A. Houston, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown (70th) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Marvette Brown Carroll, which motion prevailed.

Representative White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Wendell "Rich" Richardson, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Emily Austin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronald Wayne "Ronnie" Jones, and Fleda Ann Ballard Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative Byrd moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hilton Dewitt Holmes, Jr., Louise Bates, Wesley "Wes" Anthony Foster, Philip R. Lowery, Donald Glen Woods, Sr., Charles Hall Mosley, and Dan M. Tolbert, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alfred "Grady" E. Rushing, and Geraldine Fountain Rushing, which motion prevailed.

At 10:43 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 23, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

(SEVENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor John Wicks, Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Holloway led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen,

Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 424:** Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:50 PM

**H. B. No. 1214:** Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:52 PM

**H. B. No. 1388:** Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:55 PM

**H. B. No. 1582:** Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 1:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that due to the RESIGNATION of Senator Whaley as a conferee, the President has named a new conferee on the following:

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

Senators Branning and Butler (36th) remain as conferees and the President has named Senator DeLano to the vacancy.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:



**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide exemptions for operation under Medical Cannabis Act.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.  
Senators Michel, Boyd, Harkins

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.  
Senators Michel, McLendon, DeLano

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.  
Senators McMahan, Blackmon, Whaley

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.  
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.  
Senators Simmons (12th), McCaughn, Norwood

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.  
Senators DeBar, Blount, Boyd

**H. B. No. 1168:** Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8.

Senators DeBar, Polk, Boyd

**H. B. No. 1240:** MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state.

Senators DeBar, Johnson, Boyd

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2499:** Solid Waste Disposal Law; define advanced plastic recycling.

Senators McDaniel, DeLano, Thompson

**S. B. No. 2584:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in circuit court districts.

Senators Barnett, Fillingane, Sparks

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

Senators McMahan, Blackmon, Whaley

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

Senators McMahan, Blackmon, Whaley

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

Senators Seymour, DeLano, McMahan

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

Senators Seymour, Turner-Ford, Polk

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

Senators Turner-Ford, Butler (36th), Parks

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

Senators Turner-Ford, Harkins, Barrett

**H. B. No. 1487:** State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official.

Senators Kirby, Frazier, Boyd

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

Senators Bryan,Parker,Horhn

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request.

Senators Bryan,McMahan,Barnett

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.

Senators Bryan,Suber,Blount

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.

Senators Bryan,Polk,Fillingane

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

Senators Bryan,Parker,Johnson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2842:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act and related ad valorem tax and sales tax exemptions; extend repeal date.

Senators Harkins,Johnson,Chassaniol

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1764:** (Representative Jackson) Suffrage; restore to Willie Dishmon of Panola County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1765:** (Representative McLeod) Suffrage; restore to Steve Dwayne Moorman of George County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1766:** (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Jones of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

**H. B. No. 1767:** (Representatives Bennett, Felsher) Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. B. No. 1768:** (Representatives Creekmore IV, Reynolds, Steverson, Massengill, Deweese) Tallahatchie River Authority; authorize the establishment of. Local and Private Legislation.

**H. C. R. No. 85:** (Representative Blackmon) Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 20, 2022. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 86:** (Representative Scott) Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter. Rules.

**H. R. No. 110:** (Representatives Scoggin, Weathersby) Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 111:** (Representative Summers) Robinson-Watson Book Company; commend for 29 years of promoting entrepreneurship and economic development. Rules.

**H. R. No. 112:** (Representative Holloway) Hazlehurst Funeral Home; commend for many years of outstanding service. Rules.

**H. R. No. 113:** (Representatives Paden, McGee, Watson) Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; commend upon 45th anniversary of receiving charter. Rules.

**H. R. No. 114:** (Representative Watson) Jasper Earl Perry; mourn the loss and commend the life of upon his passing. Rules.

**H. R. No. 115:** (Representatives Clarke, Anderson (110th), Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown (70th), Burnett, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Summers, Thompson, Taylor, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Yates, Young) Burgis M. Ford; commend the military service of while serving with the 51st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. B. No. 1710:** Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1719:** Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1721:** Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1723:** Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1729:** Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1730:** Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1731:** Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1732:** Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1737:** Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1738:** Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1746:** Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**H. B. No. 1763:** Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3181:** City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

**S. B. No. 3200:** Washington County; extend the repeal date on the hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1762:** Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**H. B. No. 1767:** Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 82:** Mississippi Export Railroad; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 83:** Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 84:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 97:** Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison; commend upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 98:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 99:** Dean Patricia W. Bennett; commend distinguished legal career upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 100:** Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 101:** Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 102:** New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach Susanna "Susie" Oglesby; commend on winning the state VEX Robotics Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 103:** Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 104:** Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Basketball Team, commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 105:** American oil and natural gas; urge President of the United States to take measures to support. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 106:** Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights; commend upon 25th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 107:** Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 108:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 109:** South Jones High School Marching Band; commend for first place Class 1A at the 2021 Bands of America Regional Competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 583:** Suspend rules for introduction; codify constitutional provisions of eminent domain. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.  
Representatives Read, Oliver, White

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.  
Representatives Read, Barton, Horan

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.  
Representatives Bain, Yates, Newman

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.  
Representatives Bain, Sanford, Yates

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements.

Representatives Bain,Steverson,Owen

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

Representatives Mims,McGee,Roberson

**S. B. No. 2495:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Lamar

**S. B. No. 2503:** Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office.

Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Hale

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Hale

**S. B. No. 2506:** Bow hunting; establish a three-day season the last weekend between September 10th and 20th for legal bucks.

Representatives Kinkade,Barnett,Lamar

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.

Representatives Bain,Sanford,Bennett

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

Representatives Bain,Sanford,Miles

**S. B. No. 2545:** Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met.

Representatives Bain,Sanford,Felsher

**S. B. No. 2587:** CDLs; treat certain moving violations as regular license holders.

Representatives Bain,Horan,Roberson

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds.

Representatives Read,Oliver,White

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Speaker Gunn introduced Clinton native and Ridgeland resident, Laura Bevin, the recipient of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST).

Representative Foster introduced the Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team, H. R. No. 94.

Representatives McLean and Wright introduced New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach Susanna "Susie" Oglesby, H. R. No. 102.

Rep. Roberson called up:



**H. R. No. 99:** Dean Patricia W. Bennett; commend distinguished legal career upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 100:** Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 102:** New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach Susanna "Susie" Oglesby; commend on winning the state VEX Robotics Championship.

**H. R. No. 109:** South Jones High School Marching Band; commend for first place Class 1A at the 2021 Bands of America Regional Competition.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 82:** Mississippi Export Railroad; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 83:** Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 84:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 85:** Judge Denise Owens; commend for 33 years of exemplary service as Hinds County District 3 Chancery Judge, and congratulate upon retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 94:** Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Gibbs (72nd) introduced special guests, Judge Denise Owens; Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise; and Judge Tomie Turner Green, HR 85, HR 72, and HR 100.

Representative Kinkade introduced special guest, Dr. Sam Polles, HCR 53.

At 11:00 AM on motion of Rep. Zuber the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:23 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Porter introduced special guest, Dean Patricia W. Bennett, HR 99.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. R. No. 80:** Shake Rag; commemorate the legacy of the community.

**H. R. No. 81:** Benton High School Class of 1972; recognize upon occasion of their 50th class reunion.

**H. R. No. 82:** Lusia "Lucy" Mae Harris Stewart; honor life and legacy as the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA and express sympathy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 83:** Liska Wallace; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 84:** Alice Walker; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 86:** Honorable Fred Lee Banks, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award.

**H. R. No. 87:** Marty Stuart; commend for being inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 by The MAX.

**H. R. No. 88:** Jason Sullivan and Monroe County Veterans Services Office; commend zealous advocacy.

**H. R. No. 89:** Matthew Lambert; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 90:** Sharicka Gray; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 91:** Becki Cope; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 92:** Daylight saving time; urge Congress and President Biden to enact legislation making year-round.

**H. R. No. 93:** Ida B. Wells; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 95:** Ann Tucker; commend for outstanding 62-year teaching career.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 79:** Millicent "Mandy" Gunter; commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 80:** Bobbie Gentry; commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Johnson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 81:** Global Reman Day; designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 96:** Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend upon being honored as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2154:** Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.

On motion of Rep. Barton **S. B. No. 2154:** (Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels.) was recommitted to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2155:** City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

AMEND by deleting lines 107 through 109.

AMEND FURTHER on line 110 by striking "(d)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(c)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 111 by inserting "and" after the semicolon.

AMEND FURTHER by deleting lines 112 through 114.

AMEND FURTHER on line 115 by striking "(f)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(d)".

AMEND FURTHER on line 116 by inserting "contracting with other entities," before "preparing".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2155**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Horne, Ladner, McGee, Rushing, Sanford, Young. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Regina Yvette Smith Adams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brenda Kaye Hawthorne, and Robert "Bob" S. Norsworthy, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Halliwell, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jane Hudson Lee, Miriam Graves, Daniel Carroll Sloan, Jacquelyn Jones Ginn, Paul Mark Melancon, and Charles W. Lizana, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Beatty, Jimmy "Pete" Harrell, Lovelle Andrews, James William "Tat" Simpson, Hester Brogdon Gardner, Mary Crass, Geraldine Bagley, Henry Risher, James Rushing, The Honorable Wilbur McCurdy, Jessie "Billie" O'Bannon, Hez "Jack" Hollingsworth, Jr., Pansy Bradshaw DiPuma, Christopher "Choppa" Wilson, Drew Moore, Coach Jake Nester, Donna Hunt, Dorothy Faye Prestage, Dolly Latham, Jimmy Lathan, The Honorable Billy Watson, Robert Wade, Charles Studdie, Emmitt Goodson, Lamar Harrell, Steve Lampkin, Jewel Bates, Jimmie Elizabeth Carroll, Jerry Bates, Emma Sims, Truman Bell, Russell Jackson, Joann Harvey, Carolyn Wadsworth, David Clark, Reverend Howard Herring, Jackie Clark, Dwayne "MoonDog" Turner, Karl Heinrich, Bobby Woods, Caleb Carter, Thelma Joyce Frazier, Hunter Lane Reid, Roger Kyzar, Dink Gibson, Jr., Reba Finch, Mike Pruitt, Joseph Rawson, Billy Hershell Bates, James C. Hodges, Grover "Buddy" Rigby, James Shuler, Deborah Jean Lloyd Gilbert, Roger Chambers, Michael Dennis, Jean Palmer, Regina Pettus, Gillye Robinson, Barry Tisdale, James Archie Anderson, Ella Sumrall, Lloyd Brown, Jr., Harmon Lathan, Junior Graham, Duwain Redd, Yvonne Wilkerson, Charlotte White, Linda Guyse, Willie J. Marshall, Kendall Crowell, Jerald Bierman, Mary Magdalene Johnson, John T. Barnes, Brother Edwin "Ed" Crawley, Harold Franklin Wolfe, Willie Henry Shoemaker, Henry C. Holmes, Barbara Spatz, Elizabeth Ann Lovett, The Honorable Louise Johnston, Yvonne Gilbert, Otis Ray Davis, Bennie J.

Stevens, William Leonard Wicker, Melinda Rowell, Reverend Tommy Anderson, James Creel, Lynn Brown, Tiffany Nicole Youngblood, Dolly Merchant, Betty Harrell, S. L. Buck Alman, Jr., Mary Blossom, James C. Perritt, Edwin Davis, Clara Crimm, William "Billy" Lewis, Eunice Coley, Lillie Meador, Jace Laird, Virginia Gordon, Paul Watkins, Michael Walden, Dennis Michael Everett, Jon Zakary "JZ" Boykin, Donald P. Hatch, Faye Lanthrip, Robert Lyle, Alice Laverne Frith, Mondell Williamson, Jerry Everett, James Earl Johnson, Sue Cahoon, Sarah Porter, Jerry Porter, Charles H. Watts, Kenneth Friend, Mary Coley, Toni Stewart, Helen Harris, Christine Edwards, Lee O. Jones, Zelda V. Parker, Johnny L. Goodson, Elmer Lee Harville, Sr., Jefferson T. Thompson, Jeffery C. Rodgers, Dollie D. Kirkpatrick, Willie Harrell, Jr., Lula France, Wayne Harvey, Bettye Daigre, Wayne Rushing, Jo Ann Shoemaker, Nicholas Phillips, Fletta Phillips, Neva Laseter, Nell Turnage, Jean Herrington, Sadie Thibodeaux, Helen Carter, Ben Fortenberry, Dorothy "Dot" Bates, and Keith Jones, which motion prevailed.

Representative Guice moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Reynolds, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Clayton D. Robbins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lynn Chesnut, Jerwood D. Bailey, Jr., Doris W. Mowrey, Burnon Danny Jenkins, Jessie L. Moore, Jr., and Brad "Cornbread" Reeves, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tyler Threadgill, William Scott Graham, Randy Cheatham, Tom W. Cox, James P. Vines, Tom Turner, Duane Morgan, Floyd Williamson, Jr., Barry Irons, and Keith Williamson, which motion prevailed.

At 11:50 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 24, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

(EIGHTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Chip Stevens, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, March 24, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 1222:** Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to. Thursday, March 24, 2022, 1:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, March 24, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 974:** Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:23 PM

**H. B. No. 1187:** Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:24 PM

**H. B. No. 1378:** Memorial highways; designate in Prentiss County. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:27 PM

**H. B. No. 1525:** City of Richland; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:28 PM

**H. B. No. 1526:** City of Richland; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:31 PM

**H. B. No. 1547:** City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:34 PM

**H. B. No. 1549:** City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs. Wednesday, March 23, 2022, 3:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to

adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.  
Senators Bryan, Parker, Horhn

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request.  
Senators Bryan, McMahan, Barnett

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.  
Senators Bryan, Suber, Blount

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.  
Senators Bryan, Polk, Fillingane

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.  
Senators Bryan, Parker, Johnson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2842:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act and related ad valorem tax and sales tax exemptions; extend repeal date.  
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Chassaniol

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.  
Senators Harkins, Thompson, Thomas

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.  
Senators Harkins, Kirby, Barrett

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.  
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Chassaniol

**H. B. No. 512:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits.



Senators Harkins,Johnson,Carter

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.  
Senators Harkins,Hopson,Johnson

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.  
Senators Harkins,England,Younger

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.  
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Simmons (12th)

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.  
Senators Harkins,Whaley,Johnson

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.  
Senators Harkins,Parker,Blount

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.  
Senators Harkins,Thompson,Carter

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.  
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Horhn

**H. B. No. 1530:** Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.  
Senators Harkins,Thompson,Blount

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.  
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Parker

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.  
Senators Harkins,Fillingane,Boyd

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions.  
Senators Harkins,England,Boyd

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.  
Senators Harkins,Sparks,Fillingane

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.  
Senators Hill,Whaley,Williams

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 550:** Recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 557:** Commend Laura Bivins for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Rules.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. B. No. 1769:** (Representatives White, Miles) Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 87:** (Representatives McLean, Karriem, Wright) The Commercial Dispatch; commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary. Rules.

**H. C. R. No. 88:** (Representative Reynolds) Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi. Rules.

**H. R. No. 117:** (Representative Harness) Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the 2021 SWAC Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 118:** (Representatives Harness, Clarke, Holloway) Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning the 2022 SWAC Regular Season Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 119:** (Representative Reynolds) Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi. Rules.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 85:** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 20, 2022. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 86:** Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 110:** Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 111:** Robinson-Watson Book Company; commend for 29 years of promoting entrepreneurship and economic development. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 112:** Hazlehurst Funeral Home; commend for many years of outstanding service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 113:** Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; commend upon 45th anniversary of receiving charter. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 114:** Jasper Earl Perry; mourn the loss and commend the life of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 115:** Burgis M. Ford; commend the military service of while serving with the 51st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. B. No. 1769:** Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.  
Representatives Pigott,Morgan,Carpenter

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.  
Representatives Pigott,Mangold,Scoggin

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create.  
Representatives Pigott,Mangold,Scoggin

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.  
Representatives Brown (20th),Wallace,Mangold

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.  
Representatives Beckett,Eubanks,Newman

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.  
Representatives Beckett,Eubanks,Newman

**S. B. No. 2479:** Mississippi grain warehouse and grain dealers licensure law; revise and combine into grain handler license.  
Representatives Pigott, Mangold, Carpenter

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.  
Representatives Busby, Massengill, McGee

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.  
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Yates

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.  
Representatives Busby, Massengill, Smith

**S. B. No. 2584:** "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in circuit court districts.  
Representatives Horan, Bain, Roberson

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request.  
Representatives Mims, McGee, Felsher

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.  
Representatives Mims, McGee, Lancaster

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.  
Representatives Mims, McGee, Scoggin

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.  
Representatives Beckett, Eubanks, Newman

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.  
Representatives Mims, McGee, Currie

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.  
Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.  
Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Hood

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.  
Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Hood

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violation to the State Auditor.  
Representatives Cockerham, Beckett, Bell (21st)

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.  
Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Aguirre

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.

Representatives Cockerham,Felsher,Deweese

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.

Representatives Cockerham,Reynolds,Hood

**S. B. No. 2623:** Involuntary civil commitments; limit county's liability for costs of medical treatment.

Representatives Cockerham,Felsher,Johnson

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on.

Representatives Carpenter,Newman,Stamps

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections.

Representatives Huddleston,Scoggin,Bounds

**S. B. No. 2700:** University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer.

Representatives Huddleston,Scoggin,McLean

**H. B. No. 672:** Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of.

Representatives Cockerham,Reynolds,Felsher

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

Representatives Cockerham,Reynolds,Yancey

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

Representatives Cockerham,White,Tullos

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Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 583:** Suspend rules for introduction; codify constitutional provisions of eminent domain.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Burnett, Gibbs, D, Karriem, McGee, Smith, Summers, Young. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--76

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1719:** Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1719.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Bounds, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1721:** Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1721.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bounds, Boyd, Clark, Felsher, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Scott, Smith, Weathersby. Total-15.

Present--Osborne. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1729:** Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1729.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Bounds, Felsher, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Smith. Total-12.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1730:** Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1730.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barton, Bounds, Felsher, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Scott, Smith. Total-13.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1731:** Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1731.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bounds, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Smith, Weathersby. Total-11.

Necessary for passage--74

Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1732:** Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1732.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bounds, Currie, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Rushing, Smith. Total-11.

Necessary for passage--74



Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1737:** Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1737.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bounds, Currie, Felsner, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Powell, Rushing, Smith, Turner. Total-15.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Sanford called up:

**H. B. No. 1738:** Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1738.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Currie, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Powell, Rushing, Smith. Total-15.

Necessary for passage--72

On motion of Rep. Sanford unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing suffrage bills.

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1416:** Students in public schools; allow to participate in political activities with certain restrictions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--112.

Nays--Karriem, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott, Zuber. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J, Brown, B, Crudup, Faulkner, Gibbs, D. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. B. No. 1769:** Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1769.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Scott, Smith, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 546:** Encouraging further economic activity between Mississippi and Taiwan.

**S. C. R. No. 548:** Mourn the passing of former Senator George Smith of Wiggins, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 551:** Mourn the passing of former Representative and Senator Delma Furniss of Rena Lara, MS, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 561:** Commend Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team for winning 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 562:** Designate April 2022 as the "Month of the Military Child" and April 20 as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 563:** Condemn the invasion of Ukraine and sever all connections with the Russian Federation.

**S. C. R. No. 564:** Recognize 30th Anniversary Celebration of Parents for Public Schools (PPS).

**S. C. R. No. 565:** Commend Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team for winning MAIS State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 566:** Commend Dean of Mississippi College School of Law Patricia Bennett on retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 567:** Commend Leake Academy "Lady Rebels" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 568:** Recognize legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as the first African American to graduate from University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

**S. C. R. No. 569:** Commend Meridian High School "Lady Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team for winning first State Championship in school history.

**S. C. R. No. 570:** Commend Jackson Prep "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS Overall State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 571:** Commend Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" Girls Soccer Team for Class 6A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 572:** Commend Biggersville Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Coach Cliff Little for two State Championships on same day.

**S. C. R. No. 573:** Commend Lake High School "Lady Hornets" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Maurice Bowie for winning the MHSAA 2A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 574:** Commend Choctaw Central "Lady Warriors" Basketball Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 575:** Commend Clinton High School "Arrows" Boys Basketball Team for consecutive 6A State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 576:** Commend CCC Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy as MACCC "Coach of the Year."

**S. C. R. No. 577:** Commend Raymond High School "Rangers" Boys Basketball Team for winning 4A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 578:** Commend Northwest Community College Cheer Team for National Titles.

**S. C. R. No. 579:** Declare that March 21, 2022, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 580:** Commend Northwest Community College Football Team for consecutive State Championships.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 97:** Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison; commend upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

**H. R. No. 98:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness.

**H. R. No. 101:** Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 103:** Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 104:** Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Basketball Team, commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 105:** American oil and natural gas; urge President of the United States to take measures to support.

**H. R. No. 106:** Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights; commend upon 25th anniversary.

**H. R. No. 107:** Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball State Championship.

**H. R. No. 108:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1763:** Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1763.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Williamson. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3181:** City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:** This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3181.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines,

Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3200:** Washington County; extend the repeal date on the hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex.

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing bill was recommitted to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1762:** Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1762.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Ladner. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barton called up:

**H. B. No. 1767:** Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1767.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Gibbs, D, Horne, Ladner, Owen, Rushing, Summers. Total-7.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Local and Private bills.

Representative Weathersby introduced special guests, Richland High School Boys Soccer Team and Florence High School Girls Soccer Team, H. R. No. 35 and H. R. No. 36.

Representative Ford (73rd) introduced special guest, Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop, H. R. No. 48.

Representative Foster introduced special guests, the Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team, H. R. No. 53.

Representative Haney introduced special guest, Chief Wayne H. Payne, H. R. No. 40.

Representative Scoggin introduced special guests, the South Jones High School Marching Band, H. R. 109.

Representative Gibbs (72nd) introduced special guests for Women's History Month, H. R. 70.

Representative Porter introduced special guest, Hilda Louise Smith Casin, H. R. No. 77.

Representatives Oliver, Osborne and Reynolds introduced special guests, the Kornfeld family - Kornfeld's Department Store, H. R. No. 26.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 80:** Shake Rag; commemorate the legacy of the community.

**H. R. No. 81:** Benton High School Class of 1972; recognize upon occasion of their 50th class reunion.

**H. R. No. 82:** Lusia "Lucy" Mae Harris Stewart; honor life and legacy as the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA and express sympathy upon her passing.

**H. R. No. 83:** Liska Wallace; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 84:** Alice Walker; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 85:** Judge Denise Owens; commend for 33 years of exemplary service as Hinds County District 3 Chancery Judge, and congratulate upon retirement.

**H. R. No. 86:** Honorable Fred Lee Banks, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award.

**H. R. No. 87:** Marty Stuart; commend for being inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 by The MAX.

**H. R. No. 88:** Jason Sullivan and Monroe County Veterans Services Office; commend zealous advocacy.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 89:** Matthew Lambert; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 90:** Sharicka Gray; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 91:** Becki Cope; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022.

**H. R. No. 92:** Daylight saving time; urge Congress and President Biden to enact legislation making year-round.

**H. R. No. 93:** Ida B. Wells; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame.

**H. R. No. 94:** Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.



**H. R. No. 95:** Ann Tucker; commend for outstanding 62-year teaching career.

**H. R. No. 96:** Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend upon being honored as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association.

**H. R. No. 99:** Dean Patricia W. Bennett; commend distinguished legal career upon her retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 100:** Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement.

**H. R. No. 102:** New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach Susanna "Susie" Oglesby; commend on winning the state VEX Robotics Championship.

**H. R. No. 109:** South Jones High School Marching Band; commend for first place Class 1A at the 2021 Bands of America Regional Competition.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2818:** MS Department of Health and MS Department of Revenue; provide certain exemptions for operation required under Medical Cannabis Act.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 553:** Congratulate the "Pride of DeSoto Central High School Marching Band" for winning the 2021 Class 6A Marching Band Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Hood and Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Timothy Leo Cook, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John T. Martin, and James McCulloch, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford (73rd) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Margaret H. Baley, Germaine Gertrude Pruden, H. H. McIntosh, George Edward Taquino, III, Kay C. Graves, Rosemary McIntosh, Thomas Tardy, Diane Saik, Billups Henry Allen, Rose Biediger Kersh, William Cooke, Rodney Joe Lewis, and Rosalind Miller, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Randall Perkins, Sr. , Minnie M. Warren, Matthew Sudduth, Vivian Maxine Cash, Maggie Jane Dennis, and Linda Easterling, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Candace Michelle Stephenson, Kenny Reed, Robert Franks "Bob" Oakley, Billy Ray Ballenger, Myrl Ward, Frankie Johns, Geraldine Mills Stevenson, Larry Kelley, Russel Hollis McCool, Margie Ann Forbes, Russell Lee Akers, III, Irene Clark, Charlie Ivy Weems, Crystal Gaye Richardson, Judith Ann Bowen, Charles Davis McBride, Gerald Cecil "Skip" Weaver, Dollye Walker McBrayer, Billy Neal White, Elizabeth Ann Robertson, Wesley "Shorty" Tanksley, Wayne Jones, Kenny Jackson, Sr. , Michael Loyd Shurden, Mary June Lott Castle, James "Virgil" Holland, Charles Pete Fortner, Jr., William "Bill" Robert Kent, Mona Rogers Herrington, Earnest Elvis VanDevender, Linda Fay Rogers, and Carleen Roberts Flora, which motion prevailed.

At 11:34 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, March 25, 2022, with Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

(EIGHTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Joshua Pierce, Antioch Pentecostal, Laurel, MS.

Rep. Robinson led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Saturday, March 26, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 256:** Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 8:35 AM

**H. B. No. 684:** Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 8:37 AM

**H. B. No. 1164:** Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 8:41 AM

**H. B. No. 1550:** Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 8:50 AM

**H. B. No. 1581:** Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:00 AM

**H. B. No. 1583:** Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:01 AM

**H. B. No. 1590:** Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:02 AM

**H. B. No. 1591:** Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:05 AM

**H. B. No. 1592:** Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 5:27 PM

**H. B. No. 1596:** Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:07 AM

**H. B. No. 1618:** Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:10 AM

**H. B. No. 1620:** Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:12 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.  
Senators Polk, Thompson, Blackwell

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 1068:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward.

Senators Parks, Boyd, Polk

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

Senators Parks, Polk, Hopson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation.

Senators Parks, Boyd, Thompson

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that due to the RESIGNATION of Senator Younger as a conferee, the President has named a new conferee on the following:

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

Senators Harkins and England remain as conferees and the President has named Senator Sparks to the vacancy.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

Senators Wiggins, England, Simmons (12th)

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

Senators Wiggins, Boyd, Parker

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

Adopted: 03/24/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 38:** MS Funeral Directors Association; commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work during COVID-19 pandemic.

**S. C. R. No. 581:** Commend Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team for back-to-back SWAC Tournament Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 582:** Commend Manchester Academy "Lady Mavericks" Basketball team for back-to-back State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 584:** Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The Columbus Commercial Dispatch Newspaper (1921-2022).

**S. C. R. No. 586:** Designate April 14, 2022, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. R. No. 116:** (Representative Summers) Bishop C. James King, Jr.; commend ministerial service. Rules.

**H. R. No. 120:** (The Entire Membership) Lyniece Fleming; commend upon the occasion of her retirement. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 87:** The Commercial Dispatch; commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. C. R. No. 88:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 117:** Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the 2021 SWAC Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 118:** Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning the 2022 SWAC Regular Season Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 119:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 550:** Recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 557:** Commend Laura Bivins for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.  
Representatives Rushing, Stamps, Crudup

**H. C. R. No. 39:** Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes.  
Representatives Shanks, Bain, Wright

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.  
Representatives Kinkade, Barnett, Hale

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation.  
Representatives Cockerham, Read, Bell (65th)

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.  
Representatives Cockerham, Lamar, Brown (20th)

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Representative Morgan introduced special guests, the Columbia High School Wildcats Football team.

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 155: State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Christopher M. Bell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Nicole Boyd, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Sanford, Scott, Summers, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 821: Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 41-59-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-59-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

(a) "Ambulance" means any privately or publicly owned land or air vehicle that is especially designed, constructed, modified or equipped to be used, maintained and operated upon the streets, highways or airways of this state to assist persons who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise incapacitated or helpless;

(b) "Permit" means an authorization issued for an ambulance vehicle and/or a special use EMS vehicle as meeting the standards adopted under this chapter;

(c) "License" means an authorization to any person, firm, corporation, or governmental division or agency to provide ambulance services in the State of Mississippi;

(d) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who possesses a valid emergency medical technician's certificate issued under the provisions of this chapter or who has a privilege to practice under the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;

(e) "Certificate" means official acknowledgment that an individual has successfully completed (i) the recommended basic emergency medical technician training course referred to in this chapter which entitles that individual to perform the functions and duties of an emergency medical technician, or (ii) the recommended medical first responder training course referred to in this chapter which entitles that individual to perform the functions and duties of a medical first responder;

(f) "Board" means the State Board of Health;

(g) "Department" means the State Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services;

(h) "Executive officer" means the Executive Officer of the State Board of Health, or his designated representative;

(i) "First responder" means a person who uses a limited amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of and intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated persons;

(j) "Medical first responder" means a person who uses a limited amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of and intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated persons who (i) is trained to assist other EMS personnel by successfully completing, and remaining current in refresher training in accordance with, an approved "First Responder: National Standard Curriculum" training



program, as developed and promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation; (ii) is nationally registered as a first responder by the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians; and (iii) is certified as a medical first responder by the State Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services;

(k) "Invalid vehicle" means any privately or publicly owned land or air vehicle that is maintained, operated and used only to transport persons routinely who are convalescent or otherwise nonambulatory and do not require the service of an emergency medical technician while in transit;

(l) "Special use EMS vehicle" means any privately or publicly owned land, water or air emergency vehicle used to support the provision of emergency medical services. These vehicles shall not be used routinely to transport patients;

(m) "Trauma care system" or "trauma system" means a formally organized arrangement of health care resources that has been designated by the department by which major trauma victims are triaged, transported to and treated at trauma care facilities;

(n) "Trauma care facility" or "trauma center" means a hospital located in the State of Mississippi or a Level I trauma care facility or center located in a state contiguous to the State of Mississippi that has been designated by the department to perform specified trauma care services within a trauma care system pursuant to standards adopted by the department;

(o) "Trauma registry" means a collection of data on patients who receive hospital care for certain types of injuries. Such data are primarily designed to ensure quality trauma care and outcomes in individual institutions and trauma systems, but have the secondary purpose of providing useful data for the surveillance of injury morbidity and mortality;

(p) "Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, psychiatric disturbances and/or symptoms of substance abuse, such that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in placing the health of the individual (or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child) in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part;

(q) "Emergency medical call" means a situation that is presumptively classified at time of dispatch to have a high index of probability that an emergency medical condition or other situation exists that requires medical intervention as soon as possible to reduce the seriousness of the situation, or when the exact circumstances are unknown, but the nature of the request is suggestive of a true emergency where a patient may be at risk;

(r) "Emergency response" means responding immediately at the basic life support or advanced life support level of service to an emergency medical call. An immediate response is one in which the ambulance supplier begins as quickly as possible to take the steps necessary to respond to the call;

(s) "Emergency mode" means an ambulance or special use EMS vehicle operating with emergency lights and warning siren (or warning siren and air horn) while engaged in an emergency medical call.

(t) "Nontransport emergency medical services" (NTEMS) means the provision of initial assessment and medical intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated persons, performed by a medically trained person or team of persons, prior to the availability of and intervention by an ambulance service. NTEMS are typically rendered at the location of first contact with a patient, and do not include transportation and care during transit to a medical facility, NTEMS providers are "EMS personnel" as referenced in the provisions of Chapters 59 and 60, Title 41 upon meeting the training and certification requirements for emergency medical technicians.

SECTION 2. Section 41-59-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-59-35. (1) An emergency medical technician certificate so issued shall be valid for a period not exceeding two (2) years from the date of issuance and may be renewed upon payment of a renewal fee to be fixed by the board, which shall be paid to

the board, provided that the holder meets the qualifications set forth in this Chapter 59 and Chapter 60 and rules and regulations promulgated by the board. Any increase in the fee charged by the board under this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

(2) The board is authorized to suspend or revoke a certificate so issued at any time it is determined that the holder no longer meets the prescribed qualifications.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation or association to, in any manner, represent himself, herself or itself as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver, or use in connection with his or its name the words or letters of EMT, emt, paramedic, critical care paramedic, or any other letters, words, abbreviations or insignia which would indicate or imply that he, she or it is an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver, unless certified in accordance with Chapters 59 and 60 of this title and in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board; or a person who has a privilege to practice under the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact. It shall be unlawful to employ an uncertified Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, or Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care to provide basic or advanced life-support services.

(4) The department may develop, in conjunction with the Mississippi Insurance Department, a coordinated entity to provide a statewide system of nontransport emergency medical services for emergency medical personnel governed by the Division of Emergency Medical Services that includes medical control protocols, a quality management system, charting platform and data reporting system.

( \*\* \*5) An EMT, EMT-A, EMR, or Paramedic may transport a police dog injured in the line of duty to a veterinary clinic, hospital emergency department or similar facility if there are no persons requiring medical attention or transport at that time. For the purposes of this subsection, "police dog" means a dog owned or used by a law enforcement department or agency in the course of the department or agency's work, including a search and rescue dog, service dog, accelerant detection canine, or other dog that is in use by a county, municipal, or state law enforcement agency.

( \*\* \*6) Any Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Critical Care, or Emergency Medical Services Driver who violates or fails to comply with these statutes or the rules and regulations promulgated by the board under these statutes shall be subject, after due notice and hearing, to an administrative fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 3. Section 21-1-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-1-49. (1) In the event any census taken under an act of Congress shall show that any municipality contains less than fifty (50) inhabitants, then such municipality shall be automatically abolished and all its rights and powers as a municipal corporation shall thereupon cease. In such cases it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to make an appropriate notation on the records of such municipal corporation in his office showing that such municipal corporation has been abolished because of having less than fifty (50) inhabitants, and he shall forthwith send a notice to the municipal authorities advising them of such fact, and shall send a copy of the notice to the chancery clerk of the county in which such municipality is located. However, the failure of the Secretary of State to make such notation or to send such notice shall not prevent the abolition of such municipal corporation as is herein provided, but such abolition shall result automatically from the fact that the census shows that such municipal corporation has less than fifty (50) inhabitants.

(2) Any municipality having not less than fifty (50) inhabitants and having heretofore been abolished under the federal census of 1970 by operation of language formerly employed in this section providing for such abolition should a municipality contain less than ninety-two (92) inhabitants, is hereby restored to all rights and privileges as a

municipality after the most recent governing authority of the municipality gives notice to the Secretary of State that such municipality desires to be restored to all rights and privileges as a municipality.

(3) Any municipality having less than fifty (50) inhabitants and having heretofore been abolished under the federal census of 2020 in accordance with subsection (1) of this section, shall be temporarily restored of all rights and privileges as a municipality upon providing documentation to the Secretary of State that the municipality has submitted its intent to challenge the findings of the federal census of 2020 in accordance with the procedures of the United States Census Bureau, or any successor agency. Upon a finding by the United States Census Bureau, or any successor agency, that the municipality has fifty (50) or more inhabitants, the municipality will be restored to all rights and privileges as a municipality.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE NONTRANSPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED ENTITY TO PROVIDE A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF NONTRANSPORT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 21-1-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY MUNICIPALITY HAS BEEN ABOLISHED BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE FEDERAL CENSUS OF 2020 THAT INDICATE A MUNICIPALITY HAS LESS THAN FIFTY INHABITANTS, SUCH MUNICIPALITY SHALL HAVE ALL ITS RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES TEMPORARILY RESTORED AS A MUNICIPALITY UPON PROVIDING DOCUMENTATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY HAS SUBMITTED ITS INTENT TO CHALLENGE SUCH FINDINGS; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU LATER FINDS THAT A MUNICIPALITY HAS FIFTY OR MORE INHABITANTS, THEN ALL SUCH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE MUNICIPALITY WILL BE RESTORED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Michael McLendon, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Tullos. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1365: Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. No agency or state or local official responsible for conducting elections may solicit, accept, use or dispose of any donation in the form of money, grants, property or personal services from an individual or a nongovernmental entity for the purpose of funding election-related expenses or voter education, voter outreach or voter registration programs. This section does not prohibit the donation and acceptance of space to be used for a polling place. This section shall not prohibit an individual from contributing his or her personal time to assist with voter education, voter outreach, voter registration programs or other election-related programs as long as such individual receives no compensation or in-kind donation for contributing his or her time.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY AGENCY OR STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL FROM SOLICITING, ACCEPTING OR OTHERWISE USING PRIVATE FUNDS FOR ANY ELECTION-RELATED EXPENSES OR VOTER EDUCATION, VOTER OUTREACH OR VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Jim Beckett, Dan Eubanks, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, David Parker, David Blount

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds,

Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Miles, Sanford, Tubb, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2509: Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Tom Weathersby

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Sanford, Summers, Tullos. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2519: Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Tyler McCaughn, Daniel H. Sparks, Rod Hickman  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Troy Smith

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Gibbs, D. Total-2.

Present--Crudup, Evans, B, Owen. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3000: Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Dean Kirby, Neil S. Whaley  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Rushing. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3065: Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Felsher, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Rushing. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:



S. B. No. 3067: City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3068: City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Dean Kirby, Neil S. Whaley  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B,

Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 85:** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 20, 2022.

**H. C. R. No. 86:** Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, B, Clark, Scott. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 110:** Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship.

**H. R. No. 111:** Robinson-Watson Book Company; commend for 29 years of promoting entrepreneurship and economic development.

**H. R. No. 112:** Hazlehurst Funeral Home; commend for many years of outstanding service.

**H. R. No. 113:** Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; commend upon 45th anniversary of receiving charter.

**H. R. No. 114:** Jasper Earl Perry; mourn the loss and commend the life of upon his passing.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 115:** Burgis M. Ford; commend the military service of while serving with the 51st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 583:** Suspend rules for introduction; codify constitutional provisions of eminent domain.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 97:** Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison; commend upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday.

**H. R. No. 98:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness.

**H. R. No. 101:** Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 103:** Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 104:** Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Basketball Team, commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

**H. R. No. 105:** American oil and natural gas; urge President of the United States to take measures to support.

**H. R. No. 106:** Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights; commend upon 25th anniversary.

**H. R. No. 107:** Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball State Championship.

**H. R. No. 108:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 546:** Encouraging further economic activity between Mississippi and Taiwan.

**S. C. R. No. 556:** Recognize February 2022 as "Self-Care Month in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 563:** Condemn the invasion of Ukraine and sever all connections with the Russian Federation.

**S. C. R. No. 569:** Commend Meridian High School "Lady Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team for winning first State Championship in school history.

**S. C. R. No. 575:** Commend Clinton High School "Arrows" Boys Basketball Team for consecutive 6A State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 577:** Commend Raymond High School "Rangers" Boys Basketball Team for winning 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1416:** Students in public schools; allow to participate in political activities with certain restrictions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 110:** Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship.

**H. R. No. 111:** Robinson-Watson Book Company; commend for 29 years of promoting entrepreneurship and economic development.

**H. R. No. 112:** Hazlehurst Funeral Home; commend for many years of outstanding service.

**H. R. No. 113:** Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; commend upon 45th anniversary of receiving charter.

**H. R. No. 114:** Jasper Earl Perry; mourn the loss and commend the life of upon his passing.

**H. R. No. 115:** Burgis M. Ford; commend the military service of while serving with the 51st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Thomas Perry, Marvin Eugene Hendrix, Jeff "Hillbilly" Collum, Sr., Roger Marlon Clay, Billy Gayle King, Barbara Cook Ford, Marilyn Hammond Anderson, Ernest A. Flake, Tammy Parker Abbott, Terry H. Parkerson, Georgia Elizabeth "Libby" Gordon, Elmer Doyle Reed, Wyatt Allen Pylon, Mary Gwen Woods Sisson, Jimmie Ted Watts, Christine Yeager Moore, and Loyd Lamar "Tiny" Harrison, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Andy Evans, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Chief Dennis "Papa D" Jackson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joan Russell Jolly, which motion prevailed.

At 10:41 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 26, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTIETH DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

(EIGHTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Mayor George Flaggs, Vicksburg, MS.

Speaker Gunn led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 672:** Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of.  
Senators Bryan, Parks, Blount

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.  
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Branning

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.  
Senators Whaley, Hopson, Polk

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings.

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

Adopted: 03/25/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

**S. B. No. 2155:** City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism.

**S. B. No. 3181:** City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. B. No. 3202:** City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority.

**S. B. No. 3206:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to Byhalia Area Arts Council.

**S. B. No. 3208:** Rankin County; authorize certain road project contracts extending more than 30 days after term of current board.

**S. B. No. 3209:** City of Hernando; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund capital improvements related to parks and recreation.

**S. B. No. 3211:** Meridian Public School District; authorize transfer of former school property to Meridian Housing Authority.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1759:** Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1533:** Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026.

**H. B. No. 1534:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc.

**H. B. No. 1535:** Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center.

**H. B. No. 1536:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

**H. B. No. 1565:** City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau.

**H. B. No. 1674:** Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

**H. B. No. 1735:** City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association.

**H. B. No. 1740:** City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

**H. B. No. 1742:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax.

**H. B. No. 1743:** City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

**H. B. No. 1744:** Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth.

**H. B. No. 1745:** George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in.

**H. B. No. 1748:** Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by.

**H. B. No. 1755:** City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax.

**H. B. No. 1756:** City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits.

**H. B. No. 1760:** Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 581:** Commend Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team for back-to-back SWAC Tournament Championships. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 582:** Commend Manchester Academy "Lady Mavericks" Basketball team for back-to-back State Championships. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 584:** Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The Columbus Commercial Dispatch Newspaper (1921-2022). Rules.



**S. C. R. No. 586:** Designate April 14, 2022, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Rules.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. R. No. 121:** (Representatives Holloway, Stamps) Copiah Academy High School Colonels Boys Soccer Team; commend and congratulate on winning the 2021-2022 State Championship. Rules.

**H. R. No. 122:** (Representative Miles) Dr. Thomas Dobbs; commend for his service to Mississippi during his time as State Health Officer. Rules.

**H. R. No. 123:** (Representatives Gunn, Foster, Stamps) Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. B. No. 1758:** Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NICK BAIN, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.  
Representatives Bounds, Anderson (122nd), Stamps

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.  
Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, McKnight

**S. B. No. 2451:** Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact.  
Representatives Cockerham, White, Tullos

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Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 677: County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Gene Newman, Steve Hopkins

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Scott DeLano, Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Zuber. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1177: Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 33-11-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

33-11-1. The Adjutant General of this state may \* \* \* make on behalf of the state, conveyances of real property \* \* \* that are in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department. \* \* \* Such real property may be conveyed to a subdivision of government or state agency, institution, public university or community or junior college, for any consideration and upon such other terms and conditions as the Adjutant General may deem advisable. The Adjutant General is further empowered to enter into cooperative agreements with any county, municipality, or other political subdivision, of the state for \* \* \* providing facilities for National Guard training purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 33-11-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO MAKE CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY ON BEHALF OF THE STATE THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MISSISSIPPI MILITARY DEPARTMENT AND CONVEY TO ANY PUBLIC ENTITY UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY DEEM ADVISABLE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Gene Newman, Steve Hopkins

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Angela Turner-Ford, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2007: Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 75-29-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

75-29-601. (1) For purposes of this article, "honey" shall mean the sweet, syrupy substance produced by honey bees from the nectar of plants (including honeydew) which the bees collect, transform, deposit, dehydrate and store, ripened and matured in the honeycombs. The consistency can be fluid, viscous, or partly to entirely crystallized. The flavor and aroma vary but are derived from the plant origin. "Honey" may not contain any additional food ingredients, including food additives. Every container of honey or honey products sold, offered or exposed for sale, by an individual, firm, organization or corporation in the State of Mississippi shall have on the outside of each container a paper label, permanent type stamped imprint or embossed material on the container itself, plainly printed in the English language truly certifying the net contents of the container, the name, brand, name and address of the person or processor offering such honey or honey products for sale, and a true statement of the contents contained therein.

(2) Adulterated or artificial honey. Any product consisting of honey and a sweetener cannot be labeled as "honey." If any sweetener has been added to honey, it shall be deemed adulterated or artificial. For a honey product consisting of honey and a sweetener, the label shall, among other information, include the following: All ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight: for example, "blend of honey and corn syrup," if the honey product has more honey than corn syrup. (Conversely, "blend of corn syrup and honey," if the honey product has more corn syrup than honey).

(3) Value added honey products (flavored or infused honey). All substances added to honey or honey products which enhance or alter the flavor shall be included on the label in the same size font as the word "honey." The label shall include the common or usual name of each ingredient in the ingredient statement in descending order of predominance by weight.

(4) Lab-grown honey. Any product outside the definition of honey shall not be considered honey and shall not be labeled as such.

( \*\* \*5) It shall be unlawful for any individual, firm, organization or corporation to label and/or sell, offer for sale or expose for sale at the retail level of trade any product as " \* \* \* honey" that does not meet the minimum requirements established by subsection (1) of this section and by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. \* \* \*

( \*\* \*6) It shall be unlawful for any manufacturer or distributor of honey or honey products to use a fictitious name or address on the container label required herein.

SECTION 2. Section 75-29-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

75-29-603. (1) The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby charged with the responsibility of enforcing this article, including the provisions of Section 75-29-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce or his representative shall be furnished samples of honey or honey products from the individual, firm, organization or corporation, upon request, and shall have such products analyzed by the State Chemist.

(2) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is authorized, in his discretion, to issue an order to stop the sale or distribution of any honey or honey products found to be in violation of this article, including the provisions of Section 75-29-601, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon written notice by the commissioner to the manufacturer or distributor of the honey or honey products sold in violation of this article, including the provisions of Section 75-29-601, such honey or honey products shall be picked up by the manufacturer or distributor of such products and the buyer of the honey or honey products sold in violation of this article, including the provisions of Section 75-29-601, shall be refunded the purchase price by the manufacturer or distributor.

(3) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce of the State of Mississippi is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to make and promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article, including the provisions of Section 75-29-601.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 75-29-601 AND 75-29-603, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL HONEY FOR PURPOSES OF LABELING REQUIREMENTS ENFORCED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LABEL OF ANY PRODUCT CONSISTING OF HONEY AND SWEETENER SHALL INCLUDE ALL INGREDIENTS BY WEIGHT, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SUBSTANCES ADDED TO HONEY TO ALTER THE FLAVOR SHALL BE INCLUDED ON THE LABEL AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY LAB-GROWN HONEY SHALL NOT BE LABELED AS HONEY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chuck Younger, Tyler McCaughn, Joseph M. Seymour

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Pigott, Ken Morgan, Lester Carpenter

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2029: Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chuck Younger, Chris Caughman, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--Owen. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Healthy Food Families Program; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2077: Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program."

(2) Subject to appropriation, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall fund qualified nonprofit organizations that shall distribute incentive dollars to participating Mississippi farmers markets and retailers for developing a nutrition incentive program to double the purchasing power of Mississippi residents with limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables, support farmers, and invest in Mississippi's local economy.

(3) The designated nonprofit organizations shall have a demonstrated track record of:

- (a) Building a statewide network;
- (b) Implementing such funds for distribution and reporting processes;
- (c) Providing training and technical assistance to farmers markets, produce stands, and direct producer-to-consumer venues;
- (d) Conducting community outreach and data collection; and
- (e) Providing full accounting and administration of funds distributed to farmers markets and retailers.

(4) At least ninety percent (90%) of the money deposited into the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program shall be distributed to participating Mississippi farmers markets, produce stands, and retailers for healthy food incentives. A maximum of ten percent (10%) of the money deposited into the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program may be used for administrative costs.

(5) Guidelines and eligibility for the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program shall be established by the Department of Agriculture, consistent with the U.S. Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018. For the purposes of this program, "eligible fruits and vegetables" means any fresh or frozen, whole or cut fruits and vegetables that do not contain added sugar, fat, oil or salt. "Eligible retailers" means a small business whose principal office is located in Mississippi and that has a demonstrated commitment to procuring Mississippi-grown foods, including fruits and vegetables.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI HEALTHY FOOD AND FAMILIES PROGRAM" WHICH REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, TO FUND QUALIFIED MISSISSIPPI NONPROFITS TO DISTRIBUTE FUNDS TO MISSISSIPPI FARMERS MARKETS AND RETAILERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MATCHING DOLLAR INCENTIVES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS SPENT ON ELIGIBLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AT FARMERS MARKETS AND RETAILERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chuck Younger, Neil S. Whaley, Robert L. Jackson  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M,

Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Weathersby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2525: MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Chapter 393, Laws of 2014, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, is authorized to donate to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Vicksburg National Military Park all the rights, title and interest in certain real property under the possession and control of the Department of Archives and History, located in the Second Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, subject to the requirements and conditions prescribed in subsection (3) of this section. Upon completing a field survey, the Department of Finance and Administration, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, is authorized to develop a legal description and file necessary deeds to exclude a two-hundred-foot buffer to extend southerly from the existing south right-of-way line of the railroad property, thereby forming the north line of the National Park Service property at the Champion Hill Battlefield property described below, and to describe an access corridor to be retained by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The purpose of this boundary line is to identify ownership and to assist in carrying out future park operations and maintenance. The property is more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1 - Coker House - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 472, Page 36.

A certain tract of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, containing 5.00 acres and being more particularly described as



follows: Commencing at a 3/4" galvanized pipe, marking the Southeast corner of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Hinds County, Mississippi; run thence North 53° 15' West for 2717.47 feet to a point in a fence, said point hereinafter referred to as the point of beginning: Thence North 79° 31' West along said fence for 67.16 feet; Thence North 71° 13' West along said fence for 259.57 feet; Thence North 78° 39' West along said fence for 30.04 feet; Thence 47° 52' West for 27.94 feet to the East line of a paved road; Thence North 42° 08' East along the East line of said road for 618.46 feet to the South line of Mississippi State Highway 467; Thence South 70° 44' East along the South line of said highway for 379.06 feet; Thence South 42° 09' West for 612.27 feet to the point of beginning; together with historic dwelling situated thereon, known as "The Coker House."

Tract 2 - C & W - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 403, Page 593.

242.6 acres situated in the W1/2 and in the NW1/4 SE1/44 of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 west, in the E1/2 of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 4 West, all in the Second Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being further described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at an iron pin found marking the Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, said Iron pin also marking the POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence, South 89 degrees 35 minutes East for 2,760.80 feet to an iron pin; run thence, North 00 degrees 14 minutes East for 1,663.20 feet to an iron pin; run thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes East for 660.00 feet to an iron pin; run thence North 01 degrees 15 minutes East for 239.76 feet to an iron pin on the South line of Billy Fields Road; run thence, along said South line of road, North 71 degrees 15 minutes West for 208.23 feet; run thence, North 73 degrees 55 minutes West for 297.42 feet; run thence, North 66 degrees 35 minutes West for 136.55 feet; run thence, North 63 degrees 10 minutes West for 138.69 feet; run thence, North 69 degrees 04 minutes West for 95.10 feet; run thence, North 72 degrees 35 minutes West for 481.03 feet; run thence, North 68 degrees 45 minutes West for 98.43 feet; run thence, North 60 degrees 47 minutes West for 100.12 feet; run thence, North 52 degrees 15 minutes West for 100.59 feet; run thence, North 44 degrees 21 minutes West for 201.58 feet; run thence, North 39 degrees 17 minutes West for 102.45 feet; run thence, North 27 degrees 24 minutes West for 108.12 feet; run thence, North 15 degrees 45 minutes West for 299.28 feet; run thence, North 21 degrees 02 minutes West for 188.20 feet to an iron pin on the South line of Champion Hill Road; run thence, along said South line, South 73 degrees 34 minutes West for 181.73 feet; run thence, South 74 degrees 12 minutes West for 168.85 feet; run thence, North 74 degrees 53 minutes West for 669.90 feet; run thence, South 74 degrees 00 minutes West for 162.04 feet; run thence, South 71 degrees 24 minutes West for 119.56 feet; run thence, South 65 degrees 21 minutes West for 119.02 feet; run thence, South 60 degrees 40 minutes West for 601.01 feet; run thence, South 64 degrees 32 minutes West for 110.96 feet; run thence, South 74 degrees 41 minutes West for 115.26 feet; run thence, South 85 degrees 07 minutes West for 292.00 feet to the centerline of Bakers Creek; run thence, Southerly along said centerline of creek to the intersection of the centerline of Bakers Creek with the South line of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 4 West; run thence, leaving said centerline of creek and running along the South line of said Section line, North 89 degrees 52 minutes East for 60.00 feet to an iron pin on the top bank of creek: run thence, North 89 degrees 52 minutes East for 1,729.58 feet back to the iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 3 - C & W - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 403, Page 593.

77.1 acres situated in the W1/2 and in the NE1/4 and in the NW1/4 SE1/4, all in Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being further described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at an iron pin found marking the Southwest corner of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, run thence, South 89 degrees 35 minutes East for 2,760.80 feet to an iron pin, run thence, North 00 degrees 14 minutes

East for 1,663.20 feet to an iron pin, run thence, South 89 degrees 30 minutes East for 660.00 feet to an iron pin, North 01 degrees 15 minutes East for 302.67 feet to an iron pin on the North line of Billy Fields Road, said pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence, along North line of said road, North 71 degrees 15 minutes West for 190.71 feet; run thence, North 73 degrees 55 minutes West for 294.97 feet; run thence, North 66 degrees 35 minutes West for 130.92 feet; run thence, North 63 degrees 10 minutes West for 139.99 feet; run thence, North 69 degrees 04 minutes West for 100.03 feet; run thence, North 72 degrees 35 minutes West for 480.87 feet; run thence, North 68 degrees 45 minutes West for 92.24 feet; run thence, North 60 degrees 47 minutes West for 91.47 feet; run thence, North 52 degrees 15 minutes West for 91.53 feet; run thence, North 44 degrees 23 minutes West for 195.22 feet; run thence, North 39 degrees 17 minutes West for 93.55 feet; run thence, North 27 degrees 24 minutes West for 95.76 feet; run thence, North 15 degrees 45 minutes West for 295.92 feet; run thence, North 21 degrees 02 minutes West for 187.02 feet to an iron pin on the South line of Champion Hill Road; run thence, along South line of said road, North 72 degrees 02 minutes East for 2,742.66 feet to an iron pin; run thence, leaving said road, South for 1,500.29 feet; run thence, North 89 degrees 47 minutes West for 707.16 feet; run thence, South 01 degrees 15 minutes West for 677.19 feet back to the iron pin marking the point of beginning.

Tract 4 - Cosner - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 408, Page 377.

The N/2 of the NE/4 Section 29; all that part of the S/2 of the SE/4 of Section 20 that lies South of the Edwards-Bolton public road, all being in Township 6 North, Range 4 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, LESS AND EXCEPTING also an undivided one-half interest in and to all minerals heretofore reserved by the Federal Land Bank of New Orleans by deed dated 10 December, 1937, of record in Deed Book 98, Page 304, and LESS AND EXCEPTING also an undivided three-eighths interest in and to all of the oil, gas and minerals in, on and under the above described lands heretofore conveyed to C.R. Ridgway, Jr., by mineral conveyance dated 3 April, 1943, of record in Deed Book 110, Page 224, SUBJECT to right-of-way for an electric circuit over and across the NE/4 of NE/4 of Section 29, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, heretofore conveyed to Mississippi Power & Light Company by indenture dated 26 December, 1945, of record in Deed Book 124, Page 304, and SUBJECT, also, to a similar easement conveyed to Grantee over and across one acre, more or less, in the N/2 of NE/4 of said Section 29, by indenture date 21 December, 1945, of record in Deed Book 124, Page 28, the same having been conveyed unto said Grantee by the Champion Hill Baptist Church, LESS AND EXCEPTING the two acres, more or less, conveyed to Champion Hill M.B. Church by Quitclaim Deed dated July 20, 1989. This deed shall reflect the reservation of a fifteen foot nonexclusive right-of-way over the existing parcel previously granted unto the Champion Hill M.B. Church for purpose of ingress and egress only.

Tract 5 - C & W - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 403, Page 593.

137.4 acres situated in the W1/2 and in the W1/2 NE1/4 of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, and in the E1/2 of Section 25 Township 6 North, Range 4 West, Second Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being further described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at an iron pin found marking the southwest corner of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, run thence, South 89 degrees 35 minutes East for 2,760.80 feet to an iron pin, run thence, North 00 degrees 14 minutes East for 1,663.20 feet to an iron pin, run thence, South 89 degrees 30 minutes East for 660.00 feet to an iron pin, North 01 degrees 15 minutes East for to an iron pin, run thence, South 89 degrees 47 minutes East for 707.16 feet to an iron pin, run thence, North for 2,638.06 feet to an iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence, North 89 degrees 45 minutes West for 2,748.17 feet to an iron pin; running thence, North 00 degrees 00 minutes East for 881.98

feet to an iron pin on the South line of a Railroad; run thence, along said South line of railroad, South 65 degrees 23 minutes West for 1,250.63 feet to the center line of Bakers Creek; run thence, Southerly along said centerline of Bakers Creek to the intersection of Bakers Creek with the North line of Champion Hill Road, run thence, along said North line of road, North 85 degrees 07 minutes East for 272.03 feet; run thence, North 74 degrees 41 minutes East for 100.85 feet; run thence, North 64 degrees 32 minutes East for 101.16 feet; run thence, North 60 degrees 40 minutes East for 601.58 feet; run thence, North 65 degrees 21 minutes East for 126.51 feet; run thence, North 71 degrees 24 minutes East for 125.60 feet; run thence, North 74 degrees 00 minutes East for 164.48 feet; run thence, North 74 degrees 53 minutes East for 670.32 feet; run thence, North 74 degrees 12 minutes East for 167.65 feet; run thence, North 73 degrees 34 minutes East for 207.63 feet; run thence, North 72 degrees 02 minutes East for 475.65 feet to a point that is 16.88 feet North and 1.30 feet West of an iron pin; run thence, leaving said road, North 04 degrees 27 minutes West for 1,748.36 feet to a 2" pipe; run thence, North 89 degrees 34 minutes East for 677.00 feet to an iron pin in the center line of a gravel drive; run thence, along said centerline of gravel drive, South 11 degrees 29 minutes East for 71.56 feet; run thence, South 17 degrees 52 minutes East for 98.20 feet; run thence, South 20 degrees 24 minutes East for 96.89 feet; run thence, South 29 degrees 40 minutes East for 108.82 feet; run thence, South 46 degrees 28 minutes East for 109.61 feet; run thence, South 51 degrees 44 minutes East for 99.16 feet; run thence, South 51 degrees 27 minutes East for 101.80 feet; run thence, South 42 degrees 22 minutes East for 100.38 feet; run thence, South 27 degrees 25 minutes East for 98.45 feet; run thence, South 23 degrees 55 minutes East for 100.54 feet; run thence, South 27 degrees 21 minutes East for 95.85 feet; run thence, South 33 degrees 44 minutes East for 101.67 feet; run thence, South 32 degrees 33 minutes East for 102.76 feet; run thence, South 26 degrees 27 minutes East for 99.89 feet; run thence, South 19 degrees 03 minutes East for 101.52 feet; run thence, South 22 degrees 04 minutes East for 78.97 feet to an iron pin on the North line of Champion Hill Road, run thence, along said North line of road, North 72 degrees 02 minutes East for 929.65 feet to an iron pin, run thence, leaving said road, North 00 degrees 00 minutes East for 1,053.67 feet back to an iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Tract 6 - Gaddis tract - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 406, Page 612. South one-half (S1/2) of Northeast one-fourth (NE1/4) of Section 29, Township 6 North, Range 3 West.

Tract 7 - Robbins tract - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 405, Page 215. The Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 29, Township 6, Range 3 West, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Tract 8 - Robbins tract - Recorded in Hinds County Deed Book 405, Page 215. The South 15 acres of the 17-3/10 acres lying East of the Edwards and Bolton public road and North of the Raymond and Edwards public road in the E/2 of the SW/4 of Section 29, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Hinds County, Mississippi.

#### Buffer Description

A tract or parcel of land containing 5.56 acres (242,114 square feet), more or less, situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi. The following description is oriented to Mississippi State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 (2011), US Survey Feet, Grid Values, having a ground to grid scale factor of 0.99995451 and a convergence angle of (-)00 degrees 06 minutes 30.90 seconds calculated at the below described Point of Commencement; said parcel being more particularly described; to wit:

Commencing at a found #5 rebar located at the southeast corner of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi thence run, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 5974.20 feet; thence run, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 4099.82 feet to a #5 rebar located on the east property

line of that certain 137.4 acre tract (AKA "Parcel C") of land as described in Book 403, Page 593, records of the office of Chancery Clerk, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi and being 200 feet south and perpendicular to the existing south right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Railroad, said point being hereinafter referred to as the Point of Beginning;

From the Point of Beginning thence along a line being 200 feet south and parallel to the existing south right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Railroad run, South 65 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds West for a distance of 1170.50 feet to a point in the centerline of Baker's Creek, also being the west property line of said 137.4 acre tract (whence a #5 rebar that bears North 65 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 59.70 feet on the east top bank of said Baker's Creek);

Thence along said centerline run, North 21 degrees 11 minutes 41 seconds West for 200.34 feet to a point located at the intersection of said centerline and the existing south right-of-way line of Illinois Central Railroad (whence a #5 rebar that bears North 65 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East a distance of 60.00 feet on the east top bank of said Baker's Creek);

Thence along said existing south right-of-way line run, North 65 degrees 28 minutes 54 seconds East for a distance of 1250.63 feet to a found #4 rebar located at the northernmost corner of said 137.4 acre tract;

Thence along the east line of said 137.4 acre tract run, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 23 seconds West for a distance of 220.04 feet back to the Point of Beginning, containing, 5.56 acres, (242,114 square feet), more or less, and being situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi.

#### 20 Foot Wide Ingress and Egress Easement

A tract or parcel of land containing 1.54 acres (67,154 square feet), more or less, situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19 and the North Half of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi. The following description is oriented to Mississippi State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 (2011), US Survey Feet, Grid Values, having a ground to grid scale factor of 0.99995451 and a convergence angle of (-)00 degrees 06 minutes 30.90 seconds calculated at the below described Point of Commencement; said parcel being more particularly described; to wit:

Commencing at a found #5 rebar located at the southeast corner of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi thence run, North 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 5974.20 feet; thence run, North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 4099.82 feet to a #5 rebar located on the east property line of that certain 137.4 acre tract (AKA "Parcel C") of land as described in Book 403, Page 593, records of the office of Chancery Clerk, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi and being 200 feet south and perpendicular to the existing south right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Railroad, said point being hereinafter referred to as the Point of Beginning;

From the Point of Beginning thence along said east line run, South 00 degrees 07 minutes 58 seconds West for a distance of 661.74 feet to a found #4 rebar;

Thence continue along said east line run, South 89 degrees 37 minutes 28 seconds East for a distance of 1090.43 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap located 20 feet east of the centerline of an existing graveled road;

Thence along the following 16 courses and distances being 20 feet east of and parallel to said existing centerline run, South 11 degrees 16 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 86.82 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;

Thence run, South 17 degrees 39 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 96.64 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;

Thence run, South 20 degrees 11 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 94.83 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;

Thence run, South 29 degrees 27 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 104.25 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 46 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 105.74 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 51 degrees 31 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 98.29 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 51 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 103.44 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 42 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 104.59 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 27 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 101.69 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 23 degrees 42 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 100.55 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 27 degrees 08 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 94.14 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 33 degrees 31 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 100.76 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 32 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 104.03 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 26 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 102.25 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 18 degrees 50 minutes 25 seconds East for a distance of 102.34 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;  
Thence run, South 21 degrees 34 minutes 05 seconds East for a distance of 100.27 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap located on the existing north right-of-way line of Champion Hill Road;  
Thence along said existing north right-of-way line run, South 72 degrees 27 minutes 31 seconds West for a distance of 20.05 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap located at the intersection of said existing north right-of-way line and the existing centerline of said graveled road, said centerline being the southerly property line of said 137.4 acre tract;  
Thence along said existing centerline and southerly property the following 16 courses and distances run, North 21 degrees 34 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 99.34 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 18 degrees 50 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 101.52 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 26 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 99.89 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 32 degrees 20 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 102.76 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 33 degrees 31 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 101.67 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 27 degrees 08 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 95.85 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 23 degrees 42 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 100.54 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 27 degrees 12 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 98.45 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 42 degrees 09 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 100.38 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 51 degrees 14 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 101.80 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 51 degrees 31 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 99.16 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 46 degrees 15 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 109.61 feet to a point;  
Thence run, North 29 degrees 27 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 108.82 feet to a point;

Thence run, North 20 degrees 11 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 96.89 feet to a point;

Thence run, North 17 degrees 39 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 98.20 feet to a point;

Thence run, North 11 degrees 16 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 71.56 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap located at the intersection of said existing centerline and a line 20 feet south and parallel with the easterly line of said 137.4 acre tract;

Thence along said parallel line run, North 89 degrees 37 minutes 28 seconds West for a distance of 1094.07 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap;

Thence along a line 20 feet west of and parallel to said east line run, North 00 degrees 07 minutes 49 seconds East for a distance of 672.54 feet to a #5 rebar with plastic cap located on the south line of the above described Buffer and being 200 feet south and perpendicular to the existing south right-of-way line of the Illinois Central Railroad;

Thence along a line 200 feet south and parallel to said existing south right-of-way line run, North 65 degrees 28 minutes 28 seconds East for a distance of 22.04 feet back to the Point of Beginning containing, 1.54 acres, 67,154 square feet, more or less, situated in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19 and the North Half of Section 30, Township 6 North, Range 3 West, Second Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, is further authorized to donate to the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Vicksburg National Military, all of the rights, title and interest in certain real property under the possession and control of the Department of Archives and History, located in Claiborne County, Mississippi, subject to the requirements and conditions prescribed in subsection (3) of this section. The property is more particularly described as follows:

Tract No. 1 - Shaifer House - Recorded in Claiborne County Deed Book 10-F, Pages 425-430.

That certain tract of land known as the Old Shaifer House tract; for survey, begin at point on the southerly side of the public road, where it is intersected by the line between Parcels 1 and 2 of the partition of the Shaifer Estate property as described in partition deed executed by us and now recorded Book 10-B, Page 177 of the land records of said county, and which partition deed together with the plat recorded therewith is here referred to for full description of the location of said starting point, and run thence in a northeasterly direction along said old Port Gibson and Rodney public road, 1,307 feet to point where said road is intersected on its North side by a fence, and which point is point of beginning for survey of this tract (and which point is further located as being North 33° 45' East 1,434.67 feet from the most eastern corner of Section 16, Township 11 North, Range 2 East). From said point of beginning run thence along fence, North 35° West 134 feet; thence continue along fence; South 35° West 15 feet, South 86° West 16 feet to fence corner; thence along another fence, North 40° West 191 feet to fence corner; thence along another fence, North 40° East 160 feet; thence continue along fence, North 64° East 217 feet to point on private farm road; thence along said road, South 31° 45' East 372 feet to point where the same forks; thence along the fork going southwesterly 100 feet to old Port Gibson and Rodney public road; thence along said old Port Gibson and Rodney public road, in a southwesterly direction, 225 feet to point of beginning. Said tract contains 3.0 acres, more or less, and lies in Section Twelve (12), Township Eleven (11) North, Range Two (2) East. Said land is the same as is fully described in Section V of said above-mentioned partition deed executed by the grantors, now recorded Book 10-B, Page 177 of the deed records of said Claiborne County, which is here referred to in aid of description and for all purposes. All of the above is in accordance with survey made by R.D. Wade, Jr., and a copy of plat of his survey is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Tract No. 2 - Shaifer House - Recorded in Claiborne County Deed Book 10-H, Page 9.

A tract of land which adjoins the tract sometimes known as the Old Shaifer House tract and which Old Shaifer House tract is Tract No. 1 in the deed from me and others to the Grantee herein which is recorded in Book 10-F, Page 425 of the deed records of said Claiborne County. For survey of this tract, begin at the most Southerly or Southwesterly corner of said Old Shaifer House tract as described in said above mentioned deed and which is on the Northerly side of the public road running through said old Shaifer property and which deed is here referred to for description of location of the starting point hereof; from said point of beginning, run thence along the Northerly wayline of said public road South 67° 45' West 70 feet to stake; thence leave road and run thence North 52° 30' West 843.05 feet to stake; thence run North 43° 31' East 631.74 feet to stake on Easterly side of private ridge road; thence along the Easterly side of said ridge road South 44° 30' East 195 feet, South 39° 28' East 290 feet, South 37° 45' East 111 feet to stake on Northerly or Northeasterly corner of said Old Shaifer House tract; thence around said Old Shaifer House tract site South 64° West 217 feet; thence South 40° West 191 feet; thence South 40° East 190 feet; thence South 86° East 16 feet; thence North 35° East 15 feet; thence South 35° East 134 feet to point of beginning. Said tract contains 8.32 acres, more or less and lies in Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 2 East, all in accordance with survey made by R.D. Wade, Jr. dated September, 1979 which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Tract 3 - Shaifer House parking lot - Recorded in Claiborne County Deed Book 19K, Page 243.

Description of a 0.52 acre portion of Section 12, T11N-R2E, Claiborne County, Mississippi, being a portion of the Hollingsworth property.

Commencing at a 1" pipe on the northerly side of Shaifer Road, which pipe marks the southwesterly corner of a 8.32 acre portion of Section 12, T11N-R2E, Claiborne County, Mississippi, as shown by plat of survey by R.D. Wade, Claiborne County Surveyor, dated September 4, 1979, run thence N 82° 56' 57" E for 96.80 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set on the southerly side of Shaifer Road for the point of beginning, being the northeasterly corner of within described tract. Thence from the said point of beginning run S 24° 58' 45" E for 154.06 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set; thence run N 76° 27' 05" W for 151.59 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set; thence run S 54° 55' 29" W for 119.00 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set; thence run N 40° 02' 07" W for 90.73 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set on the southerly side of Shaifer Road; thence run N 66° 35' 38" E along said southerly side of Shaifer Road for 259.42 feet to the point of beginning. Recorded in Deed Book 19K at Pages 243-247, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description;

Tract 4 - Old Magnolia Church lot - Recorded in Claiborne County Deed Book 10-H, Page 9.

For survey of the tract hereby conveyed, begin at the Northwest corner of the said old Magnolia Church site as described in said deed above referred to and which deed is here referred to for description of location of said starting point; from said starting point, run thence South 16° East 78 feet; thence run South 2° East 52 feet; thence run South 16° West 69 feet; thence run South 17° West 109 feet to stake at southerly corner of said old Magnolia Church site; run thence North 79° 34' West 364.04 feet to stake; thence North 53° 45' East 396 feet to stake; thence South 84° 45' East 49 feet to point of beginning. Said tract contains 1.87 acres, more or less, and lies in Section 12, Township 11 North, Range 2 East; all of the above in accordance with survey made by R.D. Wade, Jr., dated September 1979, and plat of survey showing this tract and the old Magnolia Church site referred to above is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

(3) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights in the property donated under the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 393, LAWS OF 2014, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY TO RETAIN A 200-FOOT BUFFER ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE CHAMPION HILL HISTORICAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROPERTY AND AN ACCESS CORRIDOR, TO PROVIDE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BUFFER AND THE ACCESS/EGRESS PROPERTY, AND TO FILE NECESSARY DEEDS THEREFOR; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Turner-Ford, Josh Harkins, Jason Barrett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Tom Weathersby, Gregory Holloway, Sr., Johnathan Ray Lancaster

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Damell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Rushing called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2898: Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.



CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Derrick T. Simmons, Tyler McCaughn, Sollie B. Norwood

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Randy Rushing, De'Keither A. Stamps, Ronnie C. Crudup

On motion of Rep. Rushing the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 87:** The Commercial Dispatch; commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 88:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 117:** Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the 2021 SWAC Championship.

**H. R. No. 118:** Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning the 2022 SWAC Regular Season Championship.

**H. R. No. 119:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 550:** Recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

**S. C. R. No. 557:** Commend Laura Bivins for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Straughter. Total-1.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

At 10:21 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:48 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 10:49 AM on motion of Rep. Deweese the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:22 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 11:23 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:36 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 562:** Designate April 2022 as the "Month of the Military Child" and April 20 as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 566:** Commend Dean of Mississippi College School of Law Patricia Bennett on retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 571:** Commend Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" Girls Soccer Team for Class 6A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 555:** Commend Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls Soccer Team for first State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 561:** Commend Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team for winning 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 564:** Recognize 30th Anniversary Celebration of Parents for Public Schools (PPS).

**S. C. R. No. 568:** Recognize legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as the first African American to graduate from University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

**S. C. R. No. 576:** Commend CCC Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy as MACCC "Coach of the Year."

**S. C. R. No. 579:** Declare that March 21, 2022, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi."

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 38:** MS Funeral Directors Association; commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work during COVID-19 pandemic.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 117:** Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the 2021 SWAC Championship.

**H. R. No. 118:** Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning the 2022 SWAC Regular Season Championship.

**H. R. No. 119:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hood moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elwyn Aline Ballard, Joycie Triplett, Thomas D. Coleman, Jr., Bobby Lewis Fleming, Connie Frey Wilson, Frances Stevenson Bagwell, Jerry Wayne Willhite, Sr., Reverend Barkley DeWitt Lott, Billy C. "Scotty" Scott, Jr., Mary Hazel Hunt, Shelby Jean Davis Silver, Nadine Harris, Shirley Groceman, Christine Woods Box, Ida Mae Black, Lorelei Lindsey Morgan, Angela Dawn Gay, Naomi Hardin, Bishop Jimmie D. Goss, Catherine Williams, Kevin Cooksey, Raymond Gillon, Sr., Johnny M. Carden, John William Corley, Judy Carol Irving Melton, Brenda Jane Oswalt King, Howard Gregory Long, Carl Manus, Jr., and Sandra Kay Pepper Sisson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert E. "Bob" McNair, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Selwyn Tally Rayburn, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dolly Dimple Bounds Campbell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael Noel, which motion prevailed.

At 1:39 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 27, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIRST DAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

(EIGHTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod,

Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create.

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

**H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.



**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1441:** Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores.

**H. B. No. 1763:** Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**J. R. No. 1:** (Representative Beckett) Mississippi House of Representatives; reapportion. Apportionment and Elections.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

Representatives Bain, Sanders, Williams-Barnes

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

Representatives Cockerham, Reynolds, Blackmon

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Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 531: Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022."

SECTION 2. Section 27-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-5. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, there is hereby assessed and levied, to be collected and paid as hereinafter provided, for the calendar year 1983 and fiscal years ending during the calendar year 1983 and all taxable years thereafter, upon the entire net income of every resident individual, corporation, association, trust or estate, in excess of the credits provided, a tax at the following rates:

\*\*\* (i) 1. Through calendar year 2017, on the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

\*\*\* 2. For calendar year 2018, on the first One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

\*\*\* 3. For calendar year 2019, on the first Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

\*\*\* 4. For calendar year 2020, on the first Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

\*\*\* 5. For calendar year 2021, on the first Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) of taxable income there shall be no tax levied, and on the next One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable income, or any part thereof, the rate shall be three percent (3%);

\*\*\* 6. For calendar year 2022 and all taxable years thereafter, there shall be no tax levied on the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) of taxable income;

\*\*\* (ii) On taxable income in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) up to and including Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or any part thereof, the rate shall be four percent (4%); and

\*\*\* (iii) On all taxable income in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), the rate shall be five percent (5%).

(b) (i) For calendar year 2023 and all calendar years thereafter, there shall be no tax levied under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this subsection on the

taxable income of individuals in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) up to and including Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or any part thereof; and

(ii) For calendar year 2024 and all calendar years thereafter, the tax imposed under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of this subsection upon all taxable income of individuals in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), shall be at the following rates:

1. For calendar year 2024, on such taxable income, the rate shall be four and seven-tenths percent (4.7%);

2. For calendar year 2025, on such taxable income, the rate shall be four and four-tenths percent (4.4%); and

3. For calendar year 2026 and all calendar years thereafter, on such taxable income, the rate shall be four percent (4%).

It is the intent of the Legislature that before calendar year 2026, the Legislature will consider whether the revised tax rates provided for in this subparagraph (ii) will be further decreased for calendar years after calendar year 2026. If the revised tax rates provided for in this subparagraph (ii) are further decreased for calendar years after calendar year 2026 to the extent that there is no tax levied on the taxable income of individuals under this subparagraph (ii), the individual income tax shall stand repealed.

(2) An S corporation, as defined in Section 27-8-3(1)(g), shall not be subject to the income tax imposed under this section.

(3) A like tax is hereby imposed to be assessed, collected and paid annually, except as hereinafter provided, at the rate specified in this section and as hereinafter provided, upon and with respect to the entire net income, from all property owned or sold, and from every business, trade or occupation carried on in this state by individuals, corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates, not residents of the State of Mississippi.

(4) In the case of taxpayers having a fiscal year beginning in a calendar year with a rate in effect that is different than the rate in effect for the next calendar year and ending in the next calendar year, the tax due for that taxable year shall be determined by:

(a) Computing for the full fiscal year the amount of tax that would be due under the rates in effect for the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins; and

(b) Computing for the full fiscal year the amount of tax that would be due under the rates in effect for the calendar year in which the fiscal year ends; and

(c) Applying to the tax computed under paragraph (a) the ratio which the number of months falling within the earlier calendar year bears to the total number of months in the fiscal year; and

(d) Applying to the tax computed under paragraph (b) the ratio which the number of months falling within the later calendar year bears to the total number of months within the fiscal year; and

(e) Adding to the tax determined under paragraph (c) the tax determined under paragraph (d) the sum of which shall be the amount of tax due for the fiscal year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI TAX FREEDOM ACT OF 2022; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDUCE THE STATE INCOME TAX ON THE TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT BEFORE CALENDAR YEAR 2026, THE LEGISLATURE WILL CONSIDER WHETHER THE REVISED INCOME TAX RATES PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ACT WILL BE FURTHER DECREASED FOR CALENDAR YEARS AFTER CALENDAR YEAR 2026; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT BEFORE CALENDAR YEAR 2026, THE LEGISLATURE WILL CONSIDER WHETHER THE REVISED INCOME TAX RATES PROVIDED FOR IN THIS ACT WILL BE FURTHER DECREASED FOR CALENDAR YEARS AFTER CALENDAR YEAR 2026; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE REVISED TAX RATES ARE FURTHER DECREASED FOR CALENDAR YEARS AFTER CALENDAR YEAR 2026 TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE IS NO TAX LEVIED ON THE TAXABLE INCOME

INDIVIDUALS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX SHALL STAND REPEALED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, W. Briggs Hopson III, Chris Johnson

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, Gibbs, D, Straughter. Total-3.

Present--Bell, C, Holloway, Young. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Taxation; authorize income tax credit for certain railroad expenditures, allow ad valorem tax exemption for certain property.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

**H. B. No. 764:** "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create.

**H. B. No. 778:** Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

**H. B. No. 1522:** Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program.

**H. B. No. 1537:** Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1586: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Medical Licensure, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 3,640,864.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 27

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Licensure	
Percent of Licensees who Renew Online	100.00
Percent of Individual License Renewals Issued within Seven Business Days	100.00
Investigative	
Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Actions (%)	4.00
Number of Documented Complaints Received	300
Percent of Documented Complaints Resolved within Seven Business Days	15.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Medical Licensure shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Physician Health Program.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) may be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expense of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board may escalate their funds by an amount not to exceed Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$260,000.00) and three (3) positions (headcount) in accordance with a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Health to assist with the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Act for registering and monitoring compliance with the rules and regulations of the Act.

SECTION 10. It is further the intention of the Legislature that, for Fiscal Year 2023, the board shall be allowed to recover all costs from a holder of a license who has been found by the board in violation of statute after notice and a hearing as provided by law. The expenses must be direct costs associated with the investigation and conduct of a proceeding for licensure revocation, suspension or restriction.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,



Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.  
Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.  
Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Currie. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1587: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,142,358.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 42  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. Of the funds provided for herein, One Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,560,000.00) shall be provided for the Office of Nursing Workforce (ONW). In accordance with Section 73-15-18(1), Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Nursing is designated as the state agency responsible for the administration and supervision of the Nursing Workforce Program as an educational curriculum. The mission of the Office of Nursing Workforce is to carry out the scope of service and leadership tasks required of the profession by promoting a strong educational infrastructure between nursing practice and nursing education.

SECTION 4. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) may be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board may escalate their funds by an amount not to exceed Sixty-nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$69,890.00) and one (1) position (headcount) in accordance with a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Health to assist with the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Act for registering and monitoring compliance with the rules and regulations of the Act.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Nursing shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1589: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Optometry, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 183,625.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Optometry shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Robert L. Jackson, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1603: Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 3393100000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds previously appropriated for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions, as authorized in House Bill No. 1391, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 63,233,554.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of special funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions that had been authorized by the Legislature in prior fiscal years.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session; SB 2911, 2016 Regular Session; SB 2902, 2014 Regular Session; and SB 2896, 2013 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 416,730.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 3390300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 10,000,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Special Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for construction and/or repair and renovation projects at the Institutions of Higher Learning and Community and Junior Colleges and various state agencies and institutions.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No.

6493C00000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; HB 1666, 2019 Regular Session; HB 1616, 2018 Regular Session; and SB 3015, 2017 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 248,570.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in prior fiscal years for upgrades and renovation of the water treatment facility at the Alcorn State University and related purposes.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 6493200000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and House Bill 1667, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 87,069.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for improvements for the Law Enforcement Officer's Training Academy.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493300000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1391, 2021 Regular Session; HB 1705, 2020 Regular Session; and Senate Bill 3049, 2019 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 708,099.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense funds for construction and/or repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges that had been authorized by the Legislature in a prior fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund 6493500000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in Senate Bill 2948, 2021 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 13,804,041.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493600000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in Senate Bill 2948,

2021 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 45,735,976.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature in the prior fiscal year for repair, renovation, and improvements of state-owned properties, universities and community colleges.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of Fund No. 6493700000 to the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, as authorized in HB 1550, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 39,400,000.00.

The reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds previously appropriated by the Legislature for the first phase of construction for the new Department of Public Safety headquarters building.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022, or change the purpose of which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repair and renovation projects.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION PROJECTS AT VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Kevin Horan

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.



Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.  
Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Hale. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

**H. B. No. 1607:** Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1619: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any special source funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 20,359,634.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 116

Time-Limited: 1

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The funds herein approved for expenditure, except and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations, shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%)

below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following condition: the District shall waive traffic control fees for any vehicle displaying a "REZ" tag.

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following conditions: (1) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open, these events shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority of any and all date options available. (2) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for such events, the district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open. (3) The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be held on the first Sunday in May unless any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open on that date. The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority for the first Sunday in May. The district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the Classic.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for salary increase for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 9. Funds are provided herein out of the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund for dredging and other related activities to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,

Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1621: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District, for the purpose of paying bond maturities, accrued interest, maintenance expenses, project development costs, and any other authorized expenses of the water management district, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 8,978,033.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	17
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. All monies in possession of the district in excess of necessary operating funds shall be deposited with a bank or banks selected by the board of directors of the district. These funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks and in such manner that interest earned shall be at least equal to interest earnings on state funds deposited by the State Treasury.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, William Tracy Arnold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, Kelvin Butler

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1623: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board's revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 49,561,430.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	18
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current

employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterans' Home Purchase Board is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source, not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), for the purpose of making new home loans as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD AND MAKING NEW HOME LOANS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Mac Huddleston, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Philip Moran

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

**H. B. No. 1665:** Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.

**S. B. No. 2862:** Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2863:** Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2864:** Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.



**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 1,188,068.00.

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

- (a) Settlement between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Mississippi; Chemfax Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi, Site/Spill ID Number: 04JF, CERCLA ID Number: MSD008154486, Settlement Agreement for the Recovery of Response Costs, Docket No. CERCLA-04-2014-3756 \$ 21,452.00.
- (b) Pickett v. Mississippi Board of Animal Health, 2:18-cv-00214-KS-JCG (S.D. Miss.) \$ 211,616.00.
- (c) IHS Pharmacy v. Mississippi Department of Corrections, Hinds County Circuit Court, Cause No. 17-572 \$ 625,000.00.
- (d) Tyler Edmonds v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2009-0457-CV \$ 35,000.00.
- (e) Curtis Flowers v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Mississippi, Cause No. 1:20-cv-00150 \$ 50,000.00.
- (f) Harvill Payne Richardson v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi, Second Judicial District, Cause No. A2402-2020-87 \$ 50,000.00.
- (g) Eddie Lee Howard v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2021-0026-CV1C \$ 50,000.00.
- (h) Eddie Lee Howard v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, Cause No. 2021-0026-CV1C (statutory attorney's fees) \$ 25,000.00.
- (i) Carl Lee Jordan v. State of Mississippi, Cause No. A2401-2020-160; Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00.
- (j) Carl Lee Jordan v. State of Mississippi, Cause No. A2401-2020-160; Circuit Court of Harrison County, Mississippi – statutory attorney's fees \$ 15,000.00.
- (k) William Ervin Edwards v. State of Mississippi, Cause 45C11:21-CV-00081-JA; Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00.
- (l) William Ervin Edwards v. State of Mississippi, Cause 45C11:21-CV-00081-JA; Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi – statutory attorney's fees \$ 5,000.00.

SECTION 2. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,750,000.00.

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

- (a) Olivia Y., et al. v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L)(N) \$ 200,000.00.
- (b) Amos et al. v. Taylor et al. 20-cv-00007-DMB-JMV (N.D. Miss.); Lang, et al. v. Cain, et al., 4:20-cv-030-DMB RP (N.D. Miss.); Brittany Waddell, et al. v. Taylor, et al., Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-340-TSL-RHW (S.D. Miss.); Alexander, et al. v. Hall, et al., No. 4:30-CV-21-SA-JMV \$ 500,000.00.

(c) Jackson Women's Health Organization et al. v. Dobbs et al., 3:18-cv-00171-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss) \$ 100,000.00.

(d) United States v. State of Mississippi, 3:16-cv-622-CWR-FKB (S.D. Miss) \$ 200,000.00.

(e) Monitor as Required by Order of the Federal Court regarding United States v. State of Mississippi 3:16-cv-00622-CWR-FKB ( S.D. Miss) \$ 300,000.00.

(f) Flowers v. Evans, et al.

4:21-CV-NBB-JMV \$ 225,000.00.

(g) IRS v. State Agencies \$ 225,000.00.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 8,046,958.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to non-entitlement units of local government in accordance with the provisions applicable to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) and any applicable federal guidelines.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses, of the Wireless Communication Commission for the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 606,242.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of defraying expenses of contractual obligations for system maintenance.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Joint Reapportionment Committee for the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 15,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenses for legal services.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Institutions of Higher Learning – Office of Student Financial Aid and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning – Office of Student Financial Aid for the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 3,500,000.00.

This additional appropriation is made for the purpose of administering a summer grant program using funds awarded through the second Governor's Emergency Educational Relief Fund (GEER II).

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the period beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022

\$ 466,786,240.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing additional federal matching funds for mandated Medicaid medical services.

SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the State Veterans Affairs Board for the period July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 103,113.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of paying an ACA penalty.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the

Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the State Department of Health for the period July 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2022 \$ 865,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of legal expenses.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 4,576,323.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of providing funding to the Disaster Trust Fund.

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

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENSE FUNDS, AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND FISCAL YEAR 2023; THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE JOINT REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING – OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE - DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND FISCAL YEAR 2023; THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Robert L. Jackson  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bills:

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS MCWI Grant Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS MCWI Grant Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3058:** Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3061:** Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

**S. B. No. 3063:** Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; to DFA for the MAICU and Ind K-12 Grant Program, - ARPA funds.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 660: Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-119-9. (1) Applicants who are eligible for assistance under this section include, but are not limited to, local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, public schools, ports, airports, public-

private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic development entities. Projects that are eligible for assistance under this section are projects that have the potential to generate increased economic activity in the region, as described in Section 57-119-11(3).

(2) MDA shall establish criteria, rules, and procedures for accepting and reviewing applications for assistance under this section. MDA, with advice from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund Advisory Board, shall review, compile and score all timely received applications, and shall present the applications and its recommendations for assistance to individual projects under this section to the Legislature no later than December 1 of the year. The Legislature shall determine individual projects that will be funded under this section by separate line items in an appropriation bill.

(3) Applications for assistance under this section will be received through web portals set up by MDA. MDA shall set criteria for the web portal which may include protection of the confidentiality of any or all of the applications.

(4) The project described in paragraph (m) of Section 18, Chapter 106, Laws of 2020 (Senate Bill No. 2977), to assist George County with a rail connection project, shall not be required to meet the criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority for the selection and recommendation of projects under this section in order to receive the funds allocated for that project under Chapter 106.

SECTION 2. Section 57-119-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2095, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

57-119-11. (1) MDA is further authorized, on such terms and conditions consistent with the criteria set forth in this section as it may determine, to establish programs for making loans, loan guarantees, grants and any other financial assistance from the GCRF to applicants whose projects are approved for assistance under this section. MDA shall establish criteria, rules and procedures for accepting, reviewing, granting or denying applications, and for terms and conditions of financial assistance under this section in accordance with state law. The Legislature shall appropriate monies from the GCRF to the MDA to fund the programs established under this section in an amount requested annually by MDA for such purpose.

(2) Applicants who are eligible for assistance under this section include, but are not limited to, local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, public schools, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities, and local economic development entities.

(3) MDA shall establish programs and an application process to provide assistance to applicants under this section that prioritize:

(a) Projects that will impact the long-term competitiveness of the region and may result in a significant positive impact on tax base, private sector job creation and private sector investment in the region;

(b) Projects that demonstrate the maximum long-term economic benefits and long-term growth potential of the region based on a financial analysis such as a cost-benefit analysis or a return-on-investment analysis;

(c) Projects that demonstrate long-term financial sustainability, including clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project;

(d) Projects that leverage or encourage leveraging of other private sector, local, state and federal funding sources with preference to projects that can demonstrate contributions from other sources than funds from the BP settlement;

(e) Projects that are supported by multiple government or private sector entities;

(f) Projects that can move quickly and efficiently to the design, engineering, and permitting phase;

(g) Projects that enhance the quality of life/place and business environment of the region, including tourism and recreational opportunities;

(h) Projects that expand the region's ability to attract high-growth industries or establish new high-growth industries in the region;

(i) Projects that leverage or further enhance key regional assets, including educational institutions, research facilities, ports, airports, rails and military bases;

(j) Projects that are transformational for the future of the region but create a wider regional impact;

(k) Projects that enhance the marketability of existing industrial properties;

(l) Projects that enhance a targeted industry cluster or create a Center of Excellence unique to the region;

(m) Infrastructure projects for business retention and development;

(n) Projects that enhance research and innovative technologies in the region; and

(o) Projects that provide outcome and return on investment measures, to be judged by clear performance metrics, over the duration of the project or program.

(4) The MDA shall not approve any application for assistance or provide any assistance under this section for projects that are medical cannabis establishments as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act or for projects related in any manner to medical cannabis establishments.

SECTION 3. Section 57-119-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-119-13. (1) Assistance provided under this chapter may not be used to finance one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of any project; however, this limitation shall not apply to projects for public schools.

(2) Contracts executed by MDA with recipients of assistance under this chapter must include provisions requiring a performance report on the contracted activities, must account for the proper use of funds provided under the contract, and must include provisions for recovery of assistance if the assistance was based upon fraudulent information or the recipient of the assistance is not meeting the performance requirements established by MDA of the assistance. Recipients of assistance under this chapter must regularly report to MDA the status of the project on a schedule determined by MDA.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-119-9 AND 57-119-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-119-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERCENTAGE LIMITATION ON ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE PROVIDED FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND FOR THE COST OF ANY PROJECT SHALL NOT APPLY TO PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Philip Moran

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.



Absent or those not voting--None.  
Present--Young. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; provide moratorium on the application of to state agencies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1101: Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-3-41. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (10) of this section, when any officer or employee of the State of Mississippi, or any department, agency or institution thereof, after first being duly authorized, is required to travel in the performance of his official duties, the officer or employee shall receive as expenses for each mile actually and necessarily traveled, when the travel is done by a privately owned automobile or other privately owned motor vehicle, the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel.

(2) When any officer or employee of any county or municipality, or of any agency, board or commission thereof, after first being duly authorized, is required to travel in the performance of his official duties, the officer or employee shall receive as expenses Twenty Cents (20¢) for each mile actually and necessarily traveled, when the travel is done by a privately owned motor vehicle; provided, however, that the governing authorities of a county or municipality may, in their discretion, authorize an increase in the mileage reimbursement of officers and employees of the county or municipality, or of any agency, board or commission thereof, in an amount not to exceed the mileage reimbursement rate authorized for officers and employees of the State of Mississippi in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Where two (2) or more officers or employees travel in one (1) privately owned motor vehicle, only one (1) travel expense allowance at the authorized rate per mile shall be allowed for any one (1) trip. When the travel is done by means of a public carrier or other means not involving a privately owned motor vehicle, then the officer or employee shall receive as travel expense the actual fare or other expenses incurred in such travel.

(4) In addition to the foregoing, a public officer or employee shall be reimbursed for other actual expenses such as meals, lodging and other necessary expenses incurred in the course of the travel, subject to limitations placed on meals for intrastate and interstate official travel by the Department of Finance and Administration, provided, that the Legislative Budget Office shall place any limitations for expenditures made on matters under the jurisdiction of the Legislature. The Department of Finance and Administration

shall set a maximum daily expenditure annually for such meals and shall notify officers and employees of changes to these allowances immediately upon approval of the changes. Travel by airline shall be at the tourist rate unless that space was unavailable. The officer or employee shall certify that tourist accommodations were not available if travel is performed in first class airline accommodations. Itemized expense accounts shall be submitted by those officers or employees in such number as the department, agency or institution may require; but in any case one (1) copy shall be furnished by state departments, agencies or institutions to the Department of Finance and Administration for preaudit or postaudit. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate and adopt reasonable rules and regulations which it deems necessary and requisite to effectuate economies for all expenses authorized and paid pursuant to this section. Requisitions shall be made on the State Fiscal Officer who shall issue his warrant on the State Treasurer. Provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not include agencies financed entirely by federal funds and audited by federal auditors.

(5) Any officer or employee of a county or municipality, or any department, board or commission thereof, who is required to travel in the performance of his official duties, may receive funds before the travel, in the discretion of the administrative head of the county or municipal department, board or commission involved, for the purpose of paying necessary expenses incurred during the travel. Upon return from the travel, the officer or employee shall provide receipts of transportation, lodging, meals, fees and any other expenses incurred during the travel. Any portion of the funds advanced which is not expended during the travel shall be returned by the officer or employee. The Department of Audit shall adopt rules and regulations regarding advance payment of travel expenses and submission of receipts to ensure proper control and strict accountability for those payments and expenses.

(6) No state or federal funds received from any source by any arm or agency of the state shall be expended in traveling outside of the continental limits of the United States until the governing body or head of the agency makes a finding and determination that the travel would be extremely beneficial to the state agency and obtains a written concurrence thereof from the Governor, or his designee, and the Department of Finance and Administration. However, employees of state institutions of higher learning may expend funds for travel outside of the continental limits of the United States upon a written finding by the president or head of the institution that the travel would be extremely beneficial to the institution.

(7) Where any officer or employee of the State of Mississippi, or any department, agency or institution thereof, or of any county or municipality, or of any agency, board or commission thereof, is authorized to receive travel reimbursement under any other provision of law, the reimbursement may be paid under the provisions of this section or the other section, but not under both.

(8) When the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints a person to a board, commission or other position that requires confirmation by the Senate, the person may receive reimbursement for mileage and other actual expenses incurred in the performance of official duties before the appointment is confirmed by the Senate, as reimbursement for those expenses is authorized under this section.

(9) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration may contract with one or more commercial travel agencies, after receiving competitive bids or proposals therefor, for that travel agency or agencies to provide necessary travel services for state officers and employees. Municipal and county officers and municipal and county employees may also participate in the state travel agency contract and utilize these travel services for official municipal or county travel. However, the administrative head of each state institution of higher learning may, in his discretion, contract with a commercial travel agency to provide necessary travel services for all academic officials and staff of the university in lieu of participation in the state travel agency contract. Any such decision by a university to contract with a separate travel agency shall be approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Before executing a contract with one or more travel agencies, the Department of Finance and Administration shall advertise for competitive bids or

proposals once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper having a general circulation throughout the State of Mississippi. If the department determines that it should not contract with any of the bidders initially submitting proposals, the department may reject all those bids, advertise as provided in this paragraph and receive new proposals before executing the contract or contracts. The contract or contracts may be for a period not greater than three (3) years, with an option for the travel agency or agencies to renew the contract or contracts on a one-year basis on the same terms as the original contract or contracts, for a maximum of two (2) renewals. After the travel agency or agencies have renewed the contract twice or have declined to renew the contract for the maximum number of times, the Department of Finance and Administration shall advertise for bids in the manner required by this paragraph and execute a new contract or contracts.

(c) Whenever any state officer or employee travels in the performance of his official duties by airline or other public carrier, he may have his travel arrangements handled by that travel agency or agencies. The amount paid for airline transportation for any state officer or employee, whether the travel was arranged by that travel agency or agencies or was arranged otherwise, shall not exceed the amount specified in the state contract established by the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Purchasing and Travel, unless prior approval is obtained from the office.

(10) (a) For purposes of this subsection, the term "state agency" means any agency that is subject to oversight by the Bureau of Fleet Management of the Department of Finance and Administration under Section 25-1-77.

(b) Each state agency shall use a trip optimizer type system developed and administered by the Department of Finance and Administration in computing the optimum method and cost for travel by state officers and employees using a motor vehicle where the travel will exceed one hundred (100) miles per day and the officer or employee is not driving a state-owned or state-leased vehicle that has been dedicated or assigned to the officer or employee.

(c) The provisions of this subsection shall be used to determine the most cost-effective method of travel by motor vehicles, whether those vehicles are owned by the state agency, leased by the state agency, or owned by the officer or employee, and shall be applicable for purposes of determining the maximum authorized amount of any travel reimbursement for officers and employees of those agencies related to vehicle usage.

(d) The maximum authorized amount of travel reimbursement related to motor vehicle usage shall be the lowest cost option as determined by the trip optimizer type system. All travel claims submitted for reimbursement shall include the results of the trip optimizer type system indicating the lowest cost option for travel by the state officer or employee.

(e) In providing a calculation of rates, the trip optimizer type system shall account for the distance that an officer or employee must travel to pick up a rental or state fleet vehicle, and shall account for the long-term rate discounts offered through the state purchasing contract for vehicle rentals.

(f) This subsection shall not apply to travel by state officials in motor vehicles driven by the official or in vehicles used for the transport of the official. The exemption in this paragraph (f) applies only to the state official and not to the staff or other employees of the state official. As used in this paragraph (f), "state official" means statewide elected officials and the elected members of the Public Service Commission.

(g) The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to any state agency for the period beginning on the effective date of this act through June 30, 2024.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE APPLICATION OF THE TRIP OPTIMIZER

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL TO ANY STATE AGENCY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Angela Turner-Ford

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1408: Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties are fixed as full compensation for their services.

The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county according to the latest federal decennial census in the following categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county according to the most recent federal decennial census:

(a) For counties with a total population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of \* \* \* One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00).

(b) For counties with a total population of more than forty-five thousand (45,000) and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of \* \* \* Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than thirty-four thousand (34,000) and not more than forty-five thousand (45,000), a salary of \* \* \* Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

(d) For counties with a total population of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than thirty-four thousand (34,000), a salary of \* \* \* Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00).

(e) For counties with a total population of not more than fifteen thousand (15,000), a salary of \* \* \* Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

(2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains a restitution center within the county;

(b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains a community work center within the county;

(c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court District is located in the county and maintains his office at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as patients from within the county;

(g) The increased activity of the Child Support Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the sheriff; and

(h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in place in Leflore County have been placed under the direction and control of the sheriff.

(3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained within the county at Whitfield;

(c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for the care and treatment of persons with an intellectual disability, is located within the county;

(d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

(e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

(f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within the county;

(g) The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport is located within the county;

(h) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff; and

(i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county, has the duty to investigate, solve

and assist in the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property located in Rankin County.

(4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

(5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), payable beginning April 1, 1997.

(6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

(b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the seat of all state government offices;

(c) Hinds County is the third largest county in geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875) square miles;

(d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

(e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for all;

(f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the county;

(g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State University, is located within the county;

(h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center, combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and hospital, is located within the county;

(i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's largest sports arena, is located within the county;

(j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

(k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate detention facilities;

(l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other sheriff's department in the state;

(m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains a restitution center within the county;

(n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the Hinds County jail system; and

(o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

(7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county; and

(c) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff justifying additional compensation.

(10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (9).

(11) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10), the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

( \*\* \*12) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

(b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331, Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

( \*\* \*13) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty (20) hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement. Such courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

(b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after October 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE COUNTY SHERIFFS; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A JUVENILE

DETENTION CENTER IS LOCATED TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Pigott, Summers, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 400: Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,



Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 607: "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Parker's Law."

SECTION 2. (1) A person who delivers or causes the delivery of fentanyl with knowledge of the fentanyl commits the crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death" when as a result of the unlawful delivery of fentanyl in exchange for anything of value to another person, death to a person results from the proximate cause of injection, oral ingestion or inhalation of the fentanyl. Upon conviction for violating the provisions of this section, the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment no less than twenty (20) years to a term of life in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

(2) For purposes of this act only, any person, who, in good faith, without malice and in the absence of evidence of an intent to defraud, seeks medical assistance for someone experiencing a fentanyl overdose shall not be charged or prosecuted for a violation of this section, if the evidence for the charge was gained as a result of the seeking of medical assistance.

(3) For purposes of this act:

(a) "Fentanyl" means fentanyl and any fentanyl-related substances, to include fentanyl analogs, as set forth in Article 3, Chapter 29 of Title 41 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

(b) "In exchange for anything of value" does not apply to the act of sharing fentanyl when the sharing results in the proximate cause of a person's death under this section.

(4) The legislative intent for this bill is to assist in prosecuting any person who sells or otherwise profits from the sale of unlawful fentanyl, which causes the death of another person. It is not the intent of this Legislature for the provisions of this section to be used to prosecute a drug user or drug addict who has shared fentanyl with a friend or associate and the friend or associate dies as a result of the sharing.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit, restrict or otherwise prohibit an indictment or conviction for any other crime that may be related to a violation of this section.

(6) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall create an annual report of the number of persons convicted under the provisions of this act; and shall provide the report to the House and Senate Judiciary B committees by January 5, of each year.

(7) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE "PARKER'S LAW"; TO CREATE THE CRIME OF "FENTANYL DELIVERY RESULTING IN DEATH"; TO PROVIDE THE PENALTY FOR SUCH CRIME; TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR THOSE WHO SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--114.

Nays--Anderson, J, McCray, Osborne, Williams-Barnes. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Karriem, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1479: Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 99-19-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-51. (1) At the discretion of the Commissioner, the Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration and the Deputy Commissioner for Institutions of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, the manner of inflicting the punishment of death shall be by \*\*\* one of the following: (a) intravenous \*\*\* injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity into the body; (b) nitrogen hypoxia; (c) electrocution or (d) firing squad, until death is pronounced by the county coroner where the execution takes place or by a licensed physician according to accepted standards of medical practice. \*\*\* Upon receipt of the warrant of execution from the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Commissioner of Corrections shall, within seven (7) days, provide written notice to the condemned person of the manner of execution. It is the policy of the State of Mississippi that intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a lethal quantity into the body shall be the preferred method of execution.

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( \*\* \*2) The Commissioner of Corrections has the authority and discretion to select and obtain the substances and the means necessary to carry out an execution, and may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as the Commissioner deems necessary to administer and implement the provisions of this section.

( \*\* \*3) (a) The Commissioner of Corrections shall select an execution team to assist the State Executioner and his deputies. \*\*\* The execution team shall consist of those persons, \*\*\* including all medical personnel, who provide direct support for the administration of lethal chemicals \*\*\* , those individuals involved in assisting in the execution in any capacity \*\*\* and those personnel assigned to specific duties related to an execution.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "supplier of lethal injection chemicals" means a supplier or suppliers of lethal injection chemicals located within the State of Mississippi.

(c) The identities of the State Executioner and his deputies, all members of the execution team, a supplier of lethal injection chemicals, and \*\*\* those witnesses listed in Section 99-19-55(2) who attend as members of the victim's family or designated by the condemned \*\*\* person shall at all times remain confidential, and the information is exempt from disclosure under the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

( \*\* \*4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any portion of any record of any kind that could identify a person as being a current or former State Executioner, his or her deputies, a member of an execution team \*\*\* , a current or former supplier of lethal injection chemicals, or those witnesses listed in Section 99-19-55(2) who attend as members of the victim's family or designated by the condemned \*\*\* person, shall at all times be confidential, exempt, and protected from disclosure, but the remainder of the record shall not be protected unless otherwise provided by law. A court shall preserve the secrecy of all confidential and exempt information described in this section by reasonable means, which may include granting protective orders, holding in-camera hearings, sealing the records of the action, and ordering any person involved in the litigation not to disclose such information without prior court approval.

( \*\* \*5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if the State Executioner, his or her deputies, a member of the execution team or supplier of lethal injection chemicals is licensed by a board or department, the licensing board or department shall not censure, reprimand, suspend, revoke, or take any other disciplinary action against the person's license because the person participated in a lawful execution. Any person or institution assisting with or participating in carrying out an execution in accordance with this statute shall be presumed to be acting in good faith. Any person or institution acting in good faith in connection with carrying out an execution shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed. The State Executioner and his deputies, and all members of the execution team perform

their respective functions as official duties on behalf of the state or any agency of the state.

SECTION 2. Section 99-19-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-53. (1) The Governor shall appoint the State Executioner who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and until his successor shall have been duly appointed to replace him.

(2) The State Executioner, or his duly authorized representative, shall supervise and inflict the punishment of death as the same is hereby provided. All duties and necessary acts pertaining to the execution of a convict shall be performed by the Commissioner of Corrections except where such duties and actions are vested in the State Executioner. The State Executioner shall receive for his services in connection therewith compensation in the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus all actual and necessary expenses for each such execution, to be paid by the county where the crime was committed. The county of conviction shall likewise pay the fees of the attending physician or physicians in attendance. The State Executioner may appoint not more than two (2) deputies who shall be paid One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per execution and mileage as authorized by law, to be paid by the county where the crime was committed, to assist in the infliction of the punishment of death. The Executioner may appoint such other assistants as may be required; however, such assistants shall not be entitled to compensation or travel expenses. The State Executioner and his deputies may waive compensation, per diem or travel expenses.

(3) Any infliction of the punishment of death by administration of the required lethal substance or substances in the manner required by law shall not be construed to be the practice of medicine or nursing. Any pharmacist is authorized to dispense drugs to the State Executioner or the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections without a prescription for the purpose of this chapter.

(4) The State Executioner shall be custodian of all equipment and supplies involved in the infliction of the death penalty. All expenses for the maintenance and protection of the property, together with operating expenses, which as a practical matter cannot be allocated to the county of conviction, shall be paid out of funds designated by law for that purpose or out of the general support fund of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

(5) The State Executioner shall receive the per diem compensation authorized in Section 25-3-69 in addition to actual and necessary expenses, including mileage as authorized by law, for each day, not to exceed three (3) days each month, spent in maintaining the equipment and supplies involved in the infliction of the death penalty or preparing for an execution which does not occur. Such payments shall be paid out of funds designated by law for that purpose or out of the general support fund of the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

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SECTION 3. Section 99-19-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-55. (1) Whenever any person shall be condemned to suffer death for any crime for which such person shall have been convicted in any court of any county of this state, such punishment shall be inflicted at 6:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter within the next twenty-four (24) hours at an appropriate place designated by the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. \* \* \* All male persons convicted of a capital offense wherein the death sentence has been imposed shall be immediately committed to the Department of Corrections and transported to the maximum security cell block \* \* \*. All female persons convicted of a capital offense wherein the death sentence has been imposed shall be immediately committed to the Department of Corrections and housed in an appropriate facility designated by the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. Upon final affirmance of the conviction, the punishment shall be imposed in the manner provided by law. The State Executioner or his duly authorized deputy shall supervise and perform such execution.

(2) When a person is sentenced to suffer death in the manner provided by law, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the court to deliver forthwith to the Commissioner of Corrections a warrant for the execution of the condemned person. It shall be the duty of

the commissioner forthwith to notify the State Executioner of the date of the execution and it shall be the duty of the said State Executioner, or any person deputized by him in writing, in the event of his physical disability, as hereinafter provided, to be present at such execution, to perform the same, and have general supervision over said execution. In addition to the above designated persons, the Commissioner of Corrections shall secure the presence at such execution of the sheriff, or his deputy, of the county of conviction, at least one (1) but not more than two (2) physicians or the county coroner where the execution takes place, and bona fide members of the press, not to exceed eight (8) in number, and at the request of the condemned, such ministers of the gospel, not exceeding two (2), as said condemned person shall name. The Commissioner of Corrections shall also name to be present at the execution such \* \* \* members of the execution team deemed by him or her to be necessary to insure proper security. No other persons shall be permitted to witness the execution, except the commissioner may permit the condemned person to designate two (2) \* \* \* witnesses, if they so request and two (2) members of the victim's \* \* \* family as witnesses, if they so request. Provided further, that the Governor may \* \* \* designate two (2) additional persons of good and reputable character to witness an execution. No person shall be allowed to take photographs or other recordings of any type during the execution. The absence of the sheriff, or deputy, after due notice to attend, shall not delay the execution.

(3) \* \* \* The Commissioner of Corrections, or his duly authorized representative, and the physician or physicians or county coroner who witnessed such execution shall prepare and sign officially a certificate setting forth the time and place thereof and that such \* \* \* condemned person was then and there executed in conformity to the sentence of the court and the provisions of Sections 99-19-51 through 99-19-55, \* \* \* which certificate shall be filed with the clerk of the court where the conviction of the criminal was had, and the clerk shall subjoin the certificate to the record of the conviction and sentence.

(4) The body of the person so executed shall be released immediately by the State Executioner, or his duly authorized representative, to the relatives of the dead person, or to such friends as may claim the body. The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall have sole charge of burial in the event the body is not claimed as aforesaid, and his discretion in the premises shall be final. The Commissioner may donate the unclaimed body of an executed person to the University of Mississippi Medical Center for scientific purposes. The county of conviction shall bear the reasonable expense of burial in the event the body is not claimed by relatives or friends or donated to the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 99-19-51, 99-19-53 AND 99-19-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO INFLICT THE DEATH PENALTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Tom Miles

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders,

Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Blackmon, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Evans, B, Faulkner, Jackson, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, Gibbs, D, McCarty. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Brown, B, Holloway. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 811: Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, William Tracy Arnold  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Dean Kirby, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 971: Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-1-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-49. (1) An expired license issued pursuant to this article may be renewed at any time within \* \* \* sixty (60) months after the expiration date of the license upon application and payment of the required fee, and the payment of a delinquent fee prescribed in Section 63-1-43, in lieu of a driver examination, unless the holder of the expired license is required to be examined, or unless the department has reason to believe the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license.

(2) (a) Any person in the Armed Services of the United States, who holds a valid license issued pursuant to this chapter and is out of state due to military service at the time the license expires, may renew the license by mail or by online renewal services while out of state due to military service or at any time within ninety (90) days after being discharged from military service or upon returning to the state without payment of any delinquent fee or examination, unless the department has reason to believe that the licensee is no longer qualified to receive a license. The person shall make proof by affidavit of the fact of the person's current military service or of the time of discharge or return. The expiration of the license of a military person under the provisions of this paragraph (a) shall not affect the validity of the license, but the license shall continue to be valid and permit the person to operate a motor vehicle in this state for a period of ninety (90) days after discharge from military service or return to the state or until renewal of the license, whichever occurs first.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) also apply to a dependent of a person in the Armed Services of the United States who is out of state due to military service if the dependent resides out of state with the Armed Services member and the license of the dependent expires during the family member's absence from the state. The Commissioner of Public Safety may adopt such rules and regulations under the Administrative Procedures Act as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph.

(3) Any person holding a valid license issued pursuant to this article who is going overseas for two (2) to four (4) years and whose license will expire during the stay overseas may renew the license for four (4) years or eight (8) years before leaving. The person shall make proof by affidavit of the fact of the overseas travel.

SECTION 2. The Department of Public Safety shall be the state agency with responsibility for regulating a digital wallet for state agency credentials. The Commissioner of Public Safety may promulgate rules and regulations regarding such digital wallet technology.

SECTION 3. Section 63-1-216, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-216. (1) (a) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of one (1) year if the person's license or permit to drive has

been administratively suspended under Section 63-11-23 or the person has been convicted of a first violation of:

(i) Operating, attempting to operate, or being in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle on a highway with an alcohol concentration of four one-hundredths percent (0.04%) or more, or under the influence as provided in Section 63-11-30;

(ii) Failure to stop and render aid as required under the laws of this state in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another;

(iii) Using a motor vehicle in the commission of any offense under state or federal law that is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year;

(iv) Refusal to submit to a test to determine the operator's alcohol concentration, as provided in Title 63, Chapter 11, Mississippi Code of 1972;

(v) Operating, attempting to operate, or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle on a highway with an alcohol concentration of eight one-hundredths percent (0.08%) or more, or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or other substance, as provided in Section 63-11-30;

(vi) Operating, attempting to operate, or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle on a highway when the person is under the influence of any other drug or under the combined influence of alcohol and any other drug to a degree which renders the person incapable of driving safely as provided in Section 63-11-30;

(vii) Operating or attempting to operate a commercial motor vehicle while the license is revoked, suspended, cancelled, or disqualified;

(viii) Operating a commercial motor vehicle in a negligent manner resulting in a fatal injury.

(b) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for three (3) years if convicted of a violation listed in subsection (1) of this section, if the violation occurred while transporting a hazardous material required to be placarded.

(c) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for life if convicted of two (2) or more violations or a combination of them listed in subsection (1) of this section arising from two (2) or more separate occurrences.

(d) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of sixty (60) days if convicted of two (2) serious traffic violations, or one hundred twenty (120) days if convicted of three (3) serious traffic violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year period. A disqualification for three (3) serious traffic violations must be imposed consecutively to any other previous period of disqualification.

(e) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for life if the person uses a motor vehicle in the commission of any offense under state or federal law that is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a regulated drug, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a regulated drug and for which the person was convicted.

(f) A person who is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle shall surrender the person's Mississippi commercial driver's license no later than the effective date of the disqualification. Upon receipt of the person's commercial driver's license, that person, if otherwise eligible, may apply for a non-CDL, and upon payment of sufficient fees receive the driver's license.

(g) The commissioner shall adopt rules establishing guidelines, including conditions, under which a disqualification for life under this section, except for a disqualification issued pursuant to paragraph (e) of this subsection, may be reduced to a period of not less than ten (10) years.

(h) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of sixty (60) days if the driver is convicted of a first violation of a railroad-highway grade crossing violation.

(i) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days if, during any three-year period, the



driver is convicted of a second railroad-highway grade crossing violation in a separate incident.

(j) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of one (1) year if, during any three-year period, the driver is convicted of a third or subsequent railroad-highway grade crossing violation in separate incidents.

(k) A person who is simultaneously subject to a disqualification issued by the administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 383.52 and a disqualification under any other provision of this section shall serve those disqualification periods concurrently.

(2) (a) A person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the State of Mississippi shall be suspended for one (1) year, if:

(i) The person is convicted of a first violation of operating, attempting to operate or being in actual physical control of a commercial motor vehicle on a highway with an alcohol concentration of four one-hundredths percent (0.04%) or more, or under the influence, as provided in Section 63-11-30; and

(ii) The person's commercial driver's license is issued by a state or country that does not issue commercial driver's licenses and disqualify persons in accordance with 49 CFR, Parts 383 and 384.

(b) A person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the State of Mississippi shall be suspended for three (3) years if the person is convicted of violating subsection (1) of this section, and the violation occurred while the person was transporting a hazardous material required to be placarded.

(c) A person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the State of Mississippi shall be suspended for life if the person is convicted a second time of violating subsection (1) of this section, and both convictions arise out of separate occurrences.

(d) A person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the State of Mississippi shall be suspended for sixty (60) days if the person is convicted of two (2) serious traffic violations, or for one hundred twenty (120) days if the person is convicted of three (3) serious traffic violations, arising from separate incidents occurring within a three-year period.

(e) A person's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the State of Mississippi shall be suspended for life if the person uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of any offense under state or federal law that is punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year, involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a regulated drug, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a regulated drug, and for which the person was convicted.

(f) In addition to the reasons specified in this section for suspension of the commercial driver's license, the commissioner shall be authorized to suspend the commercial driver's license of any person for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a commercial driver's license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a commercial driver's license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a commercial driver's license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this article, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(3) A person shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for life if the person is convicted of any crime under the Mississippi Human Trafficking Act in Sections 97-3-54 et seq. or any felony involving a severe form of trafficking in persons, as defined by 22 USC 7102(11).

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and the remainder of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH AN EXPIRED DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY BE RENEWED WITHOUT EXAMINATION; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL BE THE STATE AGENCY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGULATING CERTAIN DIGITAL WALLETS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-216, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM DRIVING A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IF CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT OR ANY FELONY INVOLVING A SEVERE FORM OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AS DEFINED BY FEDERAL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Jay McKnight

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Scott DeLano, Bart Williams

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1185: State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

AMEND by inserting the following after Senate Amendment No. 1 and renumbering subsequent section(s) accordingly:

SECTION 4. The Southern Rail Commission is granted the authority to execute and enter into contracts with parties for the purpose of construction of any related infrastructure and/or operations of intercity passenger rail service subject to the approval of any affected railroad and other interested party.

AMEND FURTHER, the title to conform by inserting the following on line 6 before the word "and":

TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION TO EXECUTE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PARTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF ANY RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND/OR OPERATIONS OF INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF ANY AFFECTED RAILROAD AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTY;

AMEND FURTHER, on line 330 by deleting "July 1, 2022" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "its passage"

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Larry Byrd

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Scott DeLano, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2507: MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Josh Harkins, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Missy McGee

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Johnson. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, D, Taylor. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2508: Personal delivery devices; regulate.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

#### SECTION 1. (1) A personal delivery device must:

- (a) Yield to all other traffic, including pedestrians;
- (b) Refrain from transporting hazardous materials regulated under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 USC Section 5103, that are required to be placarded under 49 CFR Part 172, Subpart F; and
- (c) Be equipped with:
  - (i) A marker clearly stating the name and contact information of the owner and a unique identification number;
  - (ii) A braking system enabling the device to come to a controlled stop; and
  - (iii) If operated between sunset and sunrise, lighting on both the front and rear which is visible in clear weather from at least five hundred (500) feet.

(2) A personal delivery device may be operated in a pedestrian area at speeds of no more than ten (10) miles per hour. For purposes of this section, a pedestrian area is a sidewalk, crosswalk, school crossing zone or safety zone.

(3) Personal delivery devices and personal delivery device operators are not subject to requirements or laws applicable to motor vehicles.

(4) Personal delivery devices may be prohibited by local resolutions or ordinances if the local government determines that the prohibition is necessary, in the interest of public safety. This section does not affect the authority of a local government's law enforcement officers to enforce the laws of this state relating to the operation of a personal delivery device.

(5) A business entity that operates a personal delivery device under this act shall maintain an insurance policy that includes general liability coverage of not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for damages arising from the operation of the personal delivery device.

SECTION 2. Section 17-17-403, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-17-403. The following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Commission" means the Commission on Environmental Quality.

(b) "Collection contractor" means a person approved by the department and used by a county, municipality or multicounty agency to operate a household hazardous waste collection and management program.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Quality.

(d) "Household hazardous waste" means any waste that would be considered hazardous under the Solid Wastes Disposal Law of 1974, Section 17-17-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, or any rules and regulations promulgated thereto, but for the fact that it is produced in quantities smaller than those regulated under that law or regulations and is generated by persons not otherwise covered by that law or regulations.

(e) "Motor vehicle" means an automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor and semitrailer combination, farm equipment or any other vehicle operated on the roads of this state, used to transport persons or property, and propelled by power other than muscular power, but does not include traction engines, road rollers, earth movers, graders, loaders and other similar construction equipment requiring oversized tires, any vehicles which run only upon a track, bicycles, electric bicycles, personal delivery devices or mopeds. For purposes of this article, "farm equipment" means any vehicle which uses tires having the following designations: I-1, I-2, I-3, R-1, R-2, R-3, F-1, F-2 and Farm Highway Service.

(f) "Small business" means any commercial establishment not regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-580, 42 USCS 6901 et seq.), as amended or regulations promulgated thereto.

(g) "Small quantity waste tire generator" means any private individual generating twenty-five (25) or fewer waste tires annually, or a tire retail outlet, automotive mechanic shop or other commercial or governmental entity that generates ten (10) or fewer waste tires per week.

(h) "Tire" means a continuous solid or pneumatic rubber covering encircling the wheel of a motor vehicle.

(i) "Waste tire" means a whole tire that is no longer suitable for its original intended purpose because of wear, damage or defect.

(j) "Waste tire hauler" means any person engaged in the collection and/or transportation of fifty (50) or more waste tires for the purpose of storage, processing or disposal or any person transporting waste tires for compensation.

(k) "Waste tire processing facility" means a site where tires are reduced in volume by shredding, cutting, chipping or otherwise altered to facilitate recycling, resource recovery or disposal. The term includes mobile waste tire processing equipment. Commercial enterprises processing waste tires shall not be considered solid waste management facilities.

(l) "Waste tire collection site" means a site used for the storage of one hundred (100) or more waste tires.

SECTION 3. Section 21-37-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-37-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, the governing authorities of municipalities shall have the power to exercise full jurisdiction in the matter of streets, sidewalks, sewers, and parks; to open and lay out and construct the same; and to repair, maintain, pave, sprinkle, adorn, and light the same.

(2) Section 63-3-208 shall govern the use of electric personal assistive mobility devices (as defined in Section 63-3-103) on streets and sidewalks. Section 63-3-1315 shall govern the use of electric bicycles, as defined in Section 63-3-103, on streets, sidewalks and bicycle or multi-use paths. Section 1 of this act shall govern the use of personal delivery devices, as defined in Section 63-3-103, on sidewalks and other pedestrian areas.

SECTION 4. Section 27-19-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-3. (a) The following words and phrases when used in this article for the purpose of this article have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly describes and indicates a different meaning:

(1) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, except devices moved by muscular power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(2) "Commercial vehicle" means every vehicle used or operated upon the public roads, highways or bridges in connection with any business function.

(3) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle as defined in this section which is self-propelled, including trackless street or trolley cars. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include electric bicycles, personal delivery devices or electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in Section 63-3-103, or golf carts or low-speed vehicles as defined in Section 63-32-1.

(4) "Tractor" means every vehicle designed, constructed or used for drawing other vehicles.

(5) "Motorcycle" means every vehicle designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, except electric bicycles, personal delivery devices and vehicles included within the term "tractor" as herein classified and defined.

(6) "Truck tractor" means every motor vehicle designed and used for drawing other vehicles and so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn and has a gross vehicle weight (GVW) in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds.

(7) "Trailer" means every vehicle without motive power, designed to carry property or passengers wholly on its structure and which is drawn by a motor vehicle.

(8) "Semitrailer" means every vehicle (of the trailer type) so designed and used in conjunction with a truck tractor.

(9) "Foreign vehicle" means every motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer, which shall be brought into the state otherwise than by or through a manufacturer or dealer for resale and which has not been registered in this state.

(10) "Pneumatic tires" means all tires inflated with compressed air.

(11) "Solid rubber tires" means every tire made of rubber other than pneumatic tires.

(12) "Solid tires" means all tires, the surface of which in contact with the highway is wholly or partly of metal or other hard, nonresilient material.

(13) "Person" means every natural person, firm, copartnership, corporation, joint-stock or other association or organization.

(14) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale, lease or transfer of the possession, the person with the right of purchase upon performance of conditions stated in the agreement, and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee, lessee, possessor or in the event such or similar transaction is had by means of a mortgage, and the mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee, lessee, possessor or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purposes of this article.

(15) "School bus" means every motor vehicle engaged solely in transporting school children or school children and teachers to and from schools; however, such vehicles may transport passengers on weekends and legal holidays and during summer months between the terms of school for compensation when the transportation of passengers is over a route of which not more than fifty percent (50%) traverses the route of a common carrier of passengers by motor vehicle and when no passengers are picked up on the route of any such carrier.

(16) "Dealer" means every person engaged regularly in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, trucks, tractors or other character of commercial or industrial motor vehicles in this state, and having an established place of business in this state.

(17) "Highway" means and includes every way or place of whatever nature, including public roads, streets and alleys of this state generally open to the use of the public or to be opened or reopened to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel, and notwithstanding that the same may be temporarily closed for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance or repair.

(18) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue of this state, acting directly or through his duly authorized officers, agents, representatives and employees.

(19) "Common carrier by motor vehicle" means any person who or which undertakes, whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement, to transport passengers or property or any class or classes of property for the general public in interstate or intrastate commerce on the public highways of this state by motor vehicles for compensation, whether over regular or irregular routes. The term "common carrier by motor vehicle" shall not include passenger buses operating within the corporate limits of a municipality in this state or not exceeding five (5) miles beyond the corporate limits of the municipality, and hearses, ambulances, and school buses as such. In addition, this definition shall not include taxicabs.

(20) "Contract carrier by motor vehicle" means any person who or which under the special and individual contract or agreements, and whether directly or by a lease or any other arrangement, transports passengers or property in interstate or intrastate commerce on the public highways of this state by motor vehicle for compensation. The term "contract carrier by motor vehicle" shall not include passenger buses operating wholly within the corporate limits of a municipality in this state or not exceeding five (5) miles beyond the corporate limits of the municipality, and hearses, ambulances, and school buses as such. In addition, this definition shall not include taxicabs.

(21) "Private commercial and noncommercial carrier of property by motor vehicle" means any person not included in the terms "common carrier by motor vehicle" or "contract carrier by motor vehicle," who or which transports in interstate or intrastate commerce on the public highways of this state by motor vehicle, property of which such person is the owner, lessee, or bailee, other than for hire. The term "private commercial and noncommercial carrier of private property by motor vehicle" shall not include passenger buses operated wholly within the corporate limits of a municipality of this state, or not exceeding five (5) miles beyond the corporate limits of the municipality, and hearses, ambulances, and school buses as such. In addition, this definition shall not include taxicabs.

Haulers of fertilizer shall be classified as private commercial carriers of property by motor vehicle.

(22) "Private carrier of passengers" means all other passenger motor vehicle carriers not included in the above definitions. The term "private carrier of passengers" shall not include passenger buses operating wholly within the corporate limits of a municipality in this state, or not exceeding five (5) miles beyond the corporate limits of the municipality, and hearses, ambulances, and school buses as such. In addition, this definition shall not include taxicabs.

(23) "Operator" means any person, partnership, joint-stock company or corporation operating on the public highways of the state one or more motor vehicles as the beneficial owner or lessee.

(24) "Driver" means the person actually driving or operating such motor vehicle at any given time.

(25) "Private carrier of property" means any person transporting property on the highways of this state as defined below:

(i) Any person, or any employee of such person, transporting farm products, farm supplies, materials and/or equipment used in the growing or production of his own agricultural products in his own truck.

(ii) Any person transporting his own fish, including shellfish, in his own truck.

(iii) Any person, or any employee of such person, transporting unprocessed forest products, or timber harvesting equipment wherein ownership remains the same, in his own truck.

(26) "Taxicab" means any passenger motor vehicle for hire with a seating capacity not greater than ten (10) passengers. For purposes of this paragraph (26), seating capacity shall be determined according to the manufacturer's suggested seating capacity for a vehicle. If there is no manufacturer's suggested seating capacity for a vehicle, the seating capacity for the vehicle shall be determined according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue.

(27) "Passenger coach" means any passenger motor vehicle with a seating capacity greater than ten (10) passengers, operating wholly within the corporate limits of a municipality of this state or within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the municipality, or motor vehicles substituted for abandoned electric railway systems in or between municipalities. For purposes of this paragraph (27), seating capacity shall be determined according to the manufacturer's suggested seating capacity for a vehicle. If there is no manufacturer's suggested seating capacity for a vehicle, the seating capacity for the vehicle shall be determined according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue.

(28) "Empty weight" means the actual weight of a vehicle including fixtures and equipment necessary for the transportation of load hauled or to be hauled.

(29) "Gross weight" means the empty weight of the vehicle, as defined herein, plus any load being transported or to be transported.

(30) "Ambulance and hearse" shall have the meaning generally ascribed to them. A hearse or funeral coach shall be classified as a light carrier of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101.

(31) "Regular seats" means each seat ordinarily and customarily used by one (1) passenger, including all temporary, emergency, and collapsible seats. Where any seats are not distinguished or separated by separate cushions and backs, a seat shall be counted for each eighteen (18) inches of space on such seats or major fraction thereof. In the case of a regular passenger-type automobile which is used as a common or contract carrier of passengers, three (3) seats shall be counted for the rear seat of such automobile and one (1) seat shall be counted for the front seat of such automobile.

(32) "Ton" means two thousand (2,000) pounds avoirdupois.

(33) "Bus" means any passenger vehicle with a seating capacity of more than ten (10) but shall not include "private carrier of passengers" and "school bus" as defined in paragraphs (15) and (22) of this section. For purposes of this paragraph (33), seating capacity shall be determined according to the manufacturer's suggested seating capacity for a vehicle. If there is no manufacturer's suggested seating capacity for a vehicle, the seating capacity for the vehicle shall be determined according to regulations established by the Department of Revenue.

(34) "Corporate fleet" means a group of two hundred (200) or more marked private carriers of passengers or light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, trailers, semitrailers, or motor vehicles in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds gross vehicle weight, except for those vehicles registered for interstate travel, owned or leased on a long-term basis by a corporation or other legal entity. In order to be considered marked, the motor vehicle must have a name, trademark or logo located either on the sides or the rear of the vehicle in sharp contrast to the background, and of a size, shape and color that is legible during daylight hours from a distance of fifty (50) feet.



(35) "Individual fleet" means a group of five (5) or more private carriers of passengers or light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, owned or leased by the same person and principally garaged in the same county.

(36) "Trailer fleet" means a group of fifty (50) or more utility trailers each with a gross vehicle weight of six thousand (6,000) pounds or less.

(b) (1) No lease shall be recognized under the provisions of this article unless it shall be in writing and shall fully define a bona fide relationship of lessor and lessee, signed by both parties, dated and be in the possession of the driver of the leased vehicle at all times.

(2) Leased vehicles shall be considered as domiciled at the place in the State of Mississippi from which they operate in interstate or intrastate commerce, and for the purposes of this article shall be considered as owned by the lessee, who shall furnish all insurance on the vehicles and the driver of the vehicles shall be considered as an agent of the lessee for all purposes of this article.

SECTION 5. Section 27-51-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-51-5. The subject words and terms of this section, for the purpose of this chapter, shall have meanings as follows:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means any device and attachments supported by one or more wheels which is propelled or drawn by any power other than muscular power over the highways, streets or alleys of this state. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include electric bicycles \* \* \*, personal delivery devices or electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in Section 63-3-103, or golf carts or low-speed vehicles as defined in Section 63-32-1. However, mobile homes which are detached from any self-propelled vehicles and parked on land in the state are hereby expressly exempt from the motor vehicle ad valorem taxes, but house trailers which are actually in transit and which are not parked for more than an overnight stop are not exempted.

(b) "Public highway" means and includes every way or place of whatever nature, including public roads, streets and alleys of this state generally open to the use of the public or to be opened or reopened to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel, notwithstanding that the same may be temporarily closed for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or repair.

(c) "Administrator of the road and bridge privilege tax law" means the official authorized by law to administer the road and bridge privilege tax law of this state.

SECTION 6. Section 63-3-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-3-103. (a) "Vehicle" means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(b) "Motor vehicle" means every vehicle which is self-propelled and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated upon rails. The term "motor vehicle" shall not include electric personal assistive mobility devices, personal delivery devices or electric bicycles.

(c) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground but excluding a tractor. The term "motorcycle" includes motor scooters as defined in subsection (j) of this section. The term "motorcycle" shall not include electric bicycles or personal delivery devices.

(d) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means every vehicle of the fire department (fire patrol), every police vehicle, every 911 Emergency Communications District vehicle, every such ambulance and special use EMS vehicle as defined in Section 41-59-3, every Mississippi Emergency Management Agency vehicle as is designated or authorized by the Executive Director of MEMA and every emergency vehicle of municipal departments or public service corporations as is designated or authorized by the commission or the chief of police of an incorporated city.

(e) "School bus" means every motor vehicle operated for the transportation of children to or from any school, provided same is plainly marked "School Bus" on the front and rear thereof and meets the requirements of the State Board of Education as authorized under Section 37-41-1.

(f) "Recreational vehicle" means a vehicular type unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle and includes travel trailers, fifth-wheel trailers, camping trailers, truck campers and motor homes.

(g) "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed primarily to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use.

(h) "Electric assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing two-tandem wheeled device, designed to transport only one (1) person, with an electric propulsion system that limits the maximum speed of the device to fifteen (15) miles per hour.

(i) "Autocycle" means a three-wheel motorcycle with a steering wheel, nonstraddle seating, rollover protection and seat belts.

(j) "Motor scooter" means a two-wheeled vehicle that has a seat for the operator, one (1) wheel that is ten (10) inches or more in diameter, a step-through chassis, a motor with a rating of two and seven-tenths (2.7) brake horsepower or less if the motor is an internal combustion engine, an engine of 50cc or less and otherwise meets all safety requirements of motorcycles. The term "motor scooter" shall not include electric bicycles or personal delivery devices.

(k) "Platoon" means a group of individual motor vehicles traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds at following distances that are closer than would be reasonable and prudent without such coordination.

(l) "Electric bicycle" means a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a saddle or seat for the rider, and an electric motor of less than seven hundred fifty (750) watts that meets the requirements of one (1) of the following three (3) classes:

(i) "Class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(ii) "Class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty (20) miles per hour.

(iii) "Class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of twenty-eight (28) miles per hour.

(m) "Personal delivery device" means a device:

(i) Solely powered by an electric motor;

(ii) Intended to be operated primarily on sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pedestrian areas to transport cargo;

(iii) Intended primarily to transport property on public rights-of-way, and not intended to carry passengers; and

(iv) Capable of navigating with or without the active control or monitoring of a natural person.

(n) "Personal delivery device operator" means a person or entity that exercises physical control or monitoring over the operation of a personal delivery device, excluding a person or entity that requests or receives the services of a personal delivery device, arranges for or dispatches the requested services of a personal delivery device, or stores, charges or maintains a personal delivery device.

SECTION 7. Section 63-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-15-3. The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall, for the purposes of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except in those instances where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) "Highway" means the entire width between property lines of any road, street, way, thoroughfare or bridge in the State of Mississippi not privately owned or controlled, when any part thereof is open to the public for vehicular traffic and over which the state has legislative jurisdiction under its police power.

(b) "Judgment" means any judgment which shall have become final by expiration, without appeal, of the time within which an appeal might have been perfected, or by final affirmation on appeal, rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or of the United States, upon a cause of action arising out of the ownership,

maintenance or use of any motor vehicle, for damages, including damages for care and loss of services, because of bodily injury to or death of any person, or for damages because of injury to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, or upon a cause of action on an agreement of settlement for such damages.

(c) "Motor vehicle" means every self-propelled vehicle (other than traction engines, road rollers and graders, tractor cranes, power shovels, well drillers, implements of husbandry, electric bicycles, personal delivery devices and electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in Section 63-3-103) which is designed for use upon a highway, including trailers and semitrailers designed for use with such vehicles, and every vehicle which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead wires but not operated upon rails.

For purposes of this definition, "implements of husbandry" shall not include trucks, pickup trucks, trailers and semitrailers designed for use with such trucks and pickup trucks.

(d) "License" means any driver's, operator's, commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, temporary instruction permit or temporary license, or restricted license, issued under the laws of the State of Mississippi pertaining to the licensing of persons to operate motor vehicles.

(e) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of the State of Mississippi.

(f) "Nonresident's operating privilege" means the privilege conferred upon a nonresident by the laws of Mississippi pertaining to the operation by him of a motor vehicle, or the use of a motor vehicle owned by him, in the State of Mississippi.

(g) "Operator" means every person who is in actual physical control of a motor vehicle.

(h) "Owner" means a person who holds the legal title of a motor vehicle; in the event a motor vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then such conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this chapter.

(i) "Person" means every natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

(j) "Proof of financial responsibility" means proof of ability to respond in damages for liability, on account of accidents occurring subsequent to the effective date of said proof, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle, in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) accident, and subject to said limit for one (1) person, in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) because of bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) accident, and in the amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one (1) accident. Liability insurance required under this paragraph (j) may contain exclusions and limitations on coverage as long as the exclusions and limitations language or form has been filed with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(k) "Registration" means a certificate or certificates and registration plates issued under the laws of this state pertaining to the registration of motor vehicles.

(l) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety of the State of Mississippi, acting directly or through its authorized officers and agents, except in such sections of this chapter in which some other state department is specifically named.

(m) "State" means any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any province of the Dominion of Canada.

SECTION 8. Section 63-17-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-17-55. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means any motor-driven vehicle of the sort and kind required to have a Mississippi road or bridge privilege license, and shall include, but not be limited to, motorcycles. "Motor vehicle" shall also mean an engine, transmission, or rear axle manufactured for installation in a vehicle having as its primary purpose the transport of person or persons or property on a public highway and having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than sixteen thousand (16,000) pounds, whether or not attached to a vehicle chassis. The term "motor vehicle" excludes electric bicycles and personal delivery devices.

(b) "Motor vehicle dealer" or "dealer" means any person, firm, partnership, copartnership, association, corporation, trust or legal entity, not excluded by paragraph (c) of this section, who holds a bona fide contract or franchise in effect with a manufacturer, distributor or wholesaler of new motor vehicles, and a license under the provisions of the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law, and such duly franchised and licensed motor vehicle dealers shall be the sole and only persons, firms, partnerships, copartnerships, associations, corporations, trusts or legal entities entitled to sell and publicly or otherwise solicit and advertise for sale new motor vehicles as such.

(c) The term "motor vehicle dealer" does not include:

(i) Receivers, trustees, administrators, executors, guardians or other persons appointed by or acting under judgment, decree or order of any court;

(ii) Public officers while performing their duties as such officers;

(iii) Employees of persons, corporations or associations enumerated in paragraph (c)(i) of this section when engaged in the specific performance of their duties as such employees; or

(iv) A motor vehicle manufacturer operating a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1; and the provisions of the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law shall not apply to:

1. a. Any lease by such a motor vehicle manufacturer of three (3) or fewer motor vehicles at any one time and related vehicle maintenance, of any line of vehicle produced by the manufacturer or its subsidiaries, to any one (1) employee of the motor vehicle manufacturer on a direct basis; or

b. Any sale or other disposition of such motor vehicles by the motor vehicle manufacturer at the end of a lease through direct sales to employees of the manufacturer or through an open auction or auction limited to dealers of the manufacturer's vehicle line or its subsidiaries' vehicle lines; or

2. Any sale or other disposition by such a motor vehicle manufacturer of motor vehicles for which the manufacturer obtained distinguishing number tags under Section 27-19-309(8).

(d) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has not been previously sold to any person except a distributor or wholesaler or motor vehicle dealer for resale.

(e) "Ultimate purchaser" means, with respect to any new motor vehicle, the first person, other than a motor vehicle dealer purchasing in his capacity as such dealer, who in good-faith purchases such new motor vehicle for purposes other than for resale.

(f) "Retail sale" or "sale at retail" means the act or attempted act of selling, bartering, exchanging or otherwise disposing of a new motor vehicle to an ultimate purchaser for use as a consumer.

(g) "Motor vehicle salesman" means any person who is employed as a salesman by a motor vehicle dealer whose duties include the selling or offering for sale of new motor vehicles.

(h) "Commission" means the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission.

(i) "Manufacturer" means any person, firm, association, corporation or trust, resident or nonresident, who manufactures or assembles new motor vehicles.

(j) "Distributor" or "wholesaler" means any person, firm, association, corporation or trust, resident or nonresident, who, in whole or in part, sells or distributes new motor vehicles to motor vehicle dealers, or who maintains distributor representatives.

(k) "Factory branch" means a branch or division office maintained by a person, firm, association, corporation or trust who manufactures or assembles new motor vehicles for sale to distributors or wholesalers, to motor vehicle dealers, or for directing or supervising, in whole or in part, its representatives.

(l) "Distributor branch" means a branch or division office similarly maintained by a distributor or wholesaler for the same purposes a factory branch or division is maintained.

(m) "Factory representative" means a representative employed by a person, firm, association, corporation or trust who manufactures or assembles new motor vehicles, or by a factory branch, for the purpose of making or promoting the sale of his, its or their new motor vehicles, or for supervising or contacting his, its or their dealers or prospective dealers.

(n) "Distributor representative" means a representative similarly employed by a distributor, distributor branch or wholesaler.

(o) "Person" means and includes, individually and collectively, individuals, firms, partnerships, copartnerships, associations, corporations and trusts, or any other forms of business enterprise, or any legal entity.

(p) "Good faith" means the duty of each party to any franchise agreement, and all officers, employees or agents of such party, to act in a fair and equitable manner toward each other in the performance of the respective obligations under the franchise agreement.

(q) "Coerce" means to compel or attempt to compel by threat or duress. However, recommendation, exposition, persuasion, urging or argument shall not be deemed to constitute coercion.

(r) "Special tools" are those which a dealer was required to purchase by the manufacturer or distributor for service on that manufacturer's product.

(s) "Motor vehicle lessor" means any person, not excluded by paragraph (c) of this section, engaged in the motor vehicle leasing or rental business.

(t) "Specialty vehicle" means a motor vehicle manufactured by a second stage manufacturer by purchasing motor vehicle components, e.g. frame and drive train, and completing the manufacturer of finished motor vehicles for the purpose of resale with the primary manufacturer warranty unimpaired, to a limited commercial market rather than the consuming public. Specialty vehicles include garbage trucks, ambulances, fire trucks, buses, limousines, hearses and other similar limited purpose vehicles as the commission may by regulation provide.

(u) "Auto auction" means (i) any person who provides a place of business or facilities for the wholesale exchange of motor vehicles by and between duly licensed motor vehicle dealers, (ii) any motor vehicle dealer licensed to sell used motor vehicles selling motor vehicles using an auction format but not on consignment, or (iii) any person who provides the facilities for or is in the business of selling in an auction format motor vehicles.

(v) "Motor home" means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed primarily to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use.

(w) "Dealer-operator" means the individual designated in the franchise agreement as the operator of the motor vehicle dealership.

(x) "Franchise" or "franchise agreement" means a written contract or agreement between a motor vehicle dealer and a manufacturer or its distributor or factory branch by which the motor vehicle dealer is authorized to engage in the business of selling or leasing the specific makes, models or classifications of new motor vehicles marketed or leased by the manufacturer and designated in the agreement or any addendum to such agreement.

(y) "Net cost" means the price the motor vehicle dealer pays for new motor vehicles, supplies, parts, equipment, signs, furnishings and special tools, minus any applicable discounts or subsidies obtained by the motor vehicle dealer.

(z) "Line or make" means a collection of models, series, or groups of motor vehicles manufactured by or for a particular manufacturer, distributor or importer offered for sale, lease or distribution pursuant to a common trademark, service mark or brand name; however:

(i) Multiple brand names or marks may constitute a single line or make, but only when included in a common motor vehicle dealer agreement and the manufacturer, distributor or importer offers such vehicles bearing the multiple names of marks together only, and not separately, to its authorized motor vehicle dealers.

(ii) Motor vehicles bearing a common brand name or mark may constitute separate line or makes when such vehicles are of different vehicle types or are intended for different types of use, provided that either:

1. The manufacturer has expressly defined or covered the subject line or makes of vehicles as separate and distinct line or makes in the applicable dealer agreements; or

2. The manufacturer has consistently characterized the subject vehicles as constituting separate and distinct line or makes to its dealer network.

(aa) "Site-control agreement" or "exclusive use agreement" means an agreement that, regardless of its name, title, form or the parties entering into it, has the effect of:

(i) Controlling the use and development of the premises of a motor vehicle dealer's franchise or facilities;

(ii) Requiring a motor vehicle dealer to establish or maintain an exclusive motor vehicle dealership facility on the premises of the motor vehicle dealer's franchise or facility;

(iii) Restricting the power or authority of the dealer or the lessor, if the motor vehicle dealer leases the dealership premises, to transfer, sell, lease, develop, redevelop or change the use of the dealership premises, whether by sublease, lease, collateral pledge of lease, right of first refusal to purchase or lease, option to purchase or lease or any similar arrangement; or

(iv) Establishing a valuation process or formula for the motor vehicle dealership premises that does not allow for the motor vehicle dealership premises to be transferred, sold or leased by the motor vehicle dealer at the highest and best use valuation for the motor vehicle dealership premises.

(bb) "Market area" means the area of responsibility set forth in the franchise agreement.

(cc) "Core parts" means those original vehicle manufacturer parts that are listed in the original vehicle manufacturer's or distributor's current parts catalog, for which there is a core charge and which are returnable to the manufacturer or distributor.

(dd) "Pre-delivery preparation obligations" means all work and services, except warranty work, performed on new motor vehicles by motor vehicle dealers at the direction of the vehicle manufacturer prior to the delivery of such vehicles to the first retail consumer.

(ee) "Warranty work" means all labor, including that of a diagnostic character, performed, and all parts, including original or replacement parts, and components, including engine, transmission, and other parts assemblies, installed by motor vehicle dealers on motor vehicles which are reasonably incurred by motor vehicle dealers (other than the incidental expenses incurred in performing labor and installing parts on motor vehicles) in fulfilling a manufacturer's obligations under a new motor vehicle warranty, a recall, or a certified pre-owned warranty, to consumers, including, but not limited to, the expense of shipping or returning defective parts to the manufacturer, when required by the manufacturer.

(ff) "Repair order" means an invoice, paid by a retail customer, and closed as of the time of submission, encompassing one or more repairs to a new motor vehicle, and reflecting, in the case of a parts mark-up submission, the cost of each part and the sale price thereof, and in the case of a labor rate submission, the total charges for labor and the total number of hours that produced such charges, which invoice may be submitted in electronic form.

(gg) "Qualified repair" means a repair to a motor vehicle, paid by a retail customer, which would have come within the manufacturer's new motor vehicle warranty, but for the motor vehicle having exceeded the chronological or mileage limit of

such warranty, and which does not constitute any of the work encompassed by subsection (4) of Section 63-17-86.

(hh) "Qualified repair order" means a repair order which encompasses, in whole or in part, a qualified repair or repairs.

SECTION 9. Section 63-17-155, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-17-155. As used in Sections 63-17-151 through 63-17-165, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Collateral charges" means those additional charges to a consumer which are not directly attributable to the manufacturer's suggested retail price label for the motor vehicle. Collateral charges shall include, but not be limited to, dealer preparation charges, undercoating charges, transportation charges, towing charges, replacement car rental costs and title charges.

(b) "Comparable motor vehicle" means an identical or reasonably equivalent motor vehicle.

(c) "Consumer" means the purchaser, other than for purposes of resale, of a motor vehicle, primarily used for personal, family, or household purposes, and any person to whom such motor vehicle is transferred for the same purposes during the duration of an express warranty applicable to such motor vehicle, and any other person entitled by the terms of such warranty to enforce the obligations of the warranty.

(d) "Express warranty" means any written affirmation of fact or promise made in connection with the sale of a motor vehicle by a supplier to a consumer which relates to the nature of the material or workmanship and affirms or promises that such material or workmanship is defect-free or will meet a specified level of performance over a specified period of time. For the purposes of Section 63-17-151 et seq., express warranties do not include implied warranties.

(e) "Manufacturer" means a manufacturer or distributor as defined in Section 63-17-55.

(f) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle propelled by power other than muscular power which is sold in this state, is operated over the public streets and highways of this state and is used as a means of transporting persons or property, but shall not include vehicles run only upon tracks, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, electric bicycles, personal delivery devices, electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in Section 63-3-103, or golf carts or low-speed vehicles as defined in Section 63-32-1, or parts and components of a motor home which were added on and/or assembled by the manufacturer of the motor home. "Motor vehicle" shall include demonstrators or lease-purchase vehicles as long as a manufacturer's warranty was issued as a condition of sale.

(g) "Purchase price" means the price which the consumer paid to the manufacturer to purchase the motor vehicle in a cash sale or, if the motor vehicle is purchased in a retail installment transaction, the cash sale price as defined in Section 63-19-3.

SECTION 10. Section 63-19-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-19-3. The following words and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section, except where the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

(a) "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled or motored device designed to be used or used primarily for the transportation of passengers or property, or both, and having a gross vehicular weight rating of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds, but shall not include electric personal assistive mobility devices, personal delivery devices or electric bicycles as defined in Section 63-3-103.

(b) "Commercial vehicle" means any self-propelled or motored device designed to be used or used primarily for the transportation of passengers or property, or both, and having a gross vehicular weight rating of fifteen thousand (15,000) pounds or more; however, wherever "motor vehicle" appears in this chapter, except in Section 63-19-43, the same shall be construed to include commercial vehicles where such construction is necessary in order to give effect to this chapter.

(c) "Retail buyer" or "buyer" means a person who buys a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle from a retail seller, not for the purpose of resale, and who executes a retail installment contract in connection therewith.

(d) "Retail seller" or "seller" means a person who sells a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle to a retail buyer under or subject to a retail installment contract.

(e) The "holder" of a retail installment contract means the retail seller of the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle under or subject to the contract or if the contract is purchased by a sales finance company or other assignee, the sales finance company or other assignee.

(f) "Retail installment transaction" means any transaction evidenced by a retail installment contract entered into between a retail buyer and a retail seller wherein the retail buyer buys a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle from the retail seller at a time price payable in one or more deferred installments. The cash sale price of the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle, the amount included for insurance and other benefits if a separate charge is made therefor, official fees and the finance charge shall together constitute the time price.

(g) "Retail installment contract" or "contract" means an agreement entered into in this state pursuant to which the title to or a lien upon the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle which is the subject matter of a retail installment transaction is retained or taken by a retail seller from a retail buyer as security for the buyer's obligation. The term includes a chattel mortgage, a conditional sales contract and a contract for the bailment or leasing of a motor vehicle or commercial vehicle by which the bailee or lessee contracts to pay as compensation for its use a sum substantially equivalent to or in excess of its value and by which it is agreed that the bailee or lessee is bound to become, or has the option of becoming, the owner of the motor vehicle upon full compliance with the provisions of the contract.

(h) "Cash sale price" means the price stated in a retail installment contract for which the seller would have sold to the buyer, and the buyer would have bought from the seller, the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle which is the subject matter of the retail installment contract, if such sale had been a sale for cash instead of a retail installment transaction. The cash sale price may include any taxes, registration, certificate of title, if any, license and other fees and charges for accessories and their installation and for delivery, servicing, repairing or improving the motor vehicle or commercial vehicle.

(i) "Official fees" means the fees prescribed by law for filing, recording or otherwise perfecting and releasing or satisfying a retained title or a lien created by a retail installment contract, if recorded.

(j) "Finance charge" means the amount agreed upon between the buyer and the seller, as limited in this chapter, to be added to the aggregate of the cash sale price, the amount, if any, included for insurance and other benefits and official fees, in determining the time price.

(k) "Sales finance company" means a person engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of purchasing retail installment contracts from one or more retail sellers. The term includes, but is not limited to, a bank, trust company, private banker, industrial bank or investment company, if so engaged. The term also includes a retail seller engaged, in whole or in part, in the business of creating and holding retail installment contracts which exceed a total aggregate outstanding indebtedness of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). The term does not include the pledgee to whom is pledged one or more of such contracts to secure a bona fide loan thereon.

(l) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, association and any other group however organized.

(m) "Administrator" means the Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance or his duly authorized representative.

(n) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance.

(o) "Records" or "documents" means any item in hard copy or produced in a format of storage commonly described as electronic, imaged, magnetic, microphotographic or otherwise, and any reproduction so made shall have the same force and effect as the original thereof and be admitted in evidence equally with the original.



Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.

SECTION 11. Section 63-21-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-21-5. The following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall, for the purpose of this chapter, have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(a) "State Tax Commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi.

(b) "Dealer" means every person engaged regularly in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, trucks, tractors or other character of commercial or industrial motor vehicles in this state, and having in this state an established place of business as defined in Section 27-19-303, Mississippi Code of 1972. The term "dealer" shall also mean every person engaged regularly in the business of buying, selling or exchanging manufactured housing in this state, and licensed as a dealer of manufactured housing by the Mississippi Department of Insurance.

(c) "Designated agent" means each county tax collector in this state who may perform his duties under this chapter either personally or through any of his deputies, or such other persons as the Department of Revenue may designate. The term shall also mean those "dealers" as herein defined and/or their officers and employees and other persons who are appointed by the Department of Revenue in the manner provided in Section 63-21-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, to perform the duties of "designated agent" for the purposes of this chapter.

(d) "Implement of husbandry" means every vehicle designed and adapted exclusively for agricultural, horticultural or livestock raising operations or for lifting or carrying an implement of husbandry and in either case not subject to registration if used upon the highways.

(e) "Vehicle identification number" means the numbers and letters on a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home designated by the manufacturer or assigned by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of identifying the vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home.

(f) "Lien" means every kind of written lease which is substantially equivalent to an installment sale or which provides for a right of purchase; conditional sale; reservation of title; deed of trust; chattel mortgage; trust receipt; and every other written agreement or instrument of whatever kind or character whereby an interest other than absolute title is sought to be held or given on a motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home.

(g) "Lienholder" means any natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation holding a lien as herein defined on a motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home.

(h) "Manufactured housing" or "manufactured home" means any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width or forty (40) body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty (320) or more square feet and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that such terms shall include any structure which meets all the requirements of this paragraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, 42 USCS, Section 5401.

(i) "Manufacturer" means any person regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, constructing or assembling motor vehicles, manufactured homes or mobile homes, either within or without this state.

(j) "Mobile home" means any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width or forty (40) body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, is three hundred twenty (320) or more square feet and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities,

and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein and manufactured prior to June 15, 1976. Any mobile home designated as realty on or before July 1, 1999, shall continue to be designated as realty so that a security interest will be made by incorporating such mobile home in a deed of trust.

(k) "Motorcycle" means every motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three (3) wheels in contact with the ground, but excluding a farm tractor, personal delivery device and electric bicycle.

(l) "Motor vehicle" means every automobile, motorcycle, mobile trailer, semitrailer, truck, truck tractor, trailer and every other device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway which is required to have a road or bridge privilege license, except such as is moved by animal power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and excepting electric bicycles and personal delivery devices.

(m) "New vehicle" means a motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home which has never been the subject of a first sale for use.

(n) "Used vehicle" means a motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home that has been the subject of a first sale for use, whether within this state or elsewhere.

(o) "Owner" means a person or persons holding the legal title of a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home; in the event a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home is the subject of a deed of trust or a chattel mortgage or an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof or other like agreement, with the right of purchase upon performance of the conditions stated in the agreement and with the immediate right of possession vested in the grantor in the deed of trust, mortgagor, conditional vendee or lessee, the grantor, mortgagor, conditional vendee or lessee shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this chapter.

(p) "Person" includes every natural person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation.

(q) "Pole trailer" means every vehicle without motive power designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle by means of a reach or pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle, and ordinarily used for transporting long or irregularly shaped loads such as poles, pipes, boats or structural members capable generally of sustaining themselves as beams between the supporting connections.

(r) "Security agreement" means a written agreement which reserves or creates a security interest.

(s) "Security interest" means an interest in a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home reserved or created by agreement and which secures payment or performance of an obligation. The term includes the interest of a lessor under a lease intended as security. A security interest is "perfected" when it is valid against third parties generally, subject only to specific statutory exceptions.

(t) "Special mobile equipment" means every vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, including, but not limited to: ditch-digging apparatus, well-boring apparatus and road construction and maintenance machinery such as asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, tractors other than truck tractors, ditchers, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earth-moving carryalls and scrapers, power shovels and draglines, and self-propelled cranes, vehicles so constructed that they exceed eight (8) feet in width and/or thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height, and earth-moving equipment. The term does not include house trailers, dump trucks, truck-mounted transit mixers, cranes or shovels, or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

(u) "Nonresident" means every person who is not a resident of this state.

(v) "Current address" means a new address different from the address shown on the application or on the certificate of title. The owner shall within thirty (30) days after his address is changed from that shown on the application or on the certificate of title notify the department of the change of address in the manner prescribed by the department.

(w) "Odometer" means an instrument for measuring and recording the actual distance a motor vehicle travels while in operation; but shall not include any auxiliary instrument designed to be reset by the operator of the motor vehicle for the purpose of recording the distance traveled on trips.

(x) "Odometer reading" means the actual cumulative distance traveled disclosed on the odometer.

(y) "Odometer disclosure statement" means a statement certified by the owner of the motor vehicle to the transferee or to the department as to the odometer reading.

(z) "Mileage" means actual distance that a vehicle has traveled.

(aa) "Trailer" means every vehicle other than a "pole trailer" as defined in this chapter without motive power designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle for the purpose of hauling goods or products. The term "trailer" shall not refer to any structure, transportable in one or more sections regardless of size, when erected on site, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning and electrical systems contained therein regardless of the date of manufacture.

(bb) "Salvage mobile home" or "salvage manufactured home" means a mobile home or manufactured home for which a certificate of title has been issued that an insurance company obtains from the owner as a result of paying a total loss claim resulting from collision, fire, flood, wind or other occurrence. The term "salvage mobile home" or "salvage manufactured home" does not mean or include and is not applicable to a mobile home or manufactured home that is twenty (20) years old or older.

(cc) "Salvage certificate of title" means a document issued by the department for a salvage mobile home or salvage manufactured home as defined in this chapter.

(dd) "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed for off-road use and is not required to have a motor vehicle privilege license. The term "all-terrain vehicle" shall not include electric bicycles.

SECTION 12. Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Title 63, Chapter 3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN PEDESTRIAN AREAS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 17-17-403, 21-37-3, 27-19-3, 27-51-5, 63-3-103, 63-15-3, 63-17-55, 63-17-155, 63-19-3 AND 63-21-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Josh Harkins, Nicole Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Shanda Yates

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Stamps, Williamson.  
Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, B, Hines, Johnson, Karriem. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1035: Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall establish and regulate special hunts during velvet hunting season, outside of the regular open season on deer. Velvet hunting season shall begin on September 10, and end no later than September 20, and shall be for no less than three (3) consecutive days in length, and for no more than five (5) consecutive days in length, and only hunting with bow and arrow or crossbows shall be allowed during such season. The special season shall be open on private lands and any Wildlife Management Areas as deemed appropriate by the department. Only bucks that meet the antler criteria for the respective deer management unit may be harvested. There shall be mandatory reporting of the harvested animal.

(2) The commission shall establish a special hunting permit for velvet hunting season. Such special hunting permit for velvet hunting season shall be authorized for a time period beginning on September 10, and ending no later than September 20, and shall be valid for no less than three (3) consecutive days in length, and for no more than five (5) consecutive days in length. The commission shall, set the cost of permits.

**SECTION 2.** Section 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-31. (1) The open season on deer shall be as follows:

- (a) With bow and arrow: October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.
- (b) With guns and with dogs: from the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving through December 1.
- (c) With primitive weapons and without dogs: December 2 through December 15.
- (d) With guns and without dogs: December 16 through December 23. However, the commission may allow hunting statewide or in specific areas with any legal weapon which it may designate without dogs after the end of the last season for

hunting deer with guns and with dogs, but the season with legal designated weapons and without dogs shall not extend beyond January 31.

(e) The commission shall establish an extended season with primitive weapons and bow and arrow without dogs from February 1 through February 15 for the area south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of Mississippi Highway 35 only for legal bucks. Any antlered deer taken in this area during any open season under this section must be a legal buck as defined in this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "legal buck" means a deer with antlers of four (4) points or more with a minimum inside spread of ten (10) inches or a minimum main beam length of thirteen (13) inches. The commission may regulate the taking of deer with antlers of four (4) points or less under this paragraph for the proper management of antlered deer. The commission may delay the opening date and change the length of bow and arrow season in paragraph (a) in this area.

(f) With guns and with dogs: December 24 through a date fixed by the commission that will provide a total of thirty-nine (39) days of hunting deer with guns and with dogs when added to the number of days provided for hunting deer with guns and with dogs in paragraph (b).

(g) When the open season on deer ends on a Friday, the commission shall have the authority to extend the season until thirty (30) minutes after sunset on the following Sunday.

(2) The commission may set and regulate the deer seasons on wildlife management areas which it administers.

(3) (a) The commission may allow the harvesting of antlerless deer in the districts or zones upon the recommendation of the executive director based upon good and substantial quantitative data and research evaluations that demonstrate that the harvesting is necessary to properly manage the herd.

(b) The commission, only upon the recommendation of the executive director, may allow the harvesting of antlerless deer during the deer season with guns and with dogs by a majority vote of the commission.

(c) Nothing in this subsection prohibits the harvesting of either-sex deer by landowners or leaseholders on private lands under the deer management assistance program prescribed or approved by the executive director.

(4) The commission may provide a special permit for the harvesting of deer when they are depredating and destroying crops. The department shall supervise the harvesting and provide for the salvaging of the meat of the animals. The commission may authorize the department to assist any farmer in this state, who sustains crop damage by wildlife, in eradication of the problem wildlife.

(5) (a) During any open season on deer with primitive weapons after November 30, a person may use any legal weapon of choice on private lands only, if the person is:

- (i) The title owner of the land;
- (ii) The lessee of the hunting rights on the land;
- (iii) A member of a hunting club leasing the hunting rights

on the land; or

- (iv) A guest of a person specified in subparagraph (i), (ii)

or (iii).

(b) If the person is required to have a hunting license, the person must have a primitive weapon license, Sportsman's License or a Lifetime Sportsman's License.

(6) The commission shall establish and regulate special hunts during velvet hunting season, outside of the regular open season on deer, as provided in Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ESTABLISH AND REGULATE SPECIAL HUNTS DURING VELVET HUNTING SEASON; TO PROVIDE THAT VELVET HUNTING SEASON SHALL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND END SEPTEMBER 20; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO

ESTABLISH A SPECIAL HUNTING PERMIT FOR VELVET HUNTING SEASON; TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATES TO OPEN SEASON ON DEER, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AND REGULATE SPECIAL HUNTS DURING VELVET HUNTING SEASON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, Shane Barnett, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Tyler McCaughn, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Wallace. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2010: Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Derrick T. Simmons, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, Shane Barnett, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Paden, Williams-Barnes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2505: Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, Shane Barnett, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, McLeod. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2437:** Central Mississippi Correctional Facility; authorize pilot work initiative.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2437: Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-539, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-539. For the purposes of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, the following terms shall have the following \* \* \* meaning unless the context shall provide otherwise:

(a) "Chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the corporation established under this chapter.

( \* \* \*b) "Corporation" means the private nonprofit corporation which is required to be organized and formed to carry out the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575 regarding prison industries.

( \* \* \*c) "Department" means the State Department of Corrections.

( \* \* \*d) "Inmate" means any person incarcerated within any state correctional facility.

( \* \* \*e) "Prison industry program" means any program which is considered to be a part of any prison industry in this state.

( \* \* \*f) "Prison agricultural enterprises" means all agricultural endeavors as defined in Section 47-5-353.

(g) "Work Initiative" or "initiative" means the program authorized in Section 47-5-579.

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 47-5-579, Mississippi Code of 1972:

47-5-579. (1) (a) The corporation is authorized to create a Pilot Work Initiative at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. The initiative shall be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) inmates in the program at any given time.

(b) The department shall:

(i) Have the ultimate authority for oversight of the administration of the initiative;

(ii) Delegate the administration of the initiative to the corporation; and

(iii) Oversee the selection of inmates for admission to the initiative.

(2) (a) An inmate is eligible for participation in the initiative if the inmate has:

(i) No more than two (2) years remaining on the inmate's sentence;

(ii) Not been convicted under Section 97-9-49 within the last five (5) years; and



(iii) Not been sentenced for a sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23(h).

(b) Any inmate that meets the eligibility requirements of paragraph (a) may request assignment to the work initiative established under this section.

(3) (a) The commissioner shall select inmates for admission to the program.

(b) An inmate currently participating in vocational training or a soft skills training program with the department shall have priority in admission to the program.

(4) (a) The chief executive officer may authorize the inmate to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs designed to supplement his work initiative employment or to prepare the person for successful reentry.

(b) Before accepting any participants to the program, the corporation, in consultation with the department, shall adopt and publish rules and regulations to effectuate this section no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section. These rules and regulations shall include all protection requirements for work release programs established pursuant to Sections 47-5-451 through 47-5-471. Participating employers shall pay no less than the prevailing wage for the position and shall under no circumstance pay less than the federal minimum wage.

(5) Any inmate assigned to the initiative who, without proper authority or just cause, leaves the area to which he has been assigned to work or attend educational or other rehabilitative programs, or leaves the vehicle or route of travel involved in his or her going to or returning from such place, will be guilty of escape as provided in Section 97-9-49. An offender who is convicted under Section 97-9-49 shall be ineligible for further participation in the work initiative during his or her current term of confinement.

(6) (a) The inmate shall maintain an account through a local financial institution and shall provide a copy of a check stub to the chief executive officer.

(b) The inmate shall be required:

(i) To pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the inmate's wages after mandatory deductions for the following purposes:

1. To pay support of dependents or to the Mississippi Department of Human Services on behalf of dependents as may be ordered by a judge of competent jurisdiction; and

2. To pay any fines, restitution, or costs as ordered by the court to include any fines and fees associated with obtaining a valid driver's license upon release.

(ii) To pay ten percent (10%) of the inmate's wages to the corporation for administrative expenses to include transportation costs.

(iii) To save fifty percent (50%) of the inmate's wages in the account required under paragraph (a) of this subsection. Monies under this sub-item shall be made available to the inmate upon parole or release.

(c) The inmate shall have access to the remaining fifteen percent (15%) of the monies in the inmate's account to purchase incidental expenses.

(7) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall collect and maintain data which shall be shared semiannually with the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) and the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force in sortable electronic format. The first report shall be made on January 15, 2023, and in six-month intervals thereafter unless PEER establishes a different schedule. The data shall include:

(a) Total number of participants at the beginning of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(b) Total number of participants at the end of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(c) Total number of participants who began the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(d) Total number of participants who successfully completed the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(e) Total number of participants who left the program in each month and reason for leaving by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(f) Total number of participants who were arrested for a new criminal offense while in the program in each month by race, gender and offenses charged;

- (g) Total number of participants who were convicted of a new crime while in the program in each month by race, gender and offenses charged;
- (h) Total number of participants who completed the program and were convicted of a new crime within three (3) years of completing the program;
- (i) Total amount earned by participants and how the earnings were distributed in each month;
- (j) Results of any initial risk and needs assessments conducted on each participant by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (k) Total list of participating employers;
- (l) Total list of jobs acquired by participants;
- (m) Total list the hourly wage paid to each participant;
- (n) Total accounting of the manner and use of the ten percent (10%) of the wages paid to the corporation by the inmate for administrative expenses;
- (o) Total costs associated with program operations;
- (p) Total list of participating financial institutions;
- (q) The number of accounts opened by participants at financial institutions;
- (r) The average hourly wage earned in the program; and
- (s) Any other data or information as requested by the task force.

(8) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall conduct a review of the initiative established under this section and produce a report to the Legislature on their effectiveness by January 1, 2024. The PEER Committee shall seek the assistance of the Corrections and Criminal Justice Task Force and may seek assistance from any other criminal justice experts it deems necessary during its review.

(9) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. Section 47-5-1251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-1251. (1) There is created the "Prison Industry Enhancement Program," through which the Department of Corrections may contract with the nonprofit corporation organized and formed under the "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990" to employ offenders within the custody of the department or prison industries.

(2) Except as provided in Section 47-5-579, which is the provision authorizing a Work Initiative, the offenders must be under the supervision of the department at all times while working. The offenders shall be paid, by the entity or entities, wages at a rate which is not less than that paid for similar work in the locality in which the work is performed. The wages may be subject to deductions which shall not, in the aggregate, exceed eighty percent (80%) of gross wages. The deductions shall be limited to the following:

- (a) To pay federal, state and local taxes;
- (b) To pay reasonable charges for room and board as determined by regulations issued by the Commissioner of Corrections;
- (c) To support the offender's family pursuant to state statute, court order or agreement by the offender; and
- (d) To pay contributions equaling not less than five percent (5%) but not more than twenty percent (20%) of the offender's gross wages into the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund as created in Section 99-41-29.

( \*\* \*3) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the offenders shall not be qualified to receive any payments for unemployment compensation while incarcerated. However, the offenders shall not solely by their status as offenders be deprived of the right to participate in benefits made available by the federal or state government to other individuals on the basis of their employment, such as workers' compensation.

( \*\* \*4) Offenders who participate in the employment must do so voluntarily and must agree in advance to the specific deductions made from gross wages pursuant to this section and to all other financial arrangements or benefits resulting from participation in the employment.

( \* \* \*5) The Department of Corrections shall develop rules and regulations to meet the criteria established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program.

SECTION 4. Section 97-9-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-9-49. (1) (a) Whoever escapes or attempts by force or violence to escape from any jail in which he is confined, or from any custody under or by virtue of any process issued under the laws of the State of Mississippi by any court or judge, or from the custody of a sheriff or other peace officer pursuant to lawful arrest or from the assigned area of a work release program or work initiative, shall, upon conviction, if the confinement or custody is by virtue of an arrest on a charge of felony, or conviction of a felony, be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding five (5) years to commence at the expiration of his former sentence, or, if the confinement or custody is by virtue of an arrest of or charge for or conviction of a misdemeanor, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one (1) year to commence at the expiration of the sentence which the court has imposed or which may be imposed for the crime for which he is charged.

(b) Whoever escapes or attempts by force or violence to escape from any confinement for contempt of court, shall, upon conviction, be found guilty of a misdemeanor and sentenced to imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months in the county jail.

(2) Anyone confined in any jail who is entrusted by any authorized person to leave the jail for any purpose and who willfully fails to return to the jail within the stipulated time, or after the accomplishment of the purpose for which he was entrusted to leave, shall be an escapee and shall be subject to the penalties provided in subsection (1).

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A PILOT WORK INITIATIVE WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES CORPORATION; AMEND SECTION 47-5-539, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE TERMS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 47-5-579, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A PILOT WORK INITIATIVE FOR NO MORE THAN 25 INMATES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL HAVE THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PILOT INITIATIVE; TO PROSCRIBE CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT INITIATIVE; TO PROHIBIT ANY INMATE SENTENCED FOR A SEX OFFENSE FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM; TO PROHIBIT ANY INMATE CONVICTED OF ESCAPE WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO SELECT INMATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE CORPORATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, TO ADOPT AND PROMULGATE RULES TO EFFECTUATE THIS SECTION; TO REQUIRE THE INMATE TO MAINTAIN A BANK ACCOUNT; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN RULES CONCERNING THE INMATE'S DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS; TO REQUIRE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION TO COLLECT AND MAINTAIN DATA TO SHARE WITH PEER AND THE COLLECTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE PEER TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE PILOT WORK INITIATIVE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-1251 AND 97-9-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Daniel H. Sparks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Rob Roberson, Dale Goodin

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Karriem, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 47-5-357, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-357. (1) (a) Due to the unique and time sensitive requirements of growing and harvesting products produced by the prison agricultural enterprises, the Department of Finance and Administration and the department shall establish a prudent purchasing policy which may exempt from bid requirements those commodities, items or services which are needed for the efficient and effective management of the prison agricultural enterprises.

(b) Due to the unique and time sensitive requirements of growing and harvesting products produced by the prison agricultural enterprises, the Department of Finance and Administration and the department shall establish a prudent leasing policy which may exempt from bid requirements agricultural equipment which is needed for the efficient and effective management of the prison agricultural enterprises.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall, by order entered on its minutes, list those commodities, items and services exempted from bid requirements as provided in Section 31-7-12 \* \* \*.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-357, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL ESTABLISH A LEASING POLICY FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY BE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN BID REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Carl Mickens, Rob Roberson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Sollie B. Norwood, Neil S. Whaley

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of in-person meetings.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2273: Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Randy Rushing, John G. Faulkner

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Busby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2517: Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 77-7-345, Mississippi Code of 1972:

77-7-345. (1) When not otherwise specifically provided, the commissioner is authorized to make and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to provide a voluntary program for inspection of commercial motor vehicles.

(2) For the purposes of this section, "commercial motor vehicle" has the meaning ascribed in Section 63-1-203.

(3) The regulations, if promulgated, will:

(a) Create a voluntary program for inspection of any combination of truck, truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer or pole trailer, including each segment of a combined vehicle, that is used upon the highways or streets as a commercial motor vehicle for compliance with all applicable federal and state motor carrier safety regulations;

(b) Require that inspectors have access to the vehicle maintenance log;

(c) Prescribe a method of documentation to be displayed on the vehicle that is readily visible to an observer in the form of a decal or sticker, and require that the form of documentation prescribed must be kept on the vehicle;

(d) Require that inspection occur on an annual basis for participation in the program;

(e) Provide that inspection is not mandatory;

(f) Impose a reasonable inspection fee, which shall be deposited to the credit of the operating fund of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety; and

(g) Specify that officers of the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division will retain all responsibility and authority to monitor and enforce violations under Section 77-7-335.

(4) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 77-7-345, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CREATE BY RULE A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Daniel H. Sparks, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Troy Smith

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Carpenter. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2649: Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joseph M. Seymour, Scott DeLano, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lester Carpenter, Gene Newman, De'Keither A. Stamps

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Owen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and Mississippi Uniform Agents act; revise various provisions of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2690: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.



2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-97-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-97-103. (1) As used in this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Compensation" means anything of value, monetary or otherwise, including, but not limited to, cash, gifts, in-kind items of value, social media compensation, payments for licensing or use of publicity rights, payments for other intellectual or intangible property rights under federal or state law, and any other form of payment or remuneration, except as excluded under this article.

For the purposes of this article, "compensation" shall not mean or include the following:

(i) Tuition, room, board, books, fees and personal expenses that a postsecondary educational institution provides a student-athlete in accordance with the rules of the athletic association or conference of which the postsecondary educational institution is a member;

(ii) Federal Pell Grants and other state and federal grants or scholarships unrelated to, and not awarded because of a student-athlete's participation in intercollegiate athletics or sports competition;

(iii) Any other financial aid, benefits or awards that a postsecondary educational institution provides a student-athlete in accordance with the rules of the athletic association or conference of which the postsecondary educational institution is a member; or

(iv) The payment of wages and benefits to a student-athlete for work actually performed \*\*\* for services unrelated to a student-athlete's publicity rights or other intellectual or intangible property rights of a student-athlete under federal or state law.

(b) "Image" means a picture of the student-athlete.

(c) "Intercollegiate athletics program" means an intercollegiate athletics program played at the collegiate level for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student-athlete are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics.

(d) "Likeness" means a physical, digital or other depiction or representation of a student-athlete.

(e) "Name" means the first or last name, or the nickname, of a student-athlete when used in a context that reasonably identifies the student-athlete with particularity.

(f) "Name, Image and Likeness Agreement" means a contract or \*\*\* other arrangement between a student-athlete and a third-party \*\*\* regarding the \*\*\* use of the \*\*\* publicity of the student-athlete.

(g) "Publicity right" means any right \*\*\*:

(i) \*\*\* Associated with the name, image, \*\*\* likeness \*\*\*, publicity, reputation, fame or personal following of a student-athlete; or

(ii) Recognized under a federal or state law \*\*\* as permitting an individual to control and profit from the \*\*\* use of the name, image \*\*\* , likeness, publicity, reputation, fame or personal following of the individual.

(h) "Postsecondary educational institution" means a public university or community college or private university or college.

(i) "Social media compensation" means all forms of payment for engagement on social media received by a student-athlete as a result of the use of that student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights.

(j) "Student-athlete" means an individual who engages in, is eligible to engage in, or may be eligible in the future to engage in, intercollegiate athletics program at a postsecondary educational institution, including, without limitation, prospective student-athletes of an intercollegiate athletics program. If an individual is permanently

ineligible to participate in a particular intercollegiate sport, the individual is not a student-athlete for purposes of that sport.

(k) "Third party \*\*\*" means any individual or entity or group of the same, acting independently or collectively, that \*\*\* enters into an agreement for the publicity rights \*\*\* of a student-athlete or group of student-athletes. The term "third party \*\*\*" shall not include any national association for the promotion or regulation of collegiate athletics, athletics conference, or postsecondary educational institution.

SECTION 2. Section 37-97-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-97-105. (1) Except as provided in Section 37-97-107, a student-athlete may:

(a) Earn compensation, \*\*\* for the use of \*\*\* publicity rights of the student-athlete \*\*\*; and

(b) Obtain and retain a certified agent for any matter or activity relating to such compensation.

(2) No student-athlete may earn compensation in exchange for the student-athlete's athletic ability or participation in intercollegiate athletics or sports competition.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of applicable law or agreement to the contrary, a student-athlete shall not be deemed an employee or independent contractor of an association, a conference, or a postsecondary educational institution based on the student-athlete's participation in an intercollegiate athletics program.

SECTION 3. Section 37-97-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-97-107. (1) Except as provided for under this article, a postsecondary educational institution shall not uphold any contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement that prevents a student-athlete of that institution from earning compensation \*\*\* for the use of the student's \*\*\* publicity rights. Any such contract, rule, regulation standard or other requirement shall be void and unenforceable against the postsecondary educational institution or the student-athlete. Compensation from the use of a student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights may not affect the student-athlete's scholarship eligibility, grant-in-aid or other financial aid, awards or benefits, or the student-athlete's intercollegiate athletic eligibility. Nothing in this article is intended to alter any state and federal laws or regulations regarding the award of financial aid at postsecondary educational institutions.

(2) Except as provided for in this article, an athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletic programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), shall not prevent, or otherwise enforce a contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement that prevents, a student-athlete of a postsecondary educational institution from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights.

(3) To protect the integrity of its educational mission and intercollegiate athletics program, a postsecondary educational institution may impose reasonable limitations on the dates and time that a student-athlete may participate in endorsement, promotional, social media or other activities related to the license or use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights. Nothing in this article shall restrict a postsecondary educational institution from exercising its sole discretion to control the authorized use of its marks or logos or to determine a student-athlete's apparel, gear or other wearables during an intercollegiate athletics competition or institution-sponsored event. A student-athlete may not receive or enter into a contract for compensation for the use of his or her \*\*\* publicity rights in a way that also uses any registered or licensed marks, logos, verbiage or designs of a postsecondary institution, unless the institution has provided the student-athlete with written permission to do so prior to \*\*\* entering into the agreement or receipt of compensation. If permission is granted, the postsecondary educational institution, by agreement of all parties, may be compensated for the use in a manner consistent with market rates. A postsecondary educational institution may also prohibit a student-athlete from wearing any item of clothing, shoes, or other gear or wearables with the name, logo or insignia of any entity during an intercollegiate athletics competition or institution-sponsored event.

(4) An athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association, shall not enforce a contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement that prevents a postsecondary educational institution from participating in an intercollegiate athletics program, or otherwise penalize the postsecondary educational institution or its intercollegiate athletic program, as a result of activities permitted by this article, including, without limitation, the compensation of a student-athlete for the use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights.

(5) (a) A postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association, shall not \*\*\*:

(\*\*\*)i) Enter into, or offer to enter into, a name, image and likeness agreement with a \*\*\* student-athlete; or

(\*\*\*)ii) Provide a \*\*\* student-athlete or the student-athlete's family compensation in relation to the use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights.

(b) A postsecondary educational institution may facilitate opportunities for student-athletes to engage with third parties interested in entering into name, image, and likeness agreements, and may communicate with third parties interested in providing name, image, and likeness agreements to student-athletes.

(6) A postsecondary educational institution, athletic association, conference or other group or organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics programs, including, but not limited to, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Junior College Athletic Association shall not prevent a student-athlete from obtaining professional representation in relation to \*\*\* publicity rights, or to secure a name, image and likeness agreement, including, but not limited to, representation provided by athlete agents or legal representation provided by attorneys. A student-athlete shall provide the postsecondary educational institution with written notice at least seven (7) days prior to entering into a representation agreement with any individual for the purpose of exploring or securing compensation for use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights.

(7) Professional representation obtained by student-athletes must be from persons registered as athlete agents as provided in Section 73-42-1 et seq. of the Uniform Athlete Agent Act. Attorneys who provide legal representation to student-athletes must be licensed to practice law in the State of Mississippi and in good standing with The Mississippi Bar.

(8) Athlete agents representing student-athletes shall comply with the Uniform Athlete Agents Act, Section 73-42-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and the federal Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act in 15 USC Sections 7801-7807 in their relationships with student-athletes.

(9) A grant-in-aid, including cost of attendance, and other permissible financial aid, awards or benefits from the postsecondary educational institution in which a student-athlete is enrolled shall not be revoked, reduced, nor the terms and conditions altered, as a result of a student-athlete earning compensation or obtaining professional or legal representation pursuant to this article.

(10) Before any \*\*\* agreement for compensation for the use of a student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights is \*\*\* entered into, and before any compensation is provided to the student-athlete in advance of \*\*\* an agreement, the student-athlete shall disclose the \*\*\* agreement to a designated official of the postsecondary educational institution in which the student-athlete is enrolled in a manner prescribed by the institution.

(11) A third-party \*\*\* may not enter into, or offer to enter into, a name, image and likeness agreement with a student-athlete or otherwise compensate a student-athlete for the use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights if a provision of the name, image and likeness agreement or the use of the student-athlete's \*\*\* publicity rights conflicts with a provision of a contract, rule, regulation, standard or other requirement of the postsecondary educational institution unless such contract or use is expressly approved in writing by the postsecondary educational institution.

(12) No postsecondary educational institution, booster \* \* \* or third-party \* \* \* shall provide a \* \* \* student-athlete compensation or enter into a name, image and likeness agreement as an inducement for the student-athlete to attend or enroll in a specific institution or group of institutions. Compensation for a student-athlete's \* \* \* publicity rights may not be conditioned on athletic performance or attendance \* \* \*.

( \* \* \*13) No student-athlete shall enter into a name, image, and likeness agreement or receive compensation from a third-party licensee for the endorsement or promotion of gambling, sports betting, controlled substances, marijuana, tobacco or alcohol \* \* \*, brand or products, alternative or electronic nicotine product or delivery system, performance-enhancing supplements, adult entertainment or any other product or service that is reasonably considered to be inconsistent with the values or mission of a postsecondary educational institution or that negatively impacts or reflects adversely on a postsecondary education institution or its athletic programs, including, without limitation, bringing about public disrepute, embarrassment, scandal, ridicule or otherwise negatively impacting the reputation or the moral or ethical standards of the postsecondary educational institution.

( \* \* \*14) \* \* \* An agreement for the use of \* \* \* a student-athlete's \* \* \* publicity rights which is formed while the student-athlete is participating in an intercollegiate sport at a postsecondary educational institution may not extend beyond the student-athlete's participation in the sport at the institution.

( \* \* \*15) Nothing in this article shall be interpreted to modify any requirements or obligations imposed under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 USC 1681 et seq.).

SECTION 4. Section 73-42-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-42-19. (1) An agency contract must be in a record, signed by the parties.

(2) An agency contract must state or contain:

(a) The amount and method of calculating the consideration to be paid by the student-athlete for services to be provided by the athlete agent under the contract and any other consideration or anything of value that the athlete agent has received or will receive from any other source for entering into the contract or for providing the services;

(b) The name of any person not listed in the application for registration or renewal who will be compensated because the student-athlete signed the agency contract;

(c) A description of any expenses that the student-athlete agrees to reimburse;

(d) A description of the services to be provided to the student-athlete;

(e) The duration of the contract; and

(f) The date of execution.

(3) An agency contract must contain, in close proximity to the signature of the student-athlete, a conspicuous notice in boldface type in capital letters stating:

**WARNING TO STUDENT-ATHLETE**

**IF YOU SIGN THIS CONTRACT:**

(1) **YOU MAY LOSE YOUR ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE AS A STUDENT-ATHLETE IN YOUR SPORT UNLESS THIS CONTRACT IS SERVING AS A NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 37-97-103;**

(2) **BOTH YOU AND YOUR ATHLETE AGENT ARE REQUIRED TO TELL YOUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, IF YOU HAVE AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, WITHIN 72 HOURS AFTER ENTERING INTO AN AGENCY CONTRACT; AND**

(3) **YOU MAY CANCEL THIS CONTRACT WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER SIGNING IT. CANCELLATION OF THE CONTRACT MAY NOT REINSTATE YOUR ELIGIBILITY.**

(4) An agency contract that does not conform to this section is voidable by the student-athlete.

(5) The athlete agent shall give a copy of the signed agency contract to the student-athlete at the time of signing.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-97-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY RELATED TO NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES; TO AMEND SECTION 37-97-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE ABILITY OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF HIS OR HER PUBLICITY RIGHTS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-97-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON COMPENSATION FOR THE USE OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S PUBLICITY RIGHTS; TO FURTHER RESTRICT ASSOCIATIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS FROM PENALIZING A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR ITS INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS COMPENSATION RIGHTS ACT; TO PERMIT POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO FACILITATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES TO ENGAGE THIRD PARTIES INTERESTED IN ENTERING INTO NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS; TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON A STUDENT-ATHLETE ENTERING INTO A NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS AGREEMENT BEFORE ENROLLING AT A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 73-42-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE REQUIRED WARNING TO STUDENT-ATHLETES IN AN AGENCY CONTRACT TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams, Nicole Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Mac Huddleston, Donnie Scoggin, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Haney, Ladner, McLeod. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J. Total-1.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2700:** IHL; extend repealer date and create the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Grant Program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2700: University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-101-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 475, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

37-101-15. (a) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall succeed to and continue to exercise control of all records, books, papers, equipment, and supplies, and all lands, buildings, and other real and personal property belonging to or assigned to the use and benefit of the board of trustees formerly supervising and controlling the institutions of higher learning named in Section 37-101-1. The board shall have and exercise control of the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes, now and hereafter in possession, levied and collected, received, or appropriated for the use, benefit, support, and maintenance or capital outlay expenditures of the institutions of higher learning, including the authorization of employees to sign vouchers for the disbursement of funds for the various institutions, except where otherwise specifically provided by law.

(b) The board shall have general supervision of the affairs of all the institutions of higher learning, including the departments and the schools thereof. The board shall have the power in its discretion to determine who shall be privileged to enter, to remain in, or to graduate therefrom. The board shall have general supervision of the conduct of libraries and laboratories, the care of dormitories, buildings, and grounds; the business methods and arrangement of accounts and records; the organization of the administrative plan of each institution; and all other matters incident to the proper functioning of the institutions. The board shall have the authority to establish minimum standards of achievement as a prerequisite for entrance into any of the institutions under its jurisdiction, which standards need not be uniform between the various institutions and which may be based upon such criteria as the board may establish.

(c) The board shall exercise all the powers and prerogatives conferred upon it under the laws establishing and providing for the operation of the several institutions herein specified. The board shall adopt such bylaws and regulations from time to time as it deems expedient for the proper supervision and control of the several institutions of higher learning, insofar as such bylaws and regulations are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws, and not inconsistent with the object for which these institutions were established. The board shall have power and authority to prescribe rules and regulations for policing the campuses and all buildings of the respective institutions, to authorize the arrest of all persons violating on any campus any criminal law of the state, and to have such law violators turned over to the civil authorities.

(d) For all institutions specified herein, the board shall provide a uniform system of recording and of accounting approved by the State Department of Audit. The board shall annually prepare, or cause to be prepared, a budget for each institution of higher learning for the succeeding year which must be prepared and in readiness for at least thirty (30) days before the convening of the regular session of the Legislature. All relationships and negotiations between the State Legislature and its various committees and the institutions named herein shall be carried on through the board of trustees. No official, employee or agent representing any of the separate institutions shall appear before the Legislature or any committee thereof except upon the written order of the board or upon the request of the Legislature or a committee thereof.

(e) For all institutions specified herein, the board shall prepare an annual report to the Legislature setting forth the disbursements of all monies appropriated to the respective institutions. Each report to the Legislature shall show how the money appropriated to the several institutions has been expended, beginning and ending with the fiscal years of the institutions, showing the name of each teacher, officer, and employee, and the salary paid each, and an itemized statement of each and every item of receipts and expenditures. Each report must be balanced, and must begin with the former balance. If any property belonging to the state or the institution is used for profit, the reports shall show the expense incurred in managing the property and the amount received therefrom. The reports shall also show a summary of the gross receipts and gross disbursements for each year and shall show the money on hand at the beginning of the fiscal period of the institution next preceding each session of the Legislature and the necessary amount of expense to be incurred from said date to January 1 following. The board shall keep the annual expenditures of each institution herein mentioned within the income derived from legislative appropriations and other sources, but in case of emergency arising from acts of providence, epidemics, fire or storm with the written approval of the Governor and by written consent of a majority of the senators and of the representatives it may exceed the income. The board shall require a surety bond in a surety company authorized to do business in this state of every employee who is the custodian of funds belonging to one or more of the institutions mentioned herein, which bond shall be in a sum to be fixed by the board in an amount that will properly safeguard the said funds, the premium for which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for said institutions.

(f) The board shall have the power and authority to elect the heads of the various institutions of higher learning and to contract with all deans, professors, and other members of the teaching staff, and all administrative employees of said institutions for a term not exceeding four (4) years. The board shall have the power and authority to terminate any such contract at any time for malfeasance, inefficiency, or contumacious conduct, but never for political reasons. It shall be the policy of the board to permit the executive head of each institution to nominate for election by the board all subordinate employees of the institution over which he presides. It shall be the policy of the board to elect all officials for a definite tenure of service and to reelect during the period of satisfactory service. The board shall have the power to make any adjustments it thinks necessary between the various departments and schools of any institution or between the different institutions.

(g) The board shall keep complete minutes and records of all proceedings which shall be open for inspection by any citizen of the state.

(h) The board shall have the power to enter into an energy performance contract, energy services contract, on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section 31-7-14.

(i) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, for and on behalf of Jackson State University, is hereby authorized to convey by donation or otherwise easements across portions of certain real estate located in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, for right-of-way required for the Metro Parkway Project.

(j) In connection with any international contract between the board or one (1) of the state's institutions of higher learning and any party outside of the United States, the board or institution that is the party to the international contract is hereby authorized and empowered to include in the contract a provision for the resolution by arbitration of any controversy between the parties to the contract relating to such contract or the failure or refusal to perform any part of the contract. Such provision shall be valid, enforceable and irrevocable without regard to the justiciable character of the controversy. Provided, however, that in the event either party to such contract initiates litigation against the other with respect to the contract, the arbitration provision shall be deemed waived unless asserted as a defense on or before the responding party is required to answer such litigation.

(k) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ("board"), on behalf of any institution under its jurisdiction, shall purchase and maintain business property insurance and business personal property insurance on all university-owned buildings and/or contents as required by federal law and regulations of the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as is necessary for receiving public assistance or reimbursement for repair, reconstruction, replacement or other damage to those buildings and/or contents caused by the Hurricane Katrina Disaster of 2005 or subsequent disasters. The board is authorized to expend funds from any available source for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining that property insurance. The board is authorized to enter into agreements with the Department of Finance and Administration, local school districts, community/junior college districts, community hospitals and/or other state agencies to pool their liabilities to participate in a group business property and/or business personal property insurance program, subject to uniform rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(l) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or its designee, may approve the payment or reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses incurred by candidates for open positions at the board's executive office or at any of the state institutions of higher learning, when the job candidate has incurred expenses in traveling to a job interview at the request of the board, the Commissioner of Higher Education or a state institution of higher learning administrator.

(m) (i) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning is authorized to administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state institutions of higher learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are paid for with self-generated funds.

(ii) Additionally, the board is authorized to oversee, administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state institutions of higher learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are funded in whole or in part by general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi at institutions designated annually by the board as being capable to procure and administer all such contracts. Prior to the disbursement of funds, an agreement for each project between the institution and the Department of Finance and Administration shall be executed. The approval and execution of the agreement shall not be withheld by either party unless the withholding party provides a written, detailed explanation of the basis for withholding to the other party. The agreement shall stipulate the responsibilities of each party, applicable procurement regulations, documentation and reporting requirements, conditions prior to, and schedule of, disbursement of general obligation bond funds to the institution and provisions concerning handling any remaining general obligation bonds at the completion of the project. Such agreement shall not include provisions that constitute additional qualifications or criteria that act to invalidate the designation of an institution as capable of procuring and administering such project. Inclusion of any such provisions may be appealed to the Public Procurement Review Board. This subparagraph (ii) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

SECTION 2. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration, the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program under which independent colleges and universities may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, stormwater, broadband and other eligible infrastructure projects to be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to the following institutions: Belhaven University, Blue Mountain College, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, Rust College, Tougaloo College and William Carey University. Grant program funds shall be distributed to each listed institution based on the pro rata share of full-time equivalent students enrolled in the respective college or university. For purposes of this distribution, a full-time equivalent student shall be calculated as follows:

(a) One (1) full-time student shall be considered one (1) full-time equivalent student;

(b) One (1) part-time student shall be considered one-half (1/2) of a full-time equivalent student; and



(c) One (1) online student shall be considered one-fourth (1/4) of a full-time equivalent student.

(3) For purposes of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MAICU Grant Program" shall mean the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program.

(b) "ARPA" shall mean the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" shall mean Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Department" shall mean the Department of Finance and Administration.

(4) On or before July 1, 2022, the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the MAICU Grant Program prescribed under this act, including application procedures and deadlines.

(5) Funds under the MAICU Grant Program shall be awarded for ARPA eligible projects in the following order:

(a) Eligible water, wastewater and stormwater projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other eligible water projects allowable by ARPA;

(b) Broadband infrastructure projects;

(c) Capital investments for prevention, mitigation and ventilation in congregate living facilities and other key settings; and

(d) Any eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury, excluding premium pay.

(6) The boards of trustees of the respective members of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) may submit an application for grant funds under this act. Applicants shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them by the department under this act is in compliance with the ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the department.

(7) An application for a grant under this act shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes. Each application shall include the following at a minimum: applicant contact information; project description and type of project; project map; estimate of the population served by the projects; estimated project cost; estimated project schedule; and readiness to proceed. The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to accept additional rounds of grant proposals for application consideration as needed.

(8) Applications shall be reviewed, and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration shall certify that each project submitted is eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. For water, wastewater and stormwater projects, the department must also certify that it is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration. All final awards will be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Funds shall be made available to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant, and the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement.

(9) Grant requirements shall be used prospectively and grants are not available to cover the costs of debt incurred prior to the enactment of this program.

(10) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated by the Legislature from federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies or other available federal grant funds for the purposes of awarding grants under this act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall remain in the fund. The expenditure of monies in the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration;

(b) All monies shall be disbursed from the fund created in this subsection shall be in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies received by or on behalf of the State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2). Unexpended amounts remaining in the funds at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund or the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the program fund shall be deposited to the credit of COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program Fund;

(c) If there are unobligated Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund monies remaining in the fund created in this act, on the later of December 17, 2024, or fourteen (14) days prior to the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal government, the Department of Finance and Administration shall transfer these unobligated balances to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The Department of Finance and Administration shall then transfer the unobligated balance of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Fund for an amount not to exceed the lesser of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or the amount of allowable ARPA expenditures, by no later than December 31, 2024, or on the date of the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal government. The Department of Finance and Administration shall then transfer all remaining unobligated balances of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Unemployment Compensation Fund up to the ARPA allowable amount, by no later than December 31, 2024, or on the date of the fund obligation deadline provided by the federal government; and

(d) The use of funds allocated under this program shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the requirements in this act shall return to the state all or a portion of the funds received.

(11) The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report. The reports shall contain the applications received, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and the status of each applicant's project.

(12) Grant funds shall be available under this act through December 31, 2026. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project that a grant is awarded that in the event the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA Funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through any other funds available.

(13) The Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration may retain an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(14) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. Section 27-104-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-3. In addition to other powers and duties prescribed by statute, the Department of Finance and Administration shall have the following powers and duties, with regard to fiscal management:

(a) Provide direct technical assistance and training to state agencies and departments in implementing generally accepted accounting principles, in preparing financial statements as required by law, and in management and executive development.

(b) Provide temporary administrative services in financial accounting and public administration to any state agency, department or institution upon request of the governing board of the state agency, department or institution.

(c) Prepare and issue a comprehensive reference manual or manuals of policies and procedures for each state agency and department to use, which may include chapters on purchasing, personnel, payroll, travel, chart of accounts, fund classifications, receipts, warrants, expenditures, fixed assets, property inventory, and maintaining financial records and preparing financial reports as required and prescribed by law. The manual shall be revised on a continuing basis. The manual shall be prepared and revised in consultation with the State Auditor's office.

(d) Provide assistance to any state agency, department or institution in collecting a fee or other valid obligation that another agency, department or institution has failed to pay to it. For purposes of this paragraph, the agency, department or institution seeking to collect the funds shall be referred to as the "creditor agency," and the agency, department or institution that has not paid the creditor agency shall be referred to as the "delinquent agency." A valid obligation may be evidenced by an invoice or any other documentation as may be required by the Department of Finance and Administration, hereinafter referred to as the department. A creditor agency may request assistance from the department, and the department may require the creditor agency to furnish detailed information regarding the obligation. Upon determining that the delinquent agency owes the creditor agency a specific amount, the State Fiscal Officer shall pay to the creditor agency that amount out of any funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the delinquent agency. The State Fiscal Officer shall notify the creditor agency and the delinquent agency of the total amount of funds transferred. Either agency may appeal the transfer of funds or the failure to transfer funds, under rules and regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the Office of the State Auditor. The Department of Finance and Administration shall report any actions taken under this paragraph (d) to the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate on a quarterly basis.

(e) To issue a request for an ACA-compliant health insurance policy, or policies, to offer health insurance coverage to the full-time equivalent employees not otherwise eligible to participate in the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan; and to issue a request for administrative support in order to meet reporting requirements under Internal Revenue Code Section 6056 and to comply with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

(f) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have as additional responsibilities, the administration of the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 and shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations relating to the application of eligible colleges and universities for grant funds and the awarding of such grants.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 475, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROJECTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION; TO ESTABLISH THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION UTILIZING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS AND THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA); TO PROVIDE

THAT SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE; TO PRESCRIBE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO PROMULGATE GRANT APPLICATION REGULATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ADMINISTER THE MAICU GRANT PROGRAM AND RETAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TO CREATE IN THE STATE TREASURY A SPECIAL FUND DESIGNATED AS THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FUND"; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, Josh Harkins, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Mac Huddleston, Donnie Scoggin, Dana McLean

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2981: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Stevenson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Ladner, Rushing. Total-3.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3069: Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Rushing, Scott. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1710:** Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County.

**H. B. No. 1723:** Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County.

**H. B. No. 1746:** Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County.

Rep. Bain moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up:

**H. B. No. 1758:** Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1758.** On motion of Rep. Bain the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bounds, Brown, C, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Mims, Oliver, Powell, Rushing. Total-10.

Necessary for passage--74

On motion of Rep. Bain unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Byrd called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; increase.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 719: Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-1-43. (1) After making deductions for employer contributions paid by the chancery or circuit clerk to the Public Employees' Retirement System under Sections 25-11-106.1 and 25-11-123(f)(4), employee salaries and related salary expenses, and expenses allowed as deductions by Schedule C of the Internal Revenue Code, no office of the chancery clerk or circuit clerk of any county in the state shall receive fees as compensation for the chancery clerk's or circuit clerk's services in excess of \* \* \* Ninety-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$99,500.00). All such fees received by the office of chancery or circuit clerks that are in excess of the salary limitation shall be deposited by such clerk into the county general fund on or before April 15 for the preceding calendar year. If the chancery clerk or circuit clerk serves less than one (1) year, then he shall not receive as compensation any fees in excess of that portion of the salary limitation that can be attributed to his time in office on a pro rata basis. Upon leaving office, income earned by any clerk in his last full year of office but not received until after his last full year of office shall not be included in determining the salary limitation of the successor clerk. There shall be exempted from the provisions of this subsection any monies or commissions from private or governmental sources which: (a) are to be held by the chancery or circuit clerk in a trust or custodial capacity as prescribed in subsections (4) and (5); or (b) are received as compensation for services performed upon order of a court or board of supervisors which are not required of the chancery clerk or circuit clerk by statute.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any chancery clerk or circuit clerk to use fees in excess of \* \* \* Ninety-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$99,500.00), to pay the salaries or actual or necessary expenses of employees who are related to such clerk by blood or marriage within the first degree of kinship according to the civil law method of computing kinship as provided in Sections 1-3-71 and 1-3-73. However, the prohibition of this subsection shall not apply to any individual who was an employee of the clerk's office prior to the date his or her relative was elected as chancery or circuit clerk. The spouse and/or any children of the chancery clerk or circuit clerk employed in the office of the chancery clerk may be paid a salary; however, the combined annual salaries of the clerk, spouse and any child of the clerk may not exceed an amount equal to the salary limitation.

(3) The chancery clerk and the circuit clerk shall be liable on their official bond for the proper deposit and accounting of all monies received by his office. The State Auditor shall promulgate uniform accounting methods for the accounting of all sources of income by the offices of the chancery and circuit clerk.

(4) There is created in the county depository of each county a clearing account to be designated as the "chancery court clerk clearing account," into which shall be deposited: (a) all such monies as the clerk of the chancery court shall receive from any person complying with any writ of garnishment, attachment, execution or other like process authorized by law for the enforcement of child support, spousal support or any other judgment; (b) any portion of any fees required by law to be collected in civil cases which are to pay for the service of process or writs in another county; and (c) any other money as shall be deposited with the court which by its nature is not, at the time of its deposit, public monies, but which is to be held by the court in a trust or custodial capacity in a case or proceeding before the court. The clerk of the chancery court shall account for all monies deposited in and disbursed from such account and shall be authorized and

empowered to draw and issue checks on such account at such times, in such amounts and to such persons as shall be proper and in accordance with law.

The following monies paid to the chancery clerk shall be subject to the salary limitation prescribed under subsection (1): (a) all fees required by law to be collected for the filing, recording or abstracting of any bill, petition, pleading or decree in any civil case in chancery; (b) all fees collected for land recordings, charters, notary bonds, certification of decrees and copies of any documents; (c) all land redemption and mineral documentary stamp commissions; and (d) any other monies or commissions from private or governmental sources for statutory functions which are not to be held by the court in a trust capacity. Such fees as shall exceed the salary limitations shall be maintained in a bank account in the county depository and accounted for separately from those monies paid into the chancery court clerk clearing account.

(5) There is created in the county depository in each county a clearing account to be designated as the "circuit court clerk civil clearing account," into which shall be deposited: (a) all such monies and fees as the clerk of the circuit court shall receive from any person complying with any writ of garnishment, attachment, execution or any other like process authorized by law for the enforcement of a judgment; (b) any portion of any fees required by law or court order to be collected in civil cases; (c) all fees collected for the issuance of marriage licenses; and (d) any other money as shall be deposited with the court which by its nature is not, at the time of its deposit, public monies but which is to be held by the court in a trust or custodial capacity in a case or proceeding before the court.

There is created in the county depository in each county a clearing account to be designated as the "circuit court clerk criminal clearing account," into which shall be deposited: (a) all such monies as are received in criminal cases in the circuit court pursuant to any order requiring payment as restitution to the victims of criminal offenses; (b) any portion of any fees and fines required by law or court order to be collected in criminal cases; and (c) all cash bonds as shall be deposited with the court. The clerk of the circuit court shall account for all monies deposited in and disbursed from such account and shall be authorized and empowered to draw and issue checks on such account, at such times, in such amounts and to such persons as shall be proper and in accordance with law; however, such monies as are forfeited in criminal cases shall be paid by the clerk of the circuit court to the clerk of the board of supervisors for deposit in the general fund of the county.

The following monies paid to the circuit clerk shall be subject to the salary limitation prescribed under subsection (1): (a) all fees required by law to be collected for the filing, recording or abstracting of any bill, petition, pleading or decree in any civil action in circuit court; (b) copies of any documents; and (c) any other monies or commissions from private or governmental sources for statutory functions which are not to be held by the court in a trust capacity.

(6) The chancery clerk and the circuit clerk shall establish and maintain a cash journal for recording cash receipts from private or government sources for furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file, or for rendering services as a notary public, or other fees wherein the total fee for the transaction is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) or less. The cash journal entry shall include the date, amount and type of transaction, and the clerk shall not be required to issue a receipt to the person receiving such services. The State Auditor shall not take exception to the furnishing of copies or the rendering of services as a notary by any clerk free of charge.

In any county having two (2) judicial districts, whenever the chancery clerk serves as deputy to the circuit clerk in one (1) judicial district and the circuit clerk serves as deputy to the chancery clerk in the other judicial district, the chancery clerk may maintain a cash journal, separate from the cash journal maintained for chancery clerk receipts, for recording the cash receipts paid to him as deputy circuit clerk, and the circuit clerk may maintain a cash journal, separate from the cash journal maintained for circuit clerk receipts, for recording the cash receipts paid to him as deputy chancery clerk. The cash receipts collected by the chancery clerk in his capacity as deputy circuit clerk and the cash receipts collected by the circuit clerk in his capacity as deputy chancery clerk shall be subject to the salary limitation prescribed under subsection (1).

(7) Any clerk who knowingly shall fail to deposit funds or otherwise violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office and, upon conviction



thereof, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed double the amount that he failed to deposit, or imprisoned for not to exceed six (6) months in the county jail, or be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-225, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

23-15-225. (1) The registrar shall be entitled to such compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual basis in the following amounts:

(a) For counties with a total population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-one Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$31,395.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(b) For counties with a total population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$26,565.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,150.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(d) For counties with a total population of more than thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$21,735.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(e) For counties with a total population of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,320.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(f) For counties with a total population of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand (25,000), an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$16,905.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(g) For counties with a total population of more than ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000), an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$14,490.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,452.50).

(h) For counties with a total population of more than six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$12,075.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,452.50).

(i) For counties with a total population of not more than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00) but not less than Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-one Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$6,641.25).

(j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00).

(2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or a redistricting that necessitates the hiring of additional deputy registrars, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may by contract compensate the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed herein.

(3) As compensation for their services in assisting the county election commissioners in performance of their duties in the revision of the voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and in assisting the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund of the county.

(4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the registrar was elected.

(5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per year. This payment shall be for the performance of his or her duties in regard to the conduct of elections and the performance of his or her other duties.

(6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in registration of voters.

(7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional compensation authorized under this section for services as county registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as compensation for his or her services equal to the limitation on compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) The registrar shall be entitled to such compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual basis in the following amounts:

(a) For counties with a total population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-one Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$31,395.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(b) For counties with a total population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$26,565.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,150.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(d) For counties with a total population of more than thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$21,735.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(e) For counties with a total population of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,320.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(f) For counties with a total population of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand (25,000), an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$16,905.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(g) For counties with a total population of more than ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000), an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$14,490.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,452.50).

(h) For counties with a total population of more than six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$12,075.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,452.50).

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(j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00).

(2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or a redistricting that necessitates the hiring of additional deputy registrars, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may by contract compensate the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed herein.

(3) As compensation for their services in assisting the county election commissioners in performance of their duties in the revision of the voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and in assisting the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund of the county.

(4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the registrar was elected.

(5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of \* \* \* Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for the performance of his or her duties in regard to the conduct of elections and the performance of his or her other duties.

(6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in registration of voters.

(7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional compensation authorized under this section for services as county registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as compensation for his or her services equal to the limitation on compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) The registrar shall be entitled to such compensation, payable monthly out of the county treasury, which the board of supervisors of the county shall allow on an annual basis in the following amounts:

(a) For counties with a total population of more than two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Thirty-one Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$31,395.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(b) For counties with a total population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) and not more than two hundred thousand (200,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$26,565.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than fifty thousand (50,000) and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-four Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,150.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(d) For counties with a total population of more than thirty-five thousand (35,000) and not more than fifty thousand (50,000), an amount not to exceed Twenty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$21,735.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(e) For counties with a total population of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) and not more than thirty-five thousand (35,000), an amount not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$19,320.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(f) For counties with a total population of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) and not more than twenty-five thousand (25,000), an amount not to exceed Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars (\$16,905.00), but not less than Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00).

(g) For counties with a total population of more than ten thousand (10,000) and not more than fifteen thousand (15,000), an amount not to exceed Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$14,490.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,452.50).

(h) For counties with a total population of more than six thousand (6,000) and not more than ten thousand (10,000), an amount not to exceed Twelve Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$12,075.00), but not less than Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8,452.50).

(i) For counties with a total population of not more than six thousand (6,000), an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$9,660.00) but not less than Six Thousand Six Hundred Forty-one Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$6,641.25).

(j) For counties having two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors of the county may allow, in addition to the sums prescribed herein, in its discretion, an amount not to exceed Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00).

(2) In the event of a reregistration within such county, or a redistricting that necessitates the hiring of additional deputy registrars, the board of supervisors, in its discretion, may by contract compensate the county registrar amounts in addition to the sums prescribed herein.

(3) As compensation for their services in assisting the county election commissioners in performance of their duties in the revision of the voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and in assisting the election commissioners, executive committees or boards of supervisors in connection with any election, the registrar shall receive the same daily per diem and limitation on meeting days as provided for the board of election commissioners as set out in Sections 23-15-153 and 23-15-227 to be paid from the general fund of the county.

(4) In any case where an amount has been allowed by the board of supervisors pursuant to this section, such amount shall not be reduced or terminated during the term for which the registrar was elected.

(5) The circuit clerk shall, in addition to any other compensation provided for by law, be entitled to receive as compensation from the board of supervisors the amount of \* \* \* Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per year. This payment shall be for the performance of his or her duties in regard to the conduct of elections and the performance of his or her other duties.

(6) The municipal clerk shall, in addition to any other compensation for performance of duties, be eligible to receive as compensation from the municipality's governing authorities a reasonable amount of additional compensation for reimbursement of costs and for additional duties associated with mail-in registration of voters.

(7) The board of supervisors shall not allow any additional compensation authorized under this section for services as county registrar to any circuit clerk who is receiving fees as compensation for his or her services equal to the limitation on compensation prescribed in Section 9-1-43.

SECTION 3. Section 25-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:  
[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

25-3-3. (1) The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to the counties by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas as certified by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

(2) The salary of assessors and collectors of the various counties is fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors or tax collectors, or both if the office of assessor has been combined with the office of tax collector. The annual salary of each assessor or tax collector, or both if the offices have been combined, shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for the following amounts:

(a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00) or more, a salary of Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$70,560.00);

(b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Two Billion Dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00) but less than Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00), a salary of Sixty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$67,200.00);

(c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) but less than Two Billion Dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00), a salary of Sixty-four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$64,575.00);

(d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) but less than One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00), a salary of Sixty-one Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$61,425.00);

(e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) but less than Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00), a salary of Fifty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$58,800.00);

(f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary of Fifty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$56,700.00);

(g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary of Fifty-five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$55,125.00);

(h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$50,929.00).

(3) In addition to all other compensation paid pursuant to this section, the board of supervisors shall pay to a person serving as both the tax assessor and tax collector in their county an additional Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year.

(4) The annual salary established for assessors and tax collectors shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total assessed valuation. The salaries shall be increased as a result of an increase in total assessed valuation.

(5) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors and tax collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors shall pay such assessors and tax collectors an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors shall pay the assessor or tax collector an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

(6) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall allow for such assessor or tax collector, or both, to be paid additional compensation when there is a contract between the county and one or more municipalities providing that the assessor or tax collector, or both, shall assess or collect taxes, or both, for the municipality or municipalities; and such assessor or tax collector, or both, shall be authorized to receive such additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and/or the municipality or municipalities for performing those services.

(7) When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of educational recognition from the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service or is a licensed appraiser under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state certified Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified Timberland Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when any tax assessor holds a valid designation from the International Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion.

(8) The salaries provided for in this section shall be the total funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and shall be full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to the county general fund.

(9) The salaries provided for in this section shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month or every two (2) weeks pursuant to Section 25-3-29. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to the counties by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas as certified by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

(2) The salary of assessors and collectors of the various counties is fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors or tax collectors, or both if the office of assessor has been combined with the office of tax collector. The annual salary of each assessor or tax collector, or both if the offices have been combined, shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for the following amounts:

(a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00) or more, a salary of \*\*\* Seventy-five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$75,560.00);

(b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Two Billion Dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00) but less than Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Seventy-two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$72,200.00);

(c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) but less than Two Billion Dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Sixty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$69,575.00);

(d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) but less than One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Sixty-six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$66,425.00);

(e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) but less than Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Sixty-three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$63,800.00);

(f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Sixty-one Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$61,700.00);

(g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Sixty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$60,125.00);

(h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of \*\*\* Fifty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$55,929.00).

(3) In addition to all other compensation paid pursuant to this section, the board of supervisors shall pay to a person serving as both the tax assessor and tax collector in their county an additional Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year.

(4) The annual salary established for assessors and tax collectors shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total assessed valuation. The salaries shall be increased as a result of an increase in total assessed valuation.

(5) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors and tax collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors shall pay such assessors and tax collectors an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties

maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors shall pay the assessor or tax collector an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

(6) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall allow for such assessor or tax collector, or both, to be paid additional compensation when there is a contract between the county and one or more municipalities providing that the assessor or tax collector, or both, shall assess or collect taxes, or both, for the municipality or municipalities; and such assessor or tax collector, or both, shall be authorized to receive such additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and/or the municipality or municipalities for performing those services.

(7) When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of educational recognition from the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service or is a licensed appraiser under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state certified Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified Timberland Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when any tax assessor holds a valid designation from the International Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion.

(8) The salaries provided for in this section shall be the total funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and shall be full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to the county general fund.

(9) The salaries provided for in this section shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month or every two (2) weeks pursuant to Section 25-3-29. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) The term "total assessed valuation" as used in this section only refers to the ad valorem assessment for the county and, in addition, in counties where oil or gas is produced, the actual value of oil at the point of production, as certified to the counties by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of Sections 27-25-501 through 27-25-525, and the actual value of gas as certified by the Department of Revenue under the provisions of Sections 27-25-701 through 27-25-723.

(2) The salary of assessors and collectors of the various counties is fixed as full compensation for their services as county assessors or tax collectors, or both if the office of assessor has been combined with the office of tax collector. The annual salary of each assessor or tax collector, or both if the offices have been combined, shall be based upon the total assessed valuation of his respective county for the preceding taxable year in the following categories and for the following amounts:

(a) For counties having a total assessed valuation of Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00) or more, a salary of \* \* \* Eighty Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$80,560.00);

(b) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Two Billion Dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00) but less than Three Billion Dollars (\$3,000,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Seventy-seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$77,200.00);

(c) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) but less than Two Billion Dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Seventy-four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$74,575.00);

(d) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00) but less than One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Seventy-one Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$71,425.00);

(e) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) but less than Five Hundred Million Dollars (\$500,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Sixty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$68,800.00);

(f) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00) but less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Sixty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$66,700.00);

(g) For counties having a total assessed valuation of at least Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) but less than One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Sixty-five Thousand One Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$65,125.00);

(h) For counties having a total assessed valuation of less than Seventy-five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00), a salary of \* \* \* Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$60,929.00).

(3) In addition to all other compensation paid pursuant to this section, the board of supervisors shall pay to a person serving as both the tax assessor and tax collector in their county an additional Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per year.

(4) The annual salary established for assessors and tax collectors shall not be reduced as a result of a reduction in total assessed valuation. The salaries shall be increased as a result of an increase in total assessed valuation.

(5) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors and tax collectors in counties having two (2) judicial districts, the board of supervisors shall pay such assessors and tax collectors an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year. In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors or tax collectors, in counties maintaining two (2) full-time offices, the board of supervisors shall pay the assessor or tax collector an additional Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) per year.

(6) In addition to all other compensation paid to assessors and tax collectors, the board of supervisors of a county shall allow for such assessor or tax collector, or both, to be paid additional compensation when there is a contract between the county and one or more municipalities providing that the assessor or tax collector, or both, shall assess or collect taxes, or both, for the municipality or municipalities; and such assessor or tax collector, or both, shall be authorized to receive such additional compensation from the county and/or the municipality or municipalities in any amount allowed by the county and/or the municipality or municipalities for performing those services.

(7) When any tax assessor holds a valid certificate of educational recognition from the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service or is a licensed appraiser under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax assessor is a licensed state certified Residential Appraiser (RA) or licensed state certified Timberland Appraiser (TA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., or when any tax assessor holds a valid designation from the International Association of Assessing Officers as a Cadastral Mapping Specialist (CMS) or Personal Property Specialist (PPS) or Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES), he shall receive an additional Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion. When any tax assessor holds the valid designation of Certified Assessment Evaluator (CAE) from the International Association of Assessing Officers or is a state certified General Real Estate Appraiser (GA) under Section 73-34-1 et seq., he shall receive an additional Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) annually beginning the next fiscal year after completion.

(8) The salaries provided for in this section shall be the total funds paid to the county assessors and tax collectors and shall be full compensation for their services, with any fees being paid to the county general fund.

(9) The salaries provided for in this section shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund



of the county; however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month or every two (2) weeks pursuant to Section 25-3-29. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

SECTION 4. Section 25-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:  
[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

25-7-9. (1) The clerks of the chancery courts shall charge the following fees:

(a) For the act of certifying copies of filed documents, for each complete document.....\$ 1.00

(b) (i) Recording each deed, will, lease, amendment, subordination, lien, release, cancellation, order, decree, oath, etc., per book and page listed where applicable, each deed of trust, or any other document, for the first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

(ii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00

(c) (i) Recording oil and gas leases, cancellations, etc., including indexing in general indices; for the first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

(ii) Recording each oil and gas assignment, amendment of assignment, release, etc., first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

per additional assignee.....\$ 18.00

(iii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00

(iv) Sectional index entries per section or subdivision lot.....\$ 1.00

(v) Archive fee.....\$ 1.00

(vi) Entering marginal notations, if requested on document or by cover letter, pertaining to the recording of any oil and gas document only per book and page.....\$ 4.00

(d) (i) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file:

If performed by the clerk or his employee,  
per page.....\$ .50

If performed by any other person,  
per page.....\$ .25

(ii) Entering marginal notations on documents of record.....\$ 1.00

(e) For each day's attendance on the board of supervisors, for himself and one (1) deputy, each.....\$ 20.00

(f) For other services as clerk of the board of supervisors an allowance shall be made to him (payable semiannually at the July and January meetings) out of the county treasury, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$3,000.00

(g) For each day's attendance on the chancery court, to be approved by the chancellor:

For the first chancellor sitting only, clerk and two (2) deputies, each.....\$ 85.00

For the second chancellor sitting, clerk only.....\$ 85.00

Provided that the fees herein prescribed shall be the total remuneration for the clerk and his deputies for attending chancery court.

(h) On order of the court, clerks and not more than two (2) deputies may be allowed five (5) extra days for each term of court for attendance upon the court to get up records.

(i) For public service not otherwise specifically provided for, the chancery court may by order allow the clerk to be paid by the county on the order of the board of supervisors, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$5,000.00

(j) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the Civil Legal Assistance Fund.....\$ 5.00

The chancery clerk shall itemize on the original document a detailed fee bill of all charges due or paid for filing, recording and abstracting same. No person shall be

required to pay such fees until same have been so itemized, but those fees may be demanded before the document is recorded.

(2) The following fee shall be a total fee for all services performed by the clerk with respect to any civil case filed that includes, but is not limited to, divorce, alteration of birth or marriage certificate, removal of minority, guardianship or conservatorship, estate of deceased, adoption, land dispute injunction, settlement of small claim, contempt, modification, partition suit, or commitment, which shall be payable upon filing and shall accrue to the chancery clerk at the time of filing. The clerk or his successor in office shall perform all duties set forth without additional compensation or

fee.....\$ 85.00

(3) For every civil case filed:

(a) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section 9-21-14.....\$ 10.00

(b) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in Section 9-21-45.....\$ 40.00

(4) Cost of process shall be borne by the issuing party. Additionally, should the attorney or person filing the pleadings desire the clerk to pay the cost to the sheriff for serving process on one (1) person or more, or to pay the cost of publication, the clerk shall demand the actual charges therefor, at the time of filing.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) The clerks of the chancery courts shall charge the following fees:

(a) For the act of certifying copies of filed documents, for each complete document.....\$ 1.00

(b) (i) Recording each deed, will, lease, amendment, subordination, lien, release, cancellation, order, decree, oath, etc., per book and page listed where applicable, each deed of trust, or any other document, for the first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

(ii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00

(c) (i) Recording oil and gas leases, cancellations, etc., including indexing in general indices; for the first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

(ii) Recording each oil and gas assignment, amendment of assignment, release, etc., first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00  
per additional assignee.....\$ 18.00

(iii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00

(iv) Sectional index entries per section or subdivision lot.....\$ 1.00

(v) Archive fee.....\$ 1.00

(vi) Entering marginal notations, if requested on document or by cover letter, pertaining to the recording of any oil and gas document only per book and page.....\$ 4.00

(d) (i) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file:

If performed by the clerk or his employee,  
per page.....\$ .50

If performed by any other person,  
per page.....\$ .25

(ii) Entering marginal notations on documents of record.....\$ 1.00

(e) For \*\*\* attending the board of supervisors' \*\*\* meeting, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$ \*\* \*2,500.00

(f) For other services as clerk of the board of supervisors an allowance shall be made to him (payable semiannually at the July and January meetings) out of the county treasury, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$ \*\* \*5,500.00

(g) For each day's attendance on the chancery court, to be approved by the chancellor:

For the first chancellor sitting only, clerk and two (2) deputies,  
each.....\$ 85.00

For the second chancellor sitting, clerk only.....\$ 85.00

Provided that the fees herein prescribed shall be the total remuneration for the clerk and his deputies for attending chancery court.

(h) On order of the court, clerks and not more than two (2) deputies may be allowed five (5) extra days for each term of court for attendance upon the court to get up records.

(i) For public service not otherwise specifically provided for, the chancery court may by order allow the clerk to be paid by the county on the order of the board of supervisors, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$5,000.00

(j) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the Civil Legal Assistance Fund.....\$ 5.00

The chancery clerk shall itemize on the original document a detailed fee bill of all charges due or paid for filing, recording and abstracting same. No person shall be required to pay such fees until same have been so itemized, but those fees may be demanded before the document is recorded.

(2) The following fee shall be a total fee for all services performed by the clerk with respect to any civil case filed that includes, but is not limited to, divorce, alteration of birth or marriage certificate, removal of minority, guardianship or conservatorship, estate of deceased, adoption, land dispute injunction, settlement of small claim, contempt, modification, partition suit, or commitment, which shall be payable upon filing and shall accrue to the chancery clerk at the time of filing. The clerk or his successor in office shall perform all duties set forth without additional compensation or fee.....\$ 85.00

(3) For every civil case filed:

(a) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section 9-21-14.....\$ 10.00

(b) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in Section 9-21-45.....\$ 40.00

(4) Cost of process shall be borne by the issuing party. Additionally, should the attorney or person filing the pleadings desire the clerk to pay the cost to the sheriff for serving process on one (1) person or more, or to pay the cost of publication, the clerk shall demand the actual charges therefor, at the time of filing.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) The clerks of the chancery courts shall charge the following fees:

(a) For the act of certifying copies of filed documents, for each complete document.....\$ 1.00

(b) (i) Recording each deed, will, lease, amendment, subordination, lien, release, cancellation, order, decree, oath, etc., per book and page listed where applicable, each deed of trust, or any other document, for the first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

(ii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00

(c) (i) Recording oil and gas leases, cancellations, etc., including indexing in general indices; for the first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

(ii) Recording each oil and gas assignment, amendment of assignment, release, etc., first five (5) pages.....\$ 25.00

per additional assignee.....\$ 18.00

(iii) Each additional page.....\$ 1.00

(iv) Sectional index entries per section or subdivision lot.....\$ 1.00

(v) Archive fee.....\$ 1.00

(vi) Entering marginal notations, if requested on document or by cover letter, pertaining to the recording of any oil and gas document only per book and page.....\$ 4.00

(d) (i) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file:

If performed by the clerk or his employee,  
per page.....\$ .50

If performed by any other person,  
per page.....\$ .25

(ii) Entering marginal notations on  
documents of record.....\$ 1.00

(e) For \* \* \* attending the board of supervisors' \* \* \* meeting an  
annual sum not exceeding.....\$ \* \* \*5,000.00

(f) For other services as clerk of the board of supervisors an  
allowance shall be made to him (payable semiannually at the July and January meetings)  
out of the county treasury, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$ \* \* \*10,000.00

(g) For each day's attendance on the chancery court, to be approved  
by the chancellor:

For the first chancellor sitting only, clerk and two (2) deputies,  
each.....\$ 85.00

For the second chancellor sitting, clerk only.....\$ 85.00

Provided that the fees herein prescribed shall be the total remuneration for the  
clerk and his deputies for attending chancery court.

(h) On order of the court, clerks and not more than two (2) deputies  
may be allowed five (5) extra days for each term of court for attendance upon the court to  
get up records.

(i) For public service not otherwise specifically provided for, the  
chancery court may by order allow the clerk to be paid by the county on the order of the  
board of supervisors, an annual sum not exceeding.....\$5,000.00

(j) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the Civil Legal Assistance  
Fund.....\$ 5.00

The chancery clerk shall itemize on the original document a detailed fee bill of  
all charges due or paid for filing, recording and abstracting same. No person shall be  
required to pay such fees until same have been so itemized, but those fees may be  
demanded before the document is recorded.

(2) The following fee shall be a total fee for all services performed by the clerk  
with respect to any civil case filed that includes, but is not limited to, divorce, alteration of  
birth or marriage certificate, removal of minority, guardianship or conservatorship, estate  
of deceased, adoption, land dispute injunction, settlement of small claim, contempt,  
modification, partition suit, or commitment, which shall be payable upon filing and shall  
accrue to the chancery clerk at the time of filing. The clerk or his successor in office shall  
perform all duties set forth without additional compensation or  
fee.....\$ 85.00

(3) For every civil case filed:

(a) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the  
Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section 9-21-  
14.....\$ 10.00

(b) An additional fee to be deposited to the  
credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in  
Section 9-21-45.....\$ 40.00

(4) Cost of process shall be borne by the issuing party. Additionally, should  
the attorney or person filing the pleadings desire the clerk to pay the cost to the sheriff for  
serving process on one (1) person or more, or to pay the cost of publication, the clerk  
shall demand the actual charges therefor, at the time of filing.

SECTION 5. Section 25-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as  
follows:

25-7-13. (1) The clerks of the circuit court shall charge the following fees:

(a) Docketing, filing, marking and registering each complaint, petition and indictment  
\$ 85.00

The fee set forth in this paragraph shall be the total fee for all services  
performed by the clerk up to and including entry of judgment with respect to each  
complaint, petition or indictment, including all answers, claims, orders, continuances and  
other papers filed therein, issuing each writ, summons, subpoena or other such

instruments, swearing witnesses, taking and recording bonds and pleas, and recording judgments, orders, fiats and certificates; the fee shall be payable upon filing and shall accrue to the clerk at the time of collection. The clerk or his successor in office shall perform all duties set forth above without additional compensation or fee.

(b) Docketing and filing each motion to renew judgment, notice of renewal of judgment, suggestion for a writ of garnishment, suggestion for a writ of execution and judgment debtor actions and issuing all process, filing and recording orders or other papers and swearing witnesses \$ 35.00

(c) For every civil case filed, an additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section 9-21-14 \$ 10.00

(d) For every civil case filed, an additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in Section 9-21-45 \$ 40.00

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the clerks of the circuit court shall charge the following fees:

(a) Filing and marking each order or other paper and recording and indexing same \$ 2.00

(b) Issuing each writ, summons, subpoena, citation, capias and other such instruments \$ 1.00

(c) Administering an oath and taking bond \$ 2.00

(d) Certifying copies of filed documents, for each complete document \$ 1.00

(e) Recording orders, fiats, licenses, certificates, oaths and bonds:

First page \$ 2.00

Each additional page \$ 1.00

(f) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file and entering marginal notations on documents of record:

If performed by the clerk or his employee,

per page \$ 1.00

If performed by any other person,

per page \$ .25

(g) Judgment roll entry \$ 5.00

(h) Taxing cost and certificate \$ 1.00

(i) For taking and recording application for marriage license, for filing and recording consent of parents when required by law, for filing and recording medical certificate, filing and recording proof of age, recording and issuing license, recording and filing returns \$ 35.00

The clerk shall deposit Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) of each fee collected for a marriage license in the Victims of Domestic Violence Fund established in Section 93-21-117, on a monthly basis.

(j) For certified copy of marriage license and search of record, the same fee charged by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Board of Health.

(k) For public service not particularly provided for, the circuit court may allow the clerk, per annum, to be paid by the county on presentation of the circuit court's order, the following amount \$5,000.00

However, in the counties having two (2) judicial districts, such above allowance shall be made for each judicial district.

(l) For drawing jurors and issuing venire, to be paid by the county \$ 5.00

(m) For each day's attendance upon the circuit court term, for himself and necessary deputies allowed by the court, each to be paid by the county \$ 75.00

(n) Summons, each juror to be paid by the county upon the allowance of the court \$ 1.00

(o) For issuing each grand jury subpoena, to be paid by the county on allowance by the court, not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) in any one (1) term of court \$ 1.00

(p) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the Civil Legal Assistance Fund \$ 5.00

(3) On order of the court, clerks and deputies may be allowed five (5) extra days for attendance upon the court to get up records.

(4) The clerk's fees in state cases where the state fails in the prosecution, or in cases of felony where the defendant is convicted and the cost cannot be made out of his estate, in an amount not to exceed Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) in one (1) year, shall be paid out of the county treasury on approval of the circuit court, and the allowance thereof by the board of supervisors of the county. In counties having two (2) judicial districts, such allowance shall be made in each judicial district; however, the maximum thereof shall not exceed Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00). Clerks in the circuit court, in cases where appeals are taken in criminal cases and no appeal bond is filed, shall be allowed by the board of supervisors of the county after approval of their accounts by the circuit court, in addition to the above fees, for making such transcript the rate of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per page.

(5) The clerk of the circuit court may retain as his commission on all money coming into his hands, by law or order of the court, a sum to be fixed by the court not exceeding one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) on all such sums.

(6) For making final records required by law, including, but not limited to, circuit and county court minutes, and furnishing transcripts of records, the circuit clerk shall charge Two Dollars (\$2.00) per page. The same fees shall be allowed to all officers for making and certifying copies of records or papers which they are authorized to copy and certify.

(7) The circuit clerk shall prepare an itemized statement of fees for services performed, cost incurred, or for furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file, and shall submit the statement to the parties or, if represented, to their attorneys within sixty (60) days. A bill for same shall accompany the statement.

SECTION 6. Section 25-7-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-7-19. (1) The sheriffs of the various counties of the State of Mississippi shall charge the following fees:

(a) A uniform total fee in all criminal and civil cases for the service or attempted service of any process, summons, warrant, writ or other notice as may be required by law or the court, each \$ 45.00

(b) In all cases where there is more than one (1) defendant residing at the same household, service on each additional defendant \$ 5.00

(c) After final judgment has been enrolled, notice of further proceedings involving levy of execution on judgments, and attachment and garnishment proceedings, shall be deemed a new suit and the sheriff shall be entitled to the following fee \$ 45.00

(d) Taking bonds of every kind (for purposes of this fee multiple bonds for criminal charges arising out of a single incident or transaction shall be considered a single bond) \$ 25.00

(e) Attendance in habeas corpus proceeding in vacation, eminent domain court and commitment cases \$ 25.00

(f) On all money made by virtue of any decree, execution or attachment, or other process, the following commissions, to wit:

On the first One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), five percent (5%),

On the second One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), four percent (4%),

On all sums over Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), three percent (3%).

(g) For all service of all process of every kind and nature issued from without the county wherein it is to be served, a fee of \$ 45.00

In civil cases, all process sent out of the county, where issued to another county for service, shall be accompanied by a fee of Forty-five Dollars (\$45.00) to pay the sheriff's fee for his execution of such process unless the clerk or justice shall endorse on the process that the party at whose instance it issued had filed an affidavit of inability to pay costs thereof. All fees sent and unearned, and the whole of it, shall be unearned if the writ be not legally and properly executed and returned, and shall be remitted by the sheriff with the writ at his own expense.

(2) (a) The sheriff shall keep a complete account of every fee of every nature, commission or charge collected by him, and shall file an itemized statement thereof monthly, under oath, with the clerk of the board of supervisors of his county who shall preserve same as a part of the records of his office, and he shall make a remittance to the clerk of the board of supervisors of his county on or before the fifteenth of each month for deposit into the general fund of the county of all said fees, commissions and charges collected during the preceding month. A fee for attempted service of process is unearned absent two (2) documented actual attempts to serve the process.

(b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of this section shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries authorized in Section 25-3-25, as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331, Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

(3) Any sheriff who shall knowingly fail to collect any fee established by law which was in fact collectible by him or having collected the fee shall fail to keep account of such fee or fail to deposit the fee with the clerk of the board of supervisors as provided by subsection (2), or such other person or office entitled thereto, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor in office and, upon conviction therefor, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed double the amount he failed to collect or pay over, or imprisoned for not to exceed six (6) months in the county jail, or be punished by both such fine and imprisonment.

This provision shall in no way lessen the sheriff's civil liability on his bond, but shall be an additional penalty for misfeasance or nonfeasance in office.

SECTION 7. Section 25-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-7-27. (1) Marshals and constables shall charge the following fees:

(a) (i) In all civil and criminal cases, for each service of process, summons, warrant, writ or other

notice \$ \*\*\$55.00

(ii) In all cases where there is more than one (1) defendant residing at the same household, for service on each additional defendant \$ \*\*\$10.00

(iii) For service of each process of every kind and nature issued from outside the county where it is to be served, the fees provided in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, as applicable, shall be assessed.

(iv) When a complaining party has provided erroneous information to the clerk of the court relating to the service of process on the defendant or defendants and process cannot be served after diligent search and inquiry on oath thereof of the marshal or constable, as the case may be, charged with serving such process, the fees provided in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, as applicable, shall be assessed.

(v) When process has been attempted in one (1) county but the defendant is not found, and process must be served on that defendant in another county, the clerk shall notify the complaining party that an additional fee or fees must be paid before the process can be delivered to the other county.

(b) After final judgment has been enrolled, further proceedings involving levy of execution on judgments, and attachment and garnishment proceedings shall be a new suit for which the marshal or constable shall be entitled to the following fee \$ \*\*\$55.00

(c) For conveying a person charged with a crime to jail, mileage reimbursement in an amount not to exceed the rate established under Section 25-3-41(2).

To be paid out of the county treasury on the allowance of the board of supervisors, when the state fails in the prosecution, or the person is convicted but is not able to pay the costs.

(d) For other service, the same fees allowed sheriffs for similar services.

(e) For service as a bailiff in any court in a civil case, to be paid by the county on allowance of the court on issuance of a warrant therefor, an amount equal to the amount provided under Section 19-25-31 for each day, or part thereof, for which he serves as bailiff when the court is in session.

(f) For serving all warrants and other process and attending all trials in state cases in which the state fails in the prosecution, to be paid out of the county treasury on the

allowance of the board of supervisors without itemization, subject, however, to the condition that the marshal or constable must not have overcharged in the collection of fees for costs, contrary to the provisions of this section, annually.....\$ \*\* \*4,500.00

(2) Marshals and constables shall be paid all uncollected fees levied under subsection (1) of this section in full from the first proceeds received by the court from the guilty party or from any other source of payment in connection with the case.

(3) In addition to the fees authorized to be paid to a constable under subsection (1) of this section, a constable may receive payments for collecting delinquent criminal fines in justice court pursuant to the provisions of Section 19-3-41(3).

SECTION 8. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

41-61-59. (1) A person's death that affects the public interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body. When the medical examiner has received notification under Section 41-39-15(6) that the deceased is medically suitable to be an organ and/or tissue donor, the medical examiner's authority over the body shall be subject to the provisions of Section 41-39-15(6). The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the body in cases of death as described in subsection (2)(m) or (n) of this section.

(2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or accidental death.
- (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or radiation injury.
- (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.
- (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or contagious that may constitute a public hazard.
- (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an unexplained cause.
- (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or correctional institution.
- (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days preceding death.
- (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by a relative or a friend.
- (i) Death of a person where the identity of the deceased is unknown.
- (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years where death results from an unknown cause or where the circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant death syndrome may be the cause of death.
- (k) Where a body is brought into this state for disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate certificate of death.
- (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the hospital.
- (m) Death that is caused by drug overdose or which is believed to be caused by drug overdose.



(n) When a stillborn fetus is delivered and the cause of the demise is medically believed to be from the use by the mother of any controlled substance as defined in Section 41-29-105.

(3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. If a death affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where the injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming jurisdiction.

(4) The chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which he serves a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary, in addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a salary of not more than Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75; however, no county shall pay the deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary in addition to other compensation provided by law. For this salary the chief shall assure twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner death investigations for the county for at least the previous five (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical Examiner shall cooperate with him.

SECTION 9. Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive \* \* \* One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

(1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive \* \* \* One Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$195.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) Any medical examiner, physician or pathologist who is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition shall be entitled to an expert witness hourly fee to be set by the court and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE LIMIT ON THE COMPENSATION OF CHANCERY CLERKS AND CIRCUIT CLERKS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-225, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF CIRCUIT CLERKS FOR CONDUCTING

ELECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY TAX ASSESSORS AND COLLECTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CHANCERY CLERKS SHALL RECEIVE A CERTAIN ANNUAL SUM FOR ATTENDING THE MEETINGS OF BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 25-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE FEES PAID TO THE CIRCUIT CLERK FOR EACH DAY'S ATTENDANCE UPON THE CIRCUIT COURT TERM, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 25-7-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PERTAINS TO FEES CHARGED BY SHERIFFS, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES CHARGED BY MARSHALS AND CONSTABLES; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATORS, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION THAT COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS RECEIVE FOR EACH COMPLETED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF DEATH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Larry Byrd, Cheikh Taylor, John Read

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Mike Thompson, Angela Turner-Ford

On motion of Rep. Byrd the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Eubanks, Gibbs, D, Ladner. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; revise composition of board of directors of corporation.

Rep. Horan moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 550:** Recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

**S. C. R. No. 557:** Commend Laura Bivins for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

**S. C. R. No. 572:** Commend Biggersville Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Coach Cliff Little for two State Championships on same day.

**S. B. No. 2155:** City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism.

**S. B. No. 3181:** City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax.

**S. C. R. No. 548:** Mourn the passing of former Senator George Smith of Wiggins, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. C. R. No. 578:** Commend Northwest Community College Cheer Team for National Titles.

**S. C. R. No. 565:** Commend Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team for winning MAIS State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 570:** Commend Jackson Prep "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS Overall State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 573:** Commend Lake High School "Lady Hornets" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Maurice Bowie for winning the MHSAA 2A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for.

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for.

**H. B. No. 1441:** Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores.

**H. B. No. 1533:** Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026.

**H. B. No. 1534:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc.

**H. B. No. 1535:** Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center.

**H. B. No. 1536:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

**H. B. No. 1565:** City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau.

**H. B. No. 1674:** Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1735:** City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association.

**H. B. No. 1740:** City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

**H. B. No. 1742:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax.

**H. B. No. 1743:** City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

**H. B. No. 1744:** Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth.

**H. B. No. 1745:** George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in.

**H. B. No. 1748:** Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by.

**H. B. No. 1755:** City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax.

**H. B. No. 1756:** City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1760:** Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation.

**H. B. No. 1763:** Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Infant, Sawyer Scarborough, and Richard Mark Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ted Rayborn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie Wayne Hodges, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 4:57 PM, on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Monday, March 28, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SECOND DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

(EIGHTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Ronnie Crudup.

Rep. Crudup led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, March 28, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 1584:** Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Monday, March 28, 2022, 10:47 AM

**H. B. No. 1585:** Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Monday, March 28, 2022, 10:48 AM

**H. B. No. 1588:** Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Monday, March 28, 2022, 10:49 AM

**H. B. No. 1615:** Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Monday, March 28, 2022, 10:50 AM

**H. B. No. 1622:** Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Monday, March 28, 2022, 10:51 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 61:** Hunter Luis Melendez; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 62:** Cooper Conner; commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 63:** Tere Turner; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 64:** Laura Bivins; commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

**H. C. R. No. 65:** Madeline Zimmerman; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 66:** Jo Anne Daniels; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 67:** Monica Donohue; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 68:** Mandy Withrow; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 69:** Darlene Bush; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 70:** Angela Butler; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 71:** International Women's Month; designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance.

**H. C. R. No. 73:** John Girard Guthrie; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 74:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness.

**H. C. R. No. 75:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of.

**H. C. R. No. 76:** Mississippi High School Activities Association; commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 78:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

Adopted: 03/25/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1694:** City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission.

**S. B. No. 2980:** City of Jackson; authorize to continue contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE



Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1671:** Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax.

**H. B. No. 1762:** Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

**H. B. No. 1757:** Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals.

**H. B. No. 1767:** Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22.

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

Adopted: 03/27/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

**S. B. No. 2437:** Pilot Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of at CMCF.

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d).

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

Adopted: 03/27/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Senators McMahan, Whaley, Parker

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 3202:** City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3206:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to Byhalia Area Arts Council. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3208:** Rankin County; authorize certain road project contracts extending more than 30 days after term of current board. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3209:** City of Hernando; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund capital improvements related to parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

**S. B. No. 3211:** Meridian Public School District; authorize transfer of former school property to Meridian Housing Authority. Local and Private Legislation.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**J. R. No. 1:** Mississippi House of Representatives; reapportion. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

CHARLES JIM BECKETT, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**S. B. No. 3202:** City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3206:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to Byhalia Area Arts Council. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3208:** Rankin County; authorize certain road project contracts extending more than 30 days after term of current board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3211:** Meridian Public School District; authorize transfer of former school property to Meridian Housing Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. R. No. 116:** Bishop C. James King, Jr.; commend ministerial service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 120:** Lyniece Fleming; commend upon the occasion of her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 121:** Copiah Academy High School Colonels Boys Soccer Team; commend and congratulate on winning the 2021-2022 State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 122:** Dr. Thomas Dobbs; commend for his service to Mississippi during his time as State Health Officer. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**H. R. No. 123:** Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 581:** Commend Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team for back-to-back SWAC Tournament Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 582:** Commend Manchester Academy "Lady Mavericks" Basketball team for back-to-back State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 584:** Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The Columbus Commercial Dispatch Newspaper (1921-2022). Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 586:** Designate April 14, 2022, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

The Speaker announced the appointment of the Conferees on the part of the House as follows:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Representatives Barton, Gibbs (36th), Steverson

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Representatives Deweese and Oliver introduced special guests, the Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team, House Concurrent Resolution No. 57.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1408**: (Sheriffs' salaries; increase.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Weathersby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1247**: Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1247: Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, acting by and through the University of Southern Mississippi, may lease portions of the property administered by the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(2) The University of Southern Mississippi may enter into subleases with public and/or private entities for all or part of such property.

(3) The University of Southern Mississippi, acting with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, may negotiate all aspects of any lease and sublease of such property and any terms and ancillary agreements pertaining to any lease and sublease of such property as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the intent and purposes of this section and to ensure a fair and equitable return to the state.

(4) Any lease and sublease as provided for in this section and approved and entered into by the University of Southern Mississippi shall not exceed a term of forty (40) years and shall not be cancelled by any successor boards on the basis of the binding successor doctrine.

SECTION 2. (1) The Mississippi Board of Mental Health, acting through the Department of Mental Health and on behalf of the East Mississippi State Hospital, is authorized to sell certain state-owned real property and any improvements thereon, which was purchased in 2007 and formerly served as offices for the Community Residential Services Division, consisting of approximately 8,000 square feet and situated on a lot containing 3.6 acres, located at 5800 North Hills Street in the City of Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, such property being more particularly described as follows:

Part of the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 and part of the NW1/4 of Section 35, T7N, R15E, Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi; and can be found in Deed Book 768 at page 16.

(2) The real property and any improvements thereon described under subsection (1) of this section shall be sold for not less than the fair market value as

determined by the average of at least two (2) appraisals by qualified appraisers, one (1) of which shall be selected by the Department of Finance and Administration, and both of whom shall be certified and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

(3) All monies derived from the sale of the property described in subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited into a special fund created in the State Treasury for the use and benefit of the East Mississippi State Hospital. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the amounts remaining in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

(4) The Department of Finance and Administration may correct any discrepancies in the legal description provided in this section.

(5) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights to the property sold under this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The Mississippi Board of Mental Health, acting through the Department of Mental Health and on behalf of the East Mississippi State Hospital, is authorized to sell certain state-owned real property and any improvements thereon, which formerly served as an Alzheimer's unit by the Central Mississippi Residential Center, and more recently occupied by Weems Community Mental Health, consisting of approximately 3,800 square feet and situated on a 1-acre lot, located at 851 Northside Drive in the City of Newton, Newton County, Mississippi, such property being more particularly described as follows:

Start at the southeast corner of Lot 1, Pinecrest Subdivision, City of Newton, Newton County, Mississippi, and run North 894 feet; thence South 88 degrees 40 minutes West 413 feet to the point of beginning; Thence South 88 degrees 40 minutes West, 165 feet, thence North 01 degrees 30 minutes East, 260 feet to the South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 80; thence Northeasterly, 155 feet along said right-of-way line; thence South 01 degree 22 minutes East, 299.7 feet to the point of beginning. The above-described property is situated in the E 1/2 of SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 11 East, City of Newton, Newton County, Mississippi, and contains 1 acre, more or less.

(2) The real property and any improvements thereon described under subsection (1) of this section shall be sold for not less than the fair market value as determined by the average of at least two (2) appraisals by qualified appraisers, one (1) of which shall be selected by the Department of Finance and Administration, and both of whom shall be certified and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

(3) All monies derived from the sale of the property described in subsection (1) of this section shall be deposited into a special fund created in the State Treasury for the use and benefit of the East Mississippi State Hospital. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the amounts remaining in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

(4) The Department of Finance and Administration may correct any discrepancies in the legal description provided in this section.

(5) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights to the property sold under this section.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Board of Supervisors of Tallahatchie County is authorized to convey, lease or transfer, under such terms and conditions the board deems appropriate to promote the historical, educational and economic welfare of the county, any county-owned real property and any improvements thereon to the United States Government or any entity thereof, or a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of historical and cultural sites, areas, items or artifacts of historical significance. The real property which shall be taken into consideration for purposes of conveyance, lease or transfer as authorized under this section are more particularly described as follows: (a) The Second Judicial Courthouse of Tallahatchie County, including the buildings and grounds located in Sumner, Mississippi; (b) the annex building located at 158 North Court Street in Sumner,

Mississippi, which houses the Emmett Till Interpretive Center; and (c) Graball Landing on River Road in Tallahatchie County.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Finance and Administration may renegotiate any and all costs included in the lease provided for by Section 39-25-1.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, TO LEASE AND SUBLEASE PROPERTY ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT; TO AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY TO NEGOTIATE ALL ASPECTS OF ANY LEASE AND SUBLEASE PERTAINING TO SUCH PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM TERM OF THESE LEASES AND SUBLEASES; TO PROVIDE THAT THESE LEASES AND SUBLEASES SHALL NOT BE CANCELLED BASED ON THE BINDING SUCCESSOR DOCTRINE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH, ACTING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ON BEHALF OF THE EAST MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL TO SELL CERTAIN STATE-OWNED REAL PROPERTY IN LAUDERDALE AND NEWTON COUNTIES, WHICH, RESPECTIVELY, WERE FORMERLY USED BY THE HOSPITAL AS OFFICES FOR THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES DIVISION AND AN ALZHEIMER'S UNIT BY THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI RESIDENTIAL CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY TO CONVEY, LEASE OR TRANSFER ANY COUNTY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OR ANY ENTITY THEREOF, OR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HISTORICAL PRESERVATION, UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS THE BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO PROMOTE THE HISTORICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Tom Weathersby, Richard Bennett, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Turner-Ford, Albert Butler, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1323: Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is hereby created the Tallahatchie River Authority composed of the geographic boundaries of the following counties that the Tallahatchie River or Little Tallahatchie River traverse or border in the State of Mississippi, subject to the board of supervisors of a county voting and spreading on its minutes the decision to participate in the authority: Leflore, Tallahatchie, Quitman, Panola, Lafayette, Marshall, Union and Tippah. The authority shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of one (1) member appointed by the board of supervisors of each of the counties eligible and whose board of supervisors chooses to participate. Board members shall be appointed by the appointing authorities within sixty (60) days after passage of this act.

(2) The boards of supervisors of the counties of Leflore and Tallahatchie shall each appoint a member from their respective counties for an initial term of one (1) year; the boards of supervisors of the counties of Quitman and Panola shall each appoint a member from their respective counties for an initial term of two (2) years; the boards of supervisors of the counties of Lafayette and Marshall shall each appoint a member from their respective counties for an initial term of three (3) years; and the boards of supervisors of the counties of Union and Tippah shall each appoint a member from their respective counties for an initial term of four (4) years. All appointments made after the initial appointments shall be for terms of four (4) years each from the expiration of the previous term, or until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) Board members shall serve without pay. Upon appointment the members shall meet and organize at Charleston, Mississippi, set a regular time and place for the meetings of the authority, and secure offices and all necessary equipment therefor. A full-time executive director may be appointed by the board if the board deems the appointment advisable, and, if a director is appointed, he or she shall be full-time and shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The salary of a director may be paid out of such funds as may be available to the authority or from any source.

SECTION 2. The Tallahatchie River Authority is specifically authorized and empowered to contract with and to be contracted with by the Tennessee Valley Authority and any other agency or agencies of the federal government or of any state or subdivision thereof which may be of assistance in carrying out the purposes set forth in this act. In addition, the authority is empowered to do any and all other things necessary or desirable in effectuating a plan for the comprehensive development of the resources of the authority's geographic region, including, but not limited to, such subjects as tourism, economic development, forestry, drainage and land reclamation and preservation, bank stabilization, electric power utilization, water conservation, recreation, public health and education, such program of development to be carried on in cooperation with the appropriate local, state and federal agencies. All agencies of the State of Mississippi are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to extend their cooperation and assistance to the Tallahatchie River Authority in the formulation and implementation of the program of development.



SECTION 3. Each of the counties in which the Tallahatchie River Authority is located is authorized and empowered to contribute any amount or amounts which the board of supervisors thereof deems advisable, acting in their sole discretion, to be paid from the general county fund of the respective counties.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE TALLAHATCHIE RIVER AUTHORITY TO BE COMPOSED OF THE GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF THE COUNTIES THAT THE TALLAHATCHIE RIVER OR LITTLE TALLAHATCHIE RIVER TRAVERSE OR BORDER IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SUBJECT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A COUNTY VOTING AND SPREADING ON ITS MINUTES THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY SELECT ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO THE TALLAHATCHIE RIVER AUTHORITY; TO AUTHORIZE EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Chris Brown, Bryant W. Clark, Johnathan Ray Lancaster

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Daniel H. Sparks, Chuck Younger

On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Brown (20th) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2158: Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-17-405, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-17-405. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "fund" to be administered by the Executive Director of the Department of \* \* \* Environmental Quality. The commission shall adopt regulations for administering this fund.

(2) The commission shall expend or utilize monies up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) annually in the fund by an annual appropriation approved by the Legislature to supplement all reasonable direct and indirect costs associated with the development and administration of the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program if the annual tank regulatory fee in Section 49-17-421 does not adequately cover the costs associated with Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435. All reasonable direct and indirect costs associated with development and administration of the UST Program, including, but not limited to, the reasonable costs of the following activities as they relate to the UST Program:

- (a) Preparing generally applicable regulations or guidance regarding the UST Program or its implementation or enforcement;
  - (b) Administering the UST Program, including the supporting and tracking of UST owners/operators and associated UST systems, compliance with UST regulations, the fund, UST-certified contractors, tank fees and related data entry;
  - (c) Implementing and enforcing the terms of the UST regulations;
- and
- (d) Investigation, assessment and rehabilitation of contamination sites with restoration or replacement of potable water supplies.

At no time shall an annual fund appropriation result in more than supplemental funding for the current annual cost of administering the UST Program.

(3) Whenever in the executive director's determination a release of motor fuels at an active site may pose a threat to the environment or the public health, safety or welfare, the department shall obligate monies available in the fund to provide for:

- (a) Investigation and assessment of contamination sites;
- (b) Restoration or replacement of potable water supplies;
- (c) Rehabilitation of contamination sites, which may consist of cleanup of affected soil, groundwater and inland surface waters, using cost-effective alternatives that are technologically feasible and reliable, and that provide adequate protection of the public health, safety and welfare and minimize environmental damage, in accordance with the site selection and clean-up criteria established by the commission, except that nothing herein shall be construed to authorize the commission to obligate funds for payment of costs which may be associated with, but are not integral to, site rehabilitation, such as the cost for retrofitting or replacing underground storage tanks.

(\* \* \*4) Whenever the commission has expended funds from the fund created by Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-433, the owner of the underground storage tank shall not be liable to the department for such costs if the owner was in substantial compliance on the date on which the discharge of the motor fuels which necessitates the cleanup was reported to the department. Otherwise owners are responsible for reimbursement and the reimbursed monies shall go back into the fund. In such circumstances the commission is authorized to take any necessary action to recover these monies from responsible owners.

(\* \* \*5) Any provisions of this section and chapter regarding liability for the costs of cleanup, removal, remediation or abatement of any pollution, hazardous waste or solid waste shall be limited as provided in Section 49-17-42 and rules adopted thereto.

SECTION 2. Section 49-17-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-17-407. (1) (a) An environmental protection fee of Four-tenths of One Cent (4/10 of 1¢) per gallon is hereby levied upon any bonded distributor, as defined by Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-433, who sells or delivers motor fuels to a retailer or user in this state.

(b) Every person, other than a bonded distributor, who shall purchase or acquire motor fuels within this state on which the environmental protection fee has not accrued, shall be liable for the environmental protection fee.

(c) The environmental protection fee shall be imposed only one (1) time on motor fuels sold in the state.

(d) The environmental protection fee shall be collected by the Department of Revenue and shall be designated separately from the excise taxes on fuels.

(e) Any person liable for the environmental protection fee shall be subject to the same requirements and penalties as distributors under the provisions of the Mississippi Special Fuel Tax Law.

(f) Any person liable for the environmental protection fee shall file a report and remit any fees due at the same time provided for filing reports under Section 27-55-523, on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue.

(g) The Department of Revenue is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate all rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the environmental protection fee.

(2) (a) On or before the fifteenth day of each month the environmental protection fees collected during the previous month shall be deposited into the Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund established in Section 49-17-405. When the unobligated balance in the fund reaches or exceeds Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), the administrator of the fund shall notify in writing the Department of Revenue no later than the twenty-fifth day of the month to revise the distribution of the environmental protection fee and the Department of Revenue shall deposit the fee into the State Highway Fund. Such distribution shall become effective on the last day of the month succeeding the month in which such notice was given. All environmental protection fees accrued shall be reported and paid.

(b) When the fund balance is reduced below Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), the fee shall again be deposited into the Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund until such time as the fund shall reach or exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). The administrator of the fund shall notify, no later than the twenty-fifth day of the month, the Department of Revenue to deposit the environmental protection fee into the Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund and such distribution shall become effective on the first day of the second month succeeding the month in which the notice to deposit the fee into the fund was given.

(3) This fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435 and for no other governmental purposes, nor shall any portion hereof ever be available to borrow from by any branch of government; it being the intent of the Legislature that this fund and its increments shall remain intact and inviolate. Any interest earned on monies in this fund shall remain in this fund.

(4) Monies held in the fund established under Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435 shall be used for supplemental funding of the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program as described in Section 49-17-405 and only at an active site and shall be disbursed in accordance with the commission requirements and as follows:

(a) Payments shall be made to any third party who brings a third-party claim against any owner of an underground storage tank and the commission as trustee of the Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund and who obtains a final judgment in such action which is valid and enforceable in this state against such parties. Payment shall be paid to the third party upon filing by such party an application with the department attaching the original or a certified copy of the final judgment.

(b) Payments shall be made in reasonable amounts to approved response action contractors and other parties involved in the site study and cleanup. Payment shall be made to the party incurring the costs by filing of a sworn application with

the department indicating the fair and reasonable value of the costs of site rehabilitation, subject to the regulations and limitations as set by the department.

(5) Payments from the fund are limited as follows:

(a) For cleanup purposes, a maximum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) may be disbursed from the fund for any one (1) site, per confirmed release occurrence.

(b) For third-party judgments, a maximum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) may be disbursed from the fund for any one (1) site, per confirmed release occurrence.

(c) Nothing in Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435 shall establish or create any liability or responsibility on the part of the department or the State of Mississippi to pay any cleanup costs or third-party claims if the fund created herein is insufficient to do so.

(6) Monies held in the fund established under Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435 shall not be used for purchases of equipment needed to assist in cleanup operations.

(7) Nothing in Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435 shall serve to limit any recovery against an owner of an underground storage tank in excess of the fund payment limits established under this section.

(8) Substantial compliance shall in no way be construed to be an absolute defense to civil liability.

SECTION 3. Section 49-17-421, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-17-421. (1) After receiving the annual report and recommendation of the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Advisory Council, the commission may assess and collect an annual tank regulatory fee in an amount sufficient to administer Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435, but not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per tank. The fee, as set by the commission, shall be assessed per tank per year and shall be collected from the owner of each underground storage tank available for use in Mississippi on July 1, 1988, or brought into use or available for use after that date, as provided in the Mississippi Underground Storage Tank Act of 1988 (Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435). The fee assessed under this section is a debt due by the owner of each tank in use in Mississippi on July 1, 1988, or brought into use after that date.

(2) The commission shall establish the amount of the tank regulatory fee to cover the costs of the Underground Storage Tank Program. The fee for each state fiscal year shall be set by order of the commission, which shall include:

(a) A receipt of the report and recommendations of the UST Advisory Council, and

(b) A public notice to allow the public a period of at least thirty (30) days to provide comments regarding the underground storage tank fee report and recommendation, or to request a public hearing in accordance with Section 49-17-29(4)(a).

The department may conduct a public hearing on the tank regulatory fee when a significant level of public interest exists or when warranted by other factors. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection (2), the commission may proceed with entry of the order if the UST Advisory Council fails to submit its report in a timely manner.

The tank regulatory fee shall be due July 1 of each year, and if any part of the fee is not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date, a penalty of fifty percent (50%) of the amount due shall accrue at once and be added to the fee, unless the owner of the underground storage tank demonstrates to the commission that the failure to make timely payment was unavoidable due to financial hardship or otherwise beyond the control of the owner.

Monies collected under this section shall be deposited in a special fund which is created in the State Treasury. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund and any interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be credited to the special fund by the Treasurer. The fund may receive monies from any available public or private source, including, but not limited to, the fund, collection of fees, interest, grants, taxes, public or private donations and judicial actions. Monies in this special fund shall be expended by annual

appropriation approved by the Legislature to administer Sections 49-17-401 through 49-17-435.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-17-405, 49-17-407 AND 49-17-421, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FEES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTRATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI GROUNDWATER PROTECTION TRUST FUND AND RELATED PURPOSES SHALL BE PAID FROM THE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chris McDaniel, Chris Caughman, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Chris Brown, Price Wallace, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Calvert, Creekmore, Currie. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2263:** Chancery court; revise provisions concerning adoption and name change of incarcerated persons.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2263: Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 93-17-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a court of this state has jurisdiction over a proceeding for the adoption or readoption of a minor commenced under this chapter if:

(a) Immediately before commencement of the proceeding, the minor lived in this state with a parent, a guardian, a prospective adoptive parent or another person acting as parent, for at least six (6) consecutive months, excluding periods of temporary absence, or, in the case of a minor under six (6) months of age, lived in this state from soon after birth with any of those individuals and there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(b) Immediately before commencement of the proceeding, the prospective adoptive parent lived in this state for at least six (6) consecutive months, excluding periods of temporary absence, and there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(c) The agency that placed the minor for adoption is licensed in this state and it is in the best interest of the minor that a court of this state assume jurisdiction because:

(i) The minor and the minor's parents, or the minor and the prospective adoptive parent, have a significant connection with this state; and

(ii) There is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(d) The minor and the prospective adoptive parent or parents are physically present in this state and the minor has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the minor because the minor has been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected, and the prospective adoptive parent or parents, if not residing in Mississippi, have completed and provided the court with a satisfactory Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC) home study and accompanying forms;

(e) It appears that no other state would have jurisdiction under prerequisites substantially in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (d), or another state has declined to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that this state is the more appropriate forum to hear a petition for adoption of the minor, and it is in the best interest of the minor that a court of this state assume jurisdiction; or

(f) The child has been adopted in a foreign country, the agency that placed the minor for adoption is licensed in this state, and it is in the best interest of the child to be readopted in a court of this state having jurisdiction.

(2) A court of this state may not exercise jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption of a minor if, at the time the petition for adoption is filed, a proceeding concerning the custody or adoption of the minor is pending in a court of another state exercising jurisdiction substantially in conformity with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act or this section unless the proceeding is stayed by the court of the other state.

(3) If a court of another state has issued a decree or order concerning the custody of a minor who may be the subject of a proceeding for adoption in this state, a court of this state may not exercise jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption of the minor unless:

(a) The court of this state finds that the court of the state which issued the decree or order:

(i) Does not have continuing jurisdiction to modify the decree or order under jurisdictional prerequisites substantially in accordance with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act or has declined to assume jurisdiction to modify the decree or order; or

(ii) Does not have jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption substantially in conformity with subsection (1)(a) through (d) or has declined to assume jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption; and

(b) The court of this state has jurisdiction over the proceeding.

(4) Any person may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter in term time or in vacation by an unmarried adult, by a married person whose

spouse joins in the petition, by a married person whose spouse does not join in the petition because such spouse does not cohabit or reside with the petitioning spouse, and in any circumstances determined by the court that the adoption is in the best interest of the child. Only the consenting adult will be a legal parent of the child. The adoption shall be by sworn petition filed in the chancery court of the county in which the adopting petitioner or petitioners reside or in which the child to be adopted resides or was born, or was found when it was abandoned or deserted, or in which the home is located to which the child has been surrendered by a person authorized to so do. The petition shall be accompanied by a doctor's or nurse practitioner's certificate showing the physical and mental condition of the child to be adopted and a sworn statement of all property, if any, owned by the child. In addition, the petition shall be accompanied by affidavits of the petitioner or petitioners stating the amount of the service fees charged by any adoption agencies or adoption facilitators used by the petitioner or petitioners and any other expenses paid by the petitioner or petitioners in the adoption process as of the time of filing the petition. If the doctor's or nurse practitioner's certificate indicates any abnormal mental or physical condition or defect, the condition or defect shall not, in the discretion of the chancellor, bar the adoption of the child if the adopting parent or parents file an affidavit stating full and complete knowledge of the condition or defect and stating a desire to adopt the child, notwithstanding the condition or defect. The court shall have the power to change the name of the child as a part of the adoption proceedings. The word "child" in this section shall be construed to refer to the person to be adopted, though an adult.

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( \* \* \*5) No person may be placed in the home of or adopted by the prospective adopting parties before a court-ordered or voluntary home study is satisfactorily completed by a licensed adoption agency, a licensed, experienced social worker approved by the chancery court, a court-appointed guardian ad litem that has knowledge or training in conducting home studies if so directed by the court, or by the Department of Human Services on the prospective adoptive parties if required by Section 93-17-11.

( \* \* \*6) No person may be adopted by a person or persons who reside outside the State of Mississippi unless the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (Section 43-18-1 et seq.) have been complied with. In such cases Forms 100A, 100B (if applicable) and evidence of Interstate Compact for Placement of Children approval shall be added to the permanent adoption record file within one (1) month of the placement, and a minimum of two (2) post-placement reports conducted by a licensed child-placing agency shall be provided to the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services Interstate Compact for Placement of Children office.

( \* \* \*7) No person may be adopted unless the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) have been complied with, if applicable. When applicable, proof of compliance shall be included in the court adoption file prior to finalization of the adoption. If not applicable, a written statement or paragraph in the petition for adoption shall be included in the adoption petition stating that the provisions of ICWA do not apply before finalization.

( \* \* \*8) The readoption of a child who has automatically acquired United States citizenship following an adoption in a foreign country and who possesses a Certificate of Citizenship in accordance with the Child Citizenship Act, CAA, Public Law 106-395, may be given full force and effect in a readoption proceeding conducted by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state by compliance with the Mississippi Registration of Foreign Adoptions Act, Article 9 of this chapter.

(9) For adult adoptees who consent to the adoption, a chancellor may waive any of the petition requirements and procedural requirements within subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this section.

SECTION 2. For purposes of this act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Change of name petition" means a petition to change the legal name of an individual.

(b) "Offender" means any physically incarcerated person convicted of a crime or offense under the laws and ordinances of the state and its political subdivisions or the laws and regulations of the federal government.

SECTION 3. (1) (a) No offender shall have standing to file a change of name petition with the chancery court;

(b) No chancellor shall grant a change of name petition for an offender; and

(c) No chancery clerk shall file a change of name petition for an offender.

(2) A chancellor may change the name of an offender if:

(a) A district attorney files a change of name petition on behalf of an offender;

(b) A sheriff of a county in which a person is incarcerated files a change of name petition on behalf of an offender;

(c) The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, or his or her designee, files a change of name petition on behalf of an offender; or

(d) A Mississippi Department of Corrections Chaplain files a change of name petition on behalf of an offender.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 93-17-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE CHANCELLOR TO WAIVE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADULT ADOPTEES WHO CONSENT TO THE ADOPTION; TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL LAW BY DELETING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST COUPLES OF THE SAME GENDER ADOPTING; TO PROHIBIT PHYSICALLY INCARCERATED OFFENDERS FROM REQUESTING A NAME CHANGE; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Angela Turner-Ford, Tyler McCaughn  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Jody Steverson, Jansen Owen

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham. Total-1.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provisions related to.

Rep. Blackmon moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion failed by the following vote:



Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--38.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--82.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Yates. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2543: Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish the organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, which shall include the creation of any units necessary to implement the duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific requirements of law including, but not limited to:

- (a) Office of Public Safety Planning;
- (b) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;
- (c) Office of Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (to be directed by a Lieutenant Colonel of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol);
- (d) Office of \*\*\* Forensic Laboratories, which includes the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner;
- (e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy;
- (f) Office of Support Services;
- (g) Office of Narcotics, which shall be known as the Bureau of Narcotics;
- (h) Office of Homeland Security; \*\*\*
- (i) Office of Capitol Police \*\*\*;
- (j) Office of Driver Service Bureau; and
- (k) Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division.

(3) The department shall be headed by a commissioner, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointment of the

commissioner shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commissioner shall have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall appoint heads of offices, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner shall have the authority to organize the offices established by subsection (2) of this section as deemed appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. The organization charts of the department shall be presented annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the Legislature.

(5) The commissioner shall appoint, from within the Department of Public Safety, a statewide safety training officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and whose duty it shall be to perform public training for both law enforcement and private persons throughout the state concerning proper emergency response to the mentally ill, terroristic threats or acts, domestic conflict, other conflict resolution, and such other matters as the commissioner may direct.

(6) The commissioner shall establish within the department the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for the purpose of seeing that the laws are faithfully executed and for the purpose of investigating cyber-related crimes and suppressing crimes of violence and acts of intimidation and terror. The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ within the Office of Homeland Security a director, investigators and other qualified personnel as he may deem necessary to make investigation of cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence and acts of terrorism or intimidation, to aid in the arrest and prosecution of persons charged with such cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence, acts of terrorism or intimidation, or threats of violence and to perform other duties as necessary to accomplish these purposes. Investigators and other law enforcement personnel employed by the commissioner shall have full power to investigate, apprehend, and arrest persons committing cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, intimidation, or terrorism anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the power of police officers in the performance of such duties as provided herein. Such investigators and other personnel shall perform their duties under the direction of the commissioner, or his designee. The commissioner shall be authorized to offer and pay suitable rewards to other persons for aiding in such investigation and in the apprehension and conviction of persons charged with cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, or threats of violence, or intimidation, or acts of terrorism.

(7) The commissioner shall establish within the Office of Homeland Security a Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC Fusion Center) which shall be the highest priority for the allocation of available federal resources for statewide information sharing, including the deployment of personnel and connectivity with federal data systems. Subject to appropriation therefor, the Mississippi Fusion Center shall employ three (3) regional analysts dedicated to analyzing and resolving potential threats identified by the agency's statewide social media intelligence platform and the dissemination of school safety information.

SECTION 2. Section 41-29-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-107. (1) There is created within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety an office to be known as the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. The office shall have a director who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices of the department such powers and duties deemed appropriate to carry out the lawful functions of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety is empowered to employ or appoint necessary agents. The commissioner may also employ such secretarial, clerical and administrative personnel, including a duly licensed attorney, as necessary for the operation of the bureau, and shall have such quarters, equipment and facilities as needed. The salary and qualifications of the attorney authorized by this section shall be fixed by the director, but the salary shall not exceed the salary authorized for an assistant attorney general who performs similar duties.

(3) The director and agents so appointed shall be citizens of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and of good moral character. The agents shall be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of such appointment. In addition thereto, those appointed shall have satisfactorily completed at least two (2) years of college studies. However, two (2) years of satisfactory service as a law enforcement officer and the completion of the prescribed course of study at a school operated by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, United States Justice Department, shall satisfy one (1) year of such college studies, and four (4) years of satisfactory service as a law enforcement officer and the completion of the prescribed course of study at such federal bureau school as stated heretofore shall fully satisfy the two (2) years of college requirement.

During the period of the first twelve (12) months after appointment, any \* \* \* agent of the bureau shall be subject to dismissal at the will of the director. After twelve (12) months' service, no \* \* \* agent of the bureau shall be subject to dismissal \* \* \* or otherwise have their salary adversely affected except for cause, and any such action against an agent shall be subject to and proceed under the laws, rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board.

(4) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, regardless of age, to the bureau; however, when any highway patrolman or other employee, agent or official of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety is assigned to duty with, or is employed by, the bureau, he shall not be subject to assignment or transfer to any other office or department within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety except by the commissioner. Any highway patrolman assigned to duty with the bureau shall retain his status as a highway patrolman, but shall be under the supervision of the director. For purposes of seniority within the Highway Safety Patrol and for purposes of retirement under the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System, highway patrolmen assigned to the bureau will be credited as if performing duty with the Highway Safety Patrol. The commissioner may assign employees of the Highway Safety Patrol to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and may assign agents of the bureau to the Highway Safety Patrol; however, any employees so assigned must meet all established requirements for the duties to which they are assigned.

(5) The Commissioner of Public Safety may enter into agreements with bureaus or departments of other states or of the United States for the exchange or temporary assignment of agents for special undercover assignments and for performance of specific duties.

(6) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign agents of the bureau to such duty and to request and accept agents from such other bureaus or departments for such duty.

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SECTION 3. Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any

out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) \*\*\* (a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist \*\*\* is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee \*\*\* and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

SECTION 4. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-59. (1) A person's death that affects the public interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body. When the medical examiner has received notification under Section 41-39-15(6) that the deceased is medically suitable to be an organ and/or tissue donor, the medical examiner's authority over the body shall be subject to the provisions of Section 41-39-15(6). The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the body in cases of death as described in subsection (2)(m) or (n) of this section.

(2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or accidental death.
- (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or radiation injury.
- (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.
- (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or contagious that may constitute a public hazard.
- (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an unexplained cause.
- (f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or correctional institution.
- (g) Death of a person where a physician was not in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days preceding death.
- (h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by a relative or a friend.
- (i) Death of a person where the identity of the deceased is unknown.
- (j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years where death results from an unknown cause or where the circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant death syndrome may be the cause of death.
- (k) Where a body is brought into this state for disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate certificate of death.
- (l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the hospital.
- (m) Death that is caused by drug overdose or which is believed to be caused by drug overdose.

(n) When a stillborn fetus is delivered and the cause of the demise is medically believed to be from the use by the mother of any controlled substance as defined in Section 41-29-105.

(3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. If a death affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where the injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming jurisdiction.

(4) (a) In criminal trials where the testimony of a current or former State Medical Examiner, Deputy State Medical Examiner, or member of the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory is needed, the use of audiovisual communications equipment to present such testimony remotely is allowed when the state has provided written notice to the defendant at least ninety (90) days prior to trial of its intent to present such remote testimony, and the defendant provides no written objection within fourteen (14) days of receiving such notice. Should the defendant object, the remote testimony shall only be permitted upon a finding by the court that the rights of the defendant to confront the witness against the defendant is not violated, that compelling circumstances exist to allow such remote testimony, and that the remote testimony can be provided with appropriate safeguards so as to assure the reliability of the testimony of the witness during the trial.

(b) All persons qualified to administer an oath in the State of Mississippi may swear a witness remotely by audio-video communication technology, provided they can positively identify the witness and they are able to both see and hear the witness via audiovisual communications equipment.

( \* \* \*5) The chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which he serves a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary, in addition to other compensation provided by law. In any county having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a salary of not more than Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75; however, no county shall pay the deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary in addition to other compensation provided by law. For this salary the chief shall assure twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner death investigations for the county for at least the previous five (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical Examiner shall cooperate with him.

SECTION 5. Section 41-61-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-77. (1) The Department of Public Safety shall establish and maintain a central office for the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the State Medical Examiner with appropriate facilities and personnel for postmortem medicolegal examinations. District offices, with appropriate facilities and personnel, may also be established and maintained if considered necessary by the department for the proper management of postmortem examinations.

The facilities of the central and district offices and their staff services may be available to the medical examiners and designated pathologists in their investigations.

(2) In order to provide proper facilities for investigating deaths as authorized in Sections 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, the State Medical Examiner may arrange for the use

of existing public or private laboratory facilities. The State Medical Examiner may contract with qualified persons to perform or to provide support services for autopsies, studies and investigations not inconsistent with other applicable laws. Such laboratory facilities may be located at the University of Mississippi Medical Center or any other suitable location. The State Medical Examiner may be an affiliate or regular faculty member of the Department of Pathology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and may serve as a member of the faculty of other institutions of higher learning. He shall be authorized to employ, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, such additional scientific, technical, administrative and clerical assistants as are necessary for performance of his duties. Such employees in the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner shall be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Mississippi State Personnel Board in their employment.

(3) The State Medical Examiner shall be authorized to employ qualified pathologists as deputy state medical examiners as are necessary to carry out the duties of his office. The deputy state medical examiners shall be licensed to practice medicine and, either board-certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology or be a physician who is board certified in anatomic pathology by the American Board of Pathology. The State Medical Examiner may delegate specific duties to competent and qualified medical examiners within the scope of the express authority granted to him by law or regulation. Employees of the Office of the State Medical Examiner shall have the authority to enter any political subdivisions of this state for the purpose of carrying out medical investigations.

SECTION 6. Section 45-1-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-6. (1) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is authorized to retain on a contractual basis such persons as he shall deem necessary to detect and apprehend violators of the criminal statutes of this state.

(2) Those persons contracting with the Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation pursuant to subsection (1) shall be known and hereinafter referred to as "special contract agents."

(3) The investigative services provided for in this section shall be designed to support law enforcement efforts of state agencies and to support local law enforcement efforts.

(4) Special contract investigators shall have all powers necessary and incidental to the fulfillment of their contractual obligations, including the power of arrest when authorized by the Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation.

(5) No person shall be a special contract investigator unless he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(6) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall conduct a background investigation of all potential special contract investigators. All contract agents must meet the minimum standard requirements established by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.

(7) Any contract pursuant to subsection (1) shall be:

(a) Reduced to writing; and

(b) Terminable upon written notice by either party, and shall in any event terminate one (1) year from the date of signing; and

(c) Approved as to form by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Such contracts shall not be public records and shall not be available for inspection under the provisions of a law providing for the inspection of public records as now or hereafter amended.

(8) Special contract investigators shall not be considered employees of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation for any purpose.

(9) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall have all powers necessary and incidental to the effective operation of this section.

(10) The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall have jurisdiction to investigate all incidents of officer-involved shootings, other than \* \* \* shootings involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, resulting in injury or death occurring in the state. However, the District Attorney in the jurisdiction where such incident occurred may designate another law enforcement agency to investigate the incident if the District Attorney determines that there is a conflict with the Mississippi

Bureau of Investigation or that other extenuating circumstances exist. The Attorney General shall designate another law enforcement agency or task force to investigate any incident of a \*\*\* shooting involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation resulting in injury or death occurring in the state. The Attorney General's Office shall be exclusively responsible for presenting all officer-involved shootings resulting in injury or death occurring in the state to the appropriate duly empaneled grand jury and, upon indictment by a grand jury, prosecuting such matters.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this section, all contracts authorized under this section and related matters shall be made available to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 7. Section 97-35-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which is the provision that requires the registration of convicted felons with the chief of police of the city in which the felon resides or the sheriff of the county in which the felon resides, shall stand repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE DRIVER SERVICE BUREAU AS SEPARATE OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DISCIPLINARY POLICY WITHIN THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS TO REFLECT STATE LAW AND POLICY WITHIN OTHER UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO DELETE OUTDATED LANGUAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SET THE FEE FOR TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS, PHYSICIANS AND PATHOLOGISTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY OR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW TESTIMONY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER IN CRIMINAL TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE ALL INCIDENTS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, OTHER THAN SHOOTINGS INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DESIGNATE ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE ANY INCIDENT OF A SHOOTING INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING ALL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE TO THE APPROPRIATE DULY EMPANELED GRAND JURY AND, UPON INDICTMENT BY THE GRAND JURY, PROSECUTING SUCH MATTERS; TO REPEAL SECTION 97-35-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED FELONS WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES OR THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Daniel H. Sparks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Tom Miles

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Cockerham, Ladner, Oliver, Young. Total-5.

Present--Jackson. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2530: Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-53-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-53-201. (1) There is hereby established the Enterprise Security Program which shall provide for the coordinated oversight of the cybersecurity efforts across all state agencies, including cybersecurity systems, services and the development of policies, standards and guidelines.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MDITS), in conjunction with all state agencies, shall provide centralized management and coordination of state policies for the security of data and information technology resources, which such information shall be compiled by MDITS and distributed to each participating state agency. MDITS shall:



(a) Serve as sole authority, within the constraints of this statute, for defining the specific enterprise cybersecurity systems and services to which this statute is applicable;

(b) Acquire and operate enterprise technology solutions to provide services to state agencies when it is determined that such operation will improve the cybersecurity posture in the function of any agency, institution or function of state government as a whole;

(c) Provide oversight of enterprise security policies for state data and information technology (IT) resources including, the following:

(i) Establishing and maintaining the security standards and policies for all state data and IT resources state agencies shall implement to the extent that they apply; and

(ii) Including the defined enterprise security requirements as minimum requirements in the specifications for solicitation of state contracts for procuring data and information technology systems and services;

(d) Adhere to all policies, standards and guidelines in the management of technology infrastructure supporting the state data centers, telecommunications networks and backup facilities;

(e) Coordinate and promote efficiency and security with all applicable laws and regulations in the acquisition, operation and maintenance of state data, cybersecurity systems and services used by agencies of the state;

(f) Manage, plan and coordinate all enterprise cybersecurity systems under the jurisdiction of the state;

(g) Develop, in conjunction with agencies of the state, coordinated enterprise cybersecurity systems and services for all state agencies;

(h) Provide ongoing analysis of enterprise cybersecurity systems and services costs, facilities and systems within state government;

(i) Develop policies, procedures and long-range plans for the use of enterprise cybersecurity systems and services;

(j) Form an advisory council of information security officers from each state agency to plan, develop and implement cybersecurity initiatives;

(k) Coordinate the activities of the advisory council to provide education and awareness, identify cybersecurity-related issues, set future direction for cybersecurity plans and policy, and provide a forum for interagency communications regarding cybersecurity;

(l) Charge respective user agencies on a reimbursement basis for their proportionate cost of the installation, maintenance and operation of the cybersecurity systems and services; and

(m) Require cooperative utilization of cybersecurity systems and services by aggregating users.

(3) Each state agency's executive director or agency head shall:

(a) Be solely responsible for the security of all data and IT resources under its purview, irrespective of the location of the data or resources. Locations include data residing:

(i) At agency sites;

(ii) On agency real property and tangible and intangible assets;

(iii) On infrastructure in the State Data Centers;

(iv) At a third-party location;

(v) In transit between locations;

(b) Ensure that an agency-wide security program is in place;

(c) Designate an information security officer to administer the agency's security program;

(d) Ensure the agency adheres to the requirements established by the Enterprise Security Program, to the extent that they apply;

(e) Participate in all Enterprise Security Program initiatives and services in lieu of deploying duplicate services specific to the agency;

(f) Develop, implement and maintain written agency policies and procedures to ensure the security of data and IT resources. The agency policies and

procedures are confidential information and exempt from public inspection, except that the information must be available to the Office of the State Auditor in performing auditing duties;

(g) Implement policies and standards to ensure that all of the agency's data and IT resources are maintained in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations, to the extent that they apply;

(h) Implement appropriate cost-effective safeguards to reduce, eliminate or recover from identified threats to data and IT resources;

(i) Ensure that internal assessments of the security program are conducted. The results of the internal assessments are confidential and exempt from public inspection, except that the information must be available to the Office of the State Auditor in performing auditing duties;

(j) Include all appropriate cybersecurity requirements in the specifications for the agency's solicitation of state contracts for procuring data and information technology systems and services;

(k) Include a general description of the security program and future plans for ensuring security of data in the agency long-range information technology plan;

(l) Participate in annual information security training designed specifically for the executive director or agency head to ensure that such individual has an understanding of:

(i) The information and information systems that support the operations and assets of the agency;

(ii) The potential impact of common types of cyber-attacks and data breaches on the agency's operations and assets;

(iii) How cyber-attacks and data breaches on the agency's operations and assets could impact the operations and assets of other state agencies on the Enterprise State Network;

(iv) How cyber-attacks and data breaches occur;

(v) Steps to be undertaken by the executive director or agency head and agency employees to protect their information and information systems; and

(vi) The annual reporting requirements required of the executive director or agency head.

(4) The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall evaluate the opportunities for expanding the Enterprise Security Program and the coordinated oversight of cybersecurity efforts to include those governing authorities as defined in Section 25-53-3(f). The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall develop a report on these opportunities. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall present this report to the Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency Committees, Attorney General and the Chairman of the Senate Technology Committee by November 1, 2022.

(5) From and after July 1, 2022, all state agencies and governing authorities as defined in Section 25-53-3 shall report to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services any demand for payment or any payment made as a result of ransomware. These agencies and authorities shall report this information no later than the next business day upon discovery of the ransomware. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall record all information submitted from these agencies and authorities and develop a report on this information no later than the next business day upon receiving the report from the agency or governing authority. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall present this report to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Attorney General, Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency Committees and the Chairman of the Senate Technology Committee. By November 1 of each year, the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall provide a yearly summary of all ransomware incidents to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency Committees and the Chairman of the Senate Technology Committee. For the purpose of this subsection, "ransomware" shall mean a computer contaminant, or lock

placed or introduced without authorization into a computer, computer system, or computer network that restricts access by an authorized person to the computer, computer system, computer network, or any data therein under circumstances in which the person responsible for the placement or introduction of the ransomware demands payment of money or other consideration to remove the computer contaminant, restore access to the computer, computer system, computer network, or data, or otherwise remediate the impact of the computer contaminant or lock.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-53-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES SHALL EVALUATE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING THE ENTERPRISE SECURITY PROGRAM AND THE COORDINATED OVERSIGHT OF CYBERSECURITY EFFORTS TO INCLUDE THOSE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES DEFINED IN SECTION 25-53-3(F); TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A REPORT ON THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND TO PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022; TO PROVIDE THAT FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 2022, ALL STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 25-53-3 SHALL REPORT TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES ANY DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OR ANY PAYMENT MADE AS A RESULT OF RANSOMWARE; TO DEFINE RANSOMWARE; TO REQUIRE THESE AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION NO LATER THAN THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY UPON DISCOVERY OF THE RANSOMWARE; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO RECORD ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED FROM THESE AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES AND DEVELOP A REPORT ON THIS INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT THIS REPORT TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PRESENT A YEARLY SUMMARY OF ALL RANSOMWARE INCIDENTS BY NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Scott DeLano, Bart Williams, Nicole Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, Brent Anderson, De'Keither A. Stamps

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson,

Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2600: Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

**SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a study committee for the purpose of studying the challenges of monitoring the formerly incarcerated individuals in the pursuit of the reduction of recidivism through targeted support, supervision and skills attainment, and for recommending solutions. The committee shall be comprised of the following nine (9) members:

- (a) Three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
- (b) Three (3) members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (c) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member;
- (d) The Chairman of the Mississippi Parole Board, or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member; and
- (e) The Executive Director of Accelerate Mississippi, or a designee, as an ex officio nonvoting member.

(2) Appointments to the study committee shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. At the first meeting, the committee shall elect from among its membership a chairman, a vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, and shall adopt rules for transacting business and keeping records. The study committee shall develop and report its findings to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2022.

(3) A majority of the members of the study committee shall constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, and in the election of a chairman, vice chairman and any other officers determined to be necessary, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present shall be required.

(4) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall provide the staff and other support necessary for the study committee to perform its duties.

(5) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department, division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request of the chairman of the study committee, provide the facilities, assistance, information and data needed to enable the study committee to carry out its duties.

(6) The study committee shall be dissolved on or before January 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CHALLENGES OF MONITORING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM THROUGH TARGETED SUPPORT, SUPERVISION AND SKILLS ATTAINMENT, AND TO RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Daniel H. Sparks, Derrick T. Simmons

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Shanda Yates, Jill Ford

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Criswell, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's or their representative's request.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2725: Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 41-10-5, Mississippi Code of 1972:

41-10-5. A health care provider or its agent(s), or both, shall provide medical records and billing records that are in their possession or custody to the patient who is the subject of the records or the patient's representative within thirty (30) days from the date a valid request from the patient or the patient's representative is received by the health care provider or its agent(s). As used in this section, the term "medical records" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 41-10-3(1).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 41-10-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL RECORDS AND BILLING RECORDS THAT ARE IN THEIR POSSESSION OR CUSTODY TO A PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE THAT IT RECEIVES A VALID REQUEST; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Chad McMahan, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Kevin Felsher

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Tubb. Total-2.

Present--Porter. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2735:** Pilot freestanding emergency room; require the Department of Health to issue not more than five licenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2735: Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 41-75-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-75-1. For the purpose of this chapter:

(a) "Ambulatory surgical facility" means a publicly or privately owned institution that is primarily organized, constructed, renovated or otherwise established for the purpose of providing elective surgical treatment of "outpatients" whose recovery, under normal and routine circumstances, will not require "inpatient" care. The facility defined in this paragraph does not include the offices of private physicians or dentists, whether practicing individually or in groups, but does include organizations or facilities primarily engaged in that outpatient surgery, whether using the name "ambulatory surgical facility" or a similar or different name. That organization or facility, if in any manner considered to be operated or owned by a hospital or a hospital holding, leasing or management company, either for profit or not for profit, is required to comply with all licensing agency ambulatory surgical licensure standards governing a "hospital affiliated" facility as adopted under Section 41-9-1 et seq., provided that the organization or facility does not intend to seek federal certification as an ambulatory surgical facility as provided for at 42 CFR, Parts 405 and 416. If the organization or facility is to be operated or owned by a hospital or a hospital holding, leasing or management company and intends to seek federal certification as an ambulatory facility, then the facility is considered to be "freestanding" and must comply with all licensing agency ambulatory surgical licensure standards governing a "freestanding" facility.

If the organization or facility is to be owned or operated by an entity or person other than a hospital or hospital holding, leasing or management company, then the organization or facility must comply with all licensing agency ambulatory surgical facility standards governing a "freestanding" facility.

(b) "Hospital affiliated" ambulatory surgical facility means a separate and distinct organized unit of a hospital or a building owned, leased, rented or utilized by a hospital and located in the same county in which the hospital is located, for the primary purpose of performing ambulatory surgery procedures. The facility is not required to be separately licensed under this chapter and may operate under the hospital's license in compliance with all applicable requirements of Section 41-9-1 et seq.

(c) "Freestanding" ambulatory surgical facility means a separate and distinct facility or a separate and distinct organized unit of a hospital owned, leased, rented or utilized by a hospital or other persons for the primary purpose of performing ambulatory surgery procedures. The facility must be separately licensed as defined in this section and must comply with all licensing standards promulgated by the licensing agency under this chapter regarding a "freestanding" ambulatory surgical facility. Further, the facility must be a separate, identifiable entity and must be physically, administratively and financially independent and distinct from other operations of any other health facility, and shall maintain a separate organized medical and administrative staff. Furthermore, once licensed as a "freestanding" ambulatory surgical facility, the facility shall not become a component of any other health facility without securing a certificate of need to do that.

(d) "Ambulatory surgery" means surgical procedures that are more complex than office procedures performed under local anesthesia, but less complex than

major procedures requiring prolonged postoperative monitoring and hospital care to ensure safe recovery and desirable results. General anesthesia is used in most cases. The patient must arrive at the facility and expect to be discharged on the same day. Ambulatory surgery shall only be performed by physicians or dentists licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi.

(e) "Abortion" means the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine, drug or any other substances or device to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with an intention other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth or to remove a dead fetus. Abortion procedures after the first trimester shall only be performed at a Level I abortion facility or an ambulatory surgical facility or hospital licensed to perform that service.

(f) "Abortion facility" means a facility operating substantially for the purpose of performing abortions and is a separate identifiable legal entity from any other health care facility. Abortions shall only be performed by physicians licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi. All physicians associated with the abortion facility must have admitting privileges at a local hospital and staff privileges to replace local hospital on-staff physicians. All physicians associated with an abortion facility must be board certified or eligible in obstetrics and gynecology, and a staff member trained in CPR shall always be present at the abortion facility when it is open. The term "abortion facility" includes physicians' offices that are used substantially for the purpose of performing abortions. An abortion facility operates substantially for the purpose of performing abortions if any of the following conditions are met:

(i) The abortion facility is a provider for performing ten (10) or more abortion procedures per calendar month during any month of a calendar year, or one hundred (100) or more in a calendar year.

(ii) The abortion facility, if operating less than twenty (20) days per calendar month, is a provider for performing ten (10) or more abortion procedures, or performing a number of abortion procedures that would be equivalent to ten (10) procedures per month, if the facility were operating twenty (20) or more days per calendar month, in any month of a calendar year.

(iii) The abortion facility holds itself out to the public as an abortion provider by advertising by any public means, such as newspaper, telephone directory, magazine or electronic media, that it performs abortions.

(iv) The facility applies to the licensing agency for licensure as an abortion facility.

(g) "Licensing agency" means the State Department of Health.

(h) "Operating" an abortion facility means that the facility is open for any period of time during a day and has on site at the facility or on call a physician licensed to practice in the State of Mississippi available to provide abortions.

An abortion facility may apply to be licensed as a Level I facility or a Level II facility by the licensing agency. Level II abortion facilities shall be required to meet minimum standards for abortion facilities as established by the licensing agency. Level I abortion facilities shall be required to meet minimum standards for abortion facilities and minimum standards for ambulatory surgical facilities as established by the licensing agency.

Any abortion facility that begins operation after June 30, 1996, shall not be located within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from the property on which any church, school or kindergarten is located. An abortion facility shall not be in violation of this paragraph if it is in compliance with this paragraph on the date it begins operation and the property on which a church, school or kindergarten is located within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from the facility.

(i) "Freestanding emergency room" is a facility open twenty-four (24) hours a day for the treatment of urgent and emergent medical conditions which is not located on a hospital campus. In order to be eligible for licensure under this chapter, the freestanding emergency room shall be located at least fifteen (15) miles from the nearest hospital-based emergency room in any rural community where the federal CMMS had previously designated a rural hospital as a critical access hospital and that designation has been revoked.



(j) "Post-acute residential brain injury rehabilitation facility" is a facility containing no more than twelve (12) beds providing medically directed long-term but nonacute rehabilitation to patients who have acquired brain injury. In order to be eligible for licensure under this chapter, the post-acute residential brain injury rehabilitation facility shall be located at least twenty-five (25) miles from the nearest acute care rehabilitation hospital and at least five (5) miles from the boundaries of any municipality having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or more, according to the most recent federal decennial census, at the time that facility is established.

(k) "Pilot freestanding emergency room" is a facility open twenty-four (24) hours a day for the treatment of urgent and emergent medical conditions that is not located on a hospital campus. In order to be eligible for licensure under this chapter, the pilot freestanding emergency room shall be located at least fifteen (15) miles from the nearest hospital-based emergency room in a county without emergency hospital care that is open twenty-four (24) hours a day.

SECTION 2. Section 41-75-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-75-13. (1) The licensing agency shall adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce rules, regulations and standards, including classifications, with respect to ambulatory surgical facilities and abortion facilities, freestanding emergency rooms and post-acute residential brain injury rehabilitation facilities licensed, or which may be licensed, to further the accomplishment of the purpose of this chapter in protecting and promoting the health, safety and welfare of the public by ensuring adequate care of individuals receiving services from such facilities. The licensing agency also shall adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce rules, regulations and standards with respect to the enforcement of the informed consent requirements of Sections 41-41-31 through 41-41-39 at abortion facilities. Such rules, regulations and standards for freestanding emergency rooms shall include a patient transfer policy under which the freestanding emergency room enters into an agreement with a general hospital for a protocol for patient transfers. Such rules, regulations and standards shall be adopted and promulgated by the licensing agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-43-1 et seq., and shall be recorded and indexed in a book to be maintained by the licensing agency in its main office in the State of Mississippi, entitled "Rules and Regulations for Operation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities and Abortion Facilities, Freestanding Emergency Room Facilities and Post-Acute Residential Brain Injury Rehabilitation Facilities." The book shall be open and available to all ambulatory surgical facilities and abortion facilities, freestanding emergency rooms and post-acute residential brain injury rehabilitation facilities and the public during regular business hours.

(2) The licensing agency shall not issue licenses for more than five (5) pilot freestanding emergency rooms. The licensing agency shall adopt criteria for determining which applicants will have priority for receiving a license if there are more than five (5) applications for pilot freestanding emergency room licenses.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-75-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE A DEFINITION FOR PILOT FREESTANDING EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF LICENSURE; TO AMEND SECTION 41-75-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL NOT ISSUE LICENSES FOR MORE THAN FIVE PILOT FREESTANDING EMERGENCY ROOMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan (No Signature), Benjamin Suber, David Blount

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Johnathan Ray Lancaster

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Mims. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1759:** Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Tubb. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Barton the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

At 10:51 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 1:33 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**H. R. No. 116:** Bishop C. James King, Jr.; commend ministerial service.

**H. R. No. 121:** Copiah Academy High School Colonels Boys Soccer Team; commend and congratulate on winning the 2021-2022 State Championship.

**H. R. No. 123:** Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

**S. C. R. No. 581:** Commend Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team for back-to-back SWAC Tournament Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 582:** Commend Manchester Academy "Lady Mavericks" Basketball Team for back-to-back State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 586:** Designate April 14, 2022, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Rushing. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 120:** Lyniece Fleming; commend upon the occasion of her retirement.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. R. No. 122:** Dr. Thomas Dobbs; commend for his service to Mississippi during his time as State Health Officer.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 584:** Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The Columbus Commercial Dispatch Newspaper (1921-2022).

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Requests were made by the Entire Membership to be added as authors to the following:

**H. R. No. 120:** Lyniece Fleming; commend upon the occasion of her retirement.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Taxation; authorize income tax credit for certain railroad expenditures, allow ad valorem tax exemption for certain property.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1663: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-5-145. (1) A special fund, to be designated the "Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any source, including proceeds of any state general obligation bonds designated for deposit therein. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The expenditure of monies deposited into the fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration. Monies deposited into such fund shall be allocated and disbursed according to the provisions of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds and are not used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the special fund, then the Department of Finance and Administration shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated and disbursed as follows:

(a) (i) Fifty-one Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$51,200,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants on a reimbursable basis through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service in helping pay the costs incurred in preserving, restoring, rehabilitating, repairing or interpreting 1. historic county courthouses, 2. historic school buildings, and/or 3. other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Where possible, expenditures from the fund shall be used to match federal grants or other grants that may be accessed by the Department of Archives and History, other state agencies, county governments or municipal governments, school districts or nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service. Any properties, except those described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subsection, receiving monies pursuant to this section must be designated as "Mississippi Landmark" properties prior to selection as projects for funding under the provisions of this section.

(ii) One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments in helping pay the costs of historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Grants to individual courthouses under this paragraph (a)(ii) shall not exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00).

(b) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Amory Regional Museum in Amory, Mississippi, to pay the costs of capital improvements, repair, renovation, furnishing and/or equipping of the museum. The Department of Finance and Administration is directed to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the fund to the city on or before December 31, 2004, and the city shall place the funds into an escrow account. The city may expend the funds from the account only in an amount equal to matching funds that are provided from any source other than the state for the project. As the funds are withdrawn from the escrow account, the city shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the amount of the funds that have been withdrawn and that the funds withdrawn are in an amount equal to matching funds required by this paragraph.

(c) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the courthouse and related facilities in Jacinto, Mississippi, and to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping other buildings and facilities near the courthouse.

(d) Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing, equipping and/or acquiring the L.Q.C. Lamar Home in Oxford, Mississippi.

(e) One Million Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Columbus City Hall building and related facilities.

(f) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, to pay the costs of restoration and renovation of the Old Wesson School.

(g) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Shubuta, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with construction, reconstruction, refurbishing, repair, renovation and restoration of the Shubuta Town Hall building and related facilities.

(h) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Okolona, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the purchase, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a building and related facilities on Main Street in the City of Okolona, for the purpose of establishing a welcome center in which historical information relating to the City of Okolona will be displayed, including, but not limited to, information relating to the furniture, banking, retail and farming industries; education; historical collections owned by individuals and organizations; genealogy; Okolona College; and the Battle of Okolona and the War Between the States.

(i) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Tallahatchie County Courthouse.

(j) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Wayne County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Wayne County Courthouse.

(k) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the cost of rehabilitation and restoration of Winterville Indian Mounds in Washington County, Mississippi.

(l) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Kosciusko, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with (i) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the Kosciusko Natchez Trace Visitor Center in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and (ii) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the historic Strand Theater in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi.

(m) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Jefferson County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the confederate cemetery and related properties and facilities in the county.

(n) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tate County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with painting, refurbishment and historical restoration and renovation of the Tate County Courthouse.

(o) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Humphreys County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs

associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Humphreys County Courthouse.

(p) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of any monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2023 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the costs associated with relocation, repair, renovation and restoration of a one-room school building and related facilities including costs incurred before the effective date of this act, and such grant funds shall not be subject to any requirement for matching funds.

( \*\* \*q) Monies in the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund which are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for which funding is provided under this section. Reimbursement may be made only until such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) (a) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service for projects associated with the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, repair or interpretation of (i) historic courthouses, (ii) historic school buildings, and/or (iii) other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(ii), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), (2)(h) and (2)(j) of this section.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments for projects associated with historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(i), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(4) The Department of Archives and History shall publicize the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program described in this section on a statewide basis, including the publication of the criteria and standards used by the department in selecting projects for funding. The selection of a project for funding under the provisions of this section shall be made solely upon the deliberate consideration of each proposed project on its merits. The board shall make every effort to award the grants in a manner that will fairly distribute the funds in regard to the geography and cultural diversity of the state. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(5) With regard to any project awarded funding under this section, any consultant, planner, architect, engineer, exhibit contracting firm, historic preservation specialist or other professional hired by a grant recipient to work on any such project shall be approved by the board before their employment by the grant recipient.

(6) Plans and specifications for all projects initiated under the provisions of this section shall be approved by the board before the awarding of any contracts. The plans and specifications for any work involving "Mississippi Landmark" properties shall be developed in accordance with "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

SECTION 2. Section 39-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-11-13. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the "Building Fund for the Arts," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any money designated for deposit therein from any source, including, but not limited to, any state general obligation bonds issued for the purposes described in this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(b) Money deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Mississippi Arts Commission, to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of local government to pay the costs of:

(i) Repair, upgrading, expansion, renovation or enhancement of existing buildings and facilities for the presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such buildings or facilities;

(ii) Construction of new buildings and facilities for the presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such buildings or facilities; or

(iii) The development, construction, equipping and furnishing of an entertainment and film center and museum and completion of a sound stage project.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of any monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2023 shall be used to provide grant funds for the establishment of a band and music program for a nonprofit organization in this state that is qualified as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The entity to which such grants are made shall provide matching funds from local, federal or private sources equal to forty percent (40%) of the proposed project cost in order to be eligible for a grant under this section.

(d) The maximum aggregate amount of monies in the special fund that may be used to provide grant funds to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and no monies in the special fund may be used to provide grant funds under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection after July 1, 2003. The maximum aggregate amount of grant funds that may be provided to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection during a fiscal year shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

(2) (a) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of Chapter 541, Laws of 2001, as amended by Chapter 540, Laws of 2002, as amended by Chapter 519, Laws of 2003, as amended by Chapter 1, Laws of 2004 Third Extraordinary Session, as amended by Chapter 538, Laws of 2006, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 607, Laws of 2007, and are not used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the special fund, then the Mississippi Arts Commission shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

(b) [Repealed]

(3) The Mississippi Arts Commission is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of money deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Arts Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration upon request of the Mississippi Arts Commission, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, or his or her designee.



(4) The Mississippi Arts Commission shall adopt necessary rules and regulations to govern the administration of the program described in subsection (1) of this section, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations governing applications for grants and rules and regulations providing for the distribution of grant funds. The Mississippi Arts Commission shall comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

SECTION 3. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible entity" means any (i) county, (ii) municipality or (iii) public or private nonprofit local economic development entity including, but not limited to, local authorities, commissions, or other entities created by local and private legislation or pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(b) "Optioned property" means industrial property that is subject to a real estate option to purchase contract entered into between an eligible entity and a real estate owner, where such option shall be for a minimum of three (3) years and the option price shall not exceed the appraised fair market value of the real estate.

( \*\* \*c) "Eligible expenditures" means:

(i) Fees for architects, engineers, environmental consultants, attorneys, and such other advisors, consultants and agents that MDA determines are necessary to complete site due diligence associated with site development improvements located on industrial property that is publicly owned or is optioned property; \*\* \*

(ii) Contributions toward site development improvements, as approved by MDA, located on industrial property that is publicly owned \*\* \*;

(iii) Contributions toward public infrastructure improvements directly serving industrial property that is publicly owned or is optioned property; and/or

(iv) Contributions toward acquisition of publicly owned real property used for economic development purposes by an eligible entity, where the acquisition price shall not exceed the appraised fair market value of the property.

( \*\* \*d) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

( \*\* \*e) "Site development improvements" means site clearing, grading, and environmental mitigation; improvements to drainage systems; easement and right-of-way acquisition; sewer systems; transportation directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges or rail; bulkheads; taxiways and parking ramps; land reclamation; water supply (storage, treatment and distribution); telecommunications systems, including fiber optic; natural gas distribution systems; aesthetic improvements; the dredging of channels and basins; or other improvements as approved by MDA.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, \*\* \*Section 8 of Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, or Section 17 of this act may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) (a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property for industrial economic development purposes and other property improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by MDA. Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or in-kind services as determined by MDA.

(b) An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to MDA. The application must include:

- (i) A description of the eligible expenditures for which assistance is requested;
- (ii) The amount of assistance requested;
- (iii) The amount and type of matching funds to be provided by the eligible entity; and

(iv) Any other information required by MDA.

(c) Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity receiving assistance under this section.

(4) MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) MDA shall file an annual report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than December 1 of each year, describing all assistance provided under this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 39-11-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARTS MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Owen. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--None.  
Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1687:** Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1691: Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) (a) For calendar year 2022, and for each calendar year thereafter, any partnership, S corporation or similar pass-through entity may elect to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity and pay the tax imposed under this chapter at the entity level. For the purposes of this section, the term "electing pass-through entity" means a partnership, S corporation or similar pass-through entity that has made an election pursuant to this section.

(b) A partnership, S corporation or similar pass-through entity desiring to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity shall submit the appropriate form to the Department of Revenue at any time during the tax year or on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of that taxable year for which the entity elects to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity. This election shall be binding for that taxable year and all taxable years thereafter and shall not be revoked unless the electing pass-through entity submits the appropriate form to the department at any time during a subsequent taxable year or on or before the fifteenth day of the third month following the close of that taxable year for which the entity elects to no longer be taxed as an electing pass-through entity. Both the election to become an electing pass-through entity and the revocation of that election shall be accomplished by a vote by or written consent of the members of the governing body of the entity as well as a vote by or written consent of the

owners, members, partners or shareholders holding greater than fifty percent (50%) percent of the voting control of the entity, within the time prescribed in this subsection.

(c) Each owner, member, partner or shareholder of an electing pass-through entity shall report his or her pro rata or distributive share of the income of the electing pass-through entity but shall not be liable for the tax imposed under this chapter on such pro rata or distributive share of the income of the electing pass-through entity. Each owner, member, partner or shareholder of an electing pass-through entity shall be allowed a credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter in an amount equal to his or her pro rata or distributive share of tax paid by the electing pass-through entity with respect to the corresponding taxable year.

(2) The adjusted basis of the owners, members or partners of an electing pass-through entity in their ownership interests in the electing pass-through entity shall be calculated without regard to the election under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 27-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-25. (1) Individuals carrying on businesses in partnerships shall be liable for income tax only in their individual capacity, unless for federal purposes the partnership is taxable as a corporation. If so, then the partnership is also taxable as a corporation for state purposes and is subject to all of the corporate tax laws and regulations. The gross income of an individual partner shall be the gross income the partnership distributed on the same basis as net income or earnings may be distributed. If the preceding exception applies, then the partner will be treated as a shareholder in a corporation.

There shall be included in computing the net income of each partner his distributive share, whether distributed or not, of the net income of the partnership for the taxable year.

The net income of the partnership shall be computed in the same manner and on the same basis as provided for individuals, provided no personal exemption shall be granted and, provided further, that husband and wife partnerships shall not be recognized for the purpose of this article, unless it can be proven that husband and wife have each contributed capital out of their separate estates, and not by gift, from one to the other.

In the case of partnerships, each partner that would otherwise be required to include more than twelve (12) months of income in a single taxable year may elect to include such excess in income in one (1) year or ratably over a period of four (4) taxable years.

In the event the individual partners fail to report and pay the taxes imposed according to this section, then the partnership and the general partners shall be jointly and severally liable for said tax liability and shall be assessed accordingly. However, the partnership and/or general partner shall not be liable if the partnership withholds five percent (5%) of the net gain or profit of the partnership for the tax year and remits the same to the commissioner. Such amounts paid to the commissioner shall be deemed to be payments of estimated tax of the partners and shall be allocated pro rata to the partners' taxpayer accounts. The commissioner may allow, or require, block or composite filing by a partnership, or withholding on a nonresident partner.

Magnetic media reporting may be required in a manner to be determined by the commissioner.

Partnership returns shall be filed in such manner and at such time as prescribed by law.

(2) For a partnership that has made an election under Section 1 of this act to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity, the partnership shall pay income tax as provided for in Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. Section 27-8-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-8-7. (1) An S corporation shall not be subject to the tax imposed by Section 27-7-5; however, for an S corporation that has made an election under Section 1 of this act to be taxed as an electing pass-through entity, the S corporation shall be subject to and pay such tax as provided for in Section 1 of this act.

(2) For purposes of Section 27-7-15, each shareholder's pro rata share of the S corporation's income attributable to the state, and each resident shareholder's pro rata share of the S corporation's income not attributable to the state, shall be taken into account by the shareholder in the manner provided in Section 1366 of the Code.

(3) For purposes of determining the amounts taken into account by the shareholders of an S corporation under subsection (2) of this section, the amount of any tax imposed on the S corporation under the Code shall not reduce the S corporation's income attributable to the state and income not attributable to the state.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO ALLOW PARTNERSHIPS, S CORPORATIONS OR SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES TO ELECT TO BE TAXED AS AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES AND PAY INCOME TAX AT THE ENTITY LEVEL; TO PROVIDE THE MANNER BY WHICH A PARTNERSHIP, S CORPORATION OR SIMILAR PASS-THROUGH ENTITY MAY ELECT TO BE TAXED AS AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH OWNER, MEMBER, PARTNER OR SHAREHOLDER OF AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY SHALL REPORT HIS OR HER PRO RATA OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE OF THE INCOME OF THE ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY BUT SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR INCOME TAX IMPOSED ON SUCH PRO RATA OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH OWNER, MEMBER, PARTNER OR SHAREHOLDER OF AN ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST INCOME TAXES IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO HIS OR HER PRO RATA OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE OF INCOME TAX PAID BY THE ELECTING PASS-THROUGH ENTITY WITH RESPECT TO THE CORRESPONDING TAXABLE YEAR; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-7-25 AND 27-8-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Daniel H. Sparks, Joey Fillingane

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2159: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Short title. Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act."

SECTION 2. Definitions. For purposes of Sections 1 through 10 of this act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Affiliate" means, with respect to a specified entity, (i) another person or entity that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with the specified person or entity, where the term "control" means the ownership or possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting equity securities or a similar ownership interest in the specified controlled entity, or (ii) any member of an affiliated group of corporations, of which the specified entity is also a member, which are each subject to income taxation in Mississippi and may elect to file a combined Mississippi income tax return in accordance with state law.

(b) "Authority" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(c) "Annual report" means the report described in Section 7 of this act.

(d) "Applicable accounting rules" shall mean the accounting principles generally recognized as applicable to a qualified business or industry and pursuant to which such qualified business or industry regularly prepares and maintains its financial and accounting books and records, and which specifically incorporate Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or International Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate.

(e) "Applicant" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, person or sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunit or affiliate thereof that applies to the authority, in the manner prescribed by Sections 1 through 10 of this act, seeking (i) certification by the authority that such applicant is a qualified business or industry and that its proposed new project or expansion of an existing business or industrial operation is a qualified economic development project, and (ii) an award in connection therewith of an mFlex tax incentive.

(f) "Average state or county wage" shall mean, as of the project certification date, the lesser of the most recently published average annual wage per person as determined and published by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the state or the county in which the qualified project is or will be located; provided that, if a qualified project is or will be located in two (2) or more counties, the average state or county wage, as used in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, shall mean, as of the project certification date, only the most recently published average annual wage per person as determined and published by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the state.

(g) "Average employer wage" means the qualified annual payroll for all new full-time jobs created in the State of Mississippi by a qualified business or industry divided by the number of new full-time jobs thereof for which such qualified annual payroll was paid or is otherwise payable.

(h) "Base full-time job" means a job (i) for which an employee was already hired by the qualified business or industry before, and is employed as of, the project certification date; (ii) that offers a minimum of one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours of an employee's time per year (i.e., thirty-five (35) hours per week on average) for a normal four (4) consecutive quarter period of the qualified business or industry's operations or a job for which the employee was hired before, and is employed as of, the project certification date and is compensated based on one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours for such annual period (including in each case an employee who, after hiring, elects to take unpaid time off or is on short-term or long-term disability); and (iii) the employee holding such job receives salary or wages subject to state income tax withholdings. The term "base full-time job" also means a base-leased employee. Part-time jobs may not be combined to add up to a base full-time job.

(i) "Base-leased employee" means a nontemporary employee:

(i) Who was leased by the qualified business or industry before the project certification date from another business or enterprise that is 1. in the business of leasing employees, and 2. is registered with the Office of the Secretary of State and qualified to do business in the state;

(ii) Who is leased as of the project certification date;

(iii) Who is not otherwise an employee of such qualified business or industry;

(iv) Who, as of the project certification date, was already performing services for, and under the supervision of, the qualified business or industry pursuant to a leasing agreement between the qualified business or industry and such other employee leasing firm;

(v) Whose job-performing services for the qualified business or industry offers a minimum of one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours of an employee's time per year (i.e., thirty-five (35) hours per week on average) for an entire normal work year of the qualified business or industry's operations or a job for which the employee is leased before the project certification date and is compensated based on one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours for such annual period (including in each case an employee who, after being leased, elects to take unpaid time off or is on short-term or long-term disability); and

(vi) Whose job receives salary or wages subject to state income tax withholdings. Individuals employed by an independent contractor performing one or more services for the qualified business or industry pursuant to a services or management agreement (e.g., security services, landscaping services, and cafeteria management and food services) shall not be considered as base-leased employees.

(j) "Contractor tax" shall mean the tax levied by Section 27-65-21, except for the tax upon the sale of manufacturing or processing machinery for a manufacturer or custom processor.

(k) "Construction contract" shall mean any contract or portion of any contract for any one or more of the activities described in Section 27-65-21 for which the contractor tax applies and is payable by the contractor that is party thereto.

(l) "Manufacturing machinery," as used in Sections 1 through 10 of this act, shall have the same meaning ascribed to such term in Section 27-65-11, as interpreted by any regulations promulgated by the Department of Revenue with respect to such section.

(m) "mFlex agreement" means the written agreement entered into between a qualified business or industry and the authority in accordance with Section 5(d)(iii) of this act.

(n) "mFlex tax incentive" means the tax incentive authorized by Sections 1 through 10 of this act to be calculated and awarded by the authority, and thereafter applied as a credit to offset state taxes, in accordance with, and subject to, Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(o) "Minimum job creation requirement" means the creation by the qualified business or industry, following the project certification date, of at least ten (10) new full-time jobs in the state.

(p) "Minimum qualified investment" means a qualified investment of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

(q) "New full-time job" means a job:

(i) For which an employee is hired by the qualified business or industry after the project certification date;

(ii) That offers a minimum of one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours of an employee's time per year (i.e., thirty-five (35) hours per week on average) for a normal four (4) consecutive quarter period of the qualified business or industry's operations or a job for which the employee is hired after the project certification date and is compensated based on one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours for such annual period (including in each case an employee who, after hiring, elects to take unpaid time off or is on short-term or long-term disability); and

(iii) The employee holding such job receives salary or wages subject to state income tax withholdings. The term "new full-time job" also means new-leased employee. Part-time jobs may not be combined to add up to a new full-time job.

(r) "New-leased employee" means a nontemporary employee:

(i) Who is leased by the qualified business or industry after the project certification date from another business or enterprise that is 1. in business of leasing employees, and 2. is registered with the Office of the Secretary of State and qualified to do business in the state;

(ii) Who is not otherwise an employee of such qualified business or industry;

(iii) Who performs services for the qualified business or industry pursuant to a leasing agreement between the qualified business or industry and such other employee leasing firm;

(iv) Whose job-performing services for the qualified business or industry offers a minimum of one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours of an employee's time per year (i.e., thirty-five (35) hours per week on average) for an entire normal work year of the qualified business or industry's operations or a job for which the employee is leased after the project certification date and is compensated based on one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours for such annual period (including in each case an employee who, after being leased, elects to take unpaid time off or is on short-term or long-term disability); and

(v) Whose job receives salary or wages subject to state income tax withholdings. Individuals employed by an independent contractor performing one or more services for the qualified business or industry pursuant to a services or management agreement (e.g., security services, landscaping services, and cafeteria management and food services) shall not be considered as a new-leased employees.

(s) "Nonmanufacturing equipment" means all tangible personal property that is not manufacturing machinery, including, but not limited to, office furniture, fixtures, office computers and communications equipment, and warehouse equipment such as racking and shelving.

(t) "Part-time job" means a job (i) for which an employee is hired by the qualified business or industry that requires fewer than one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours of an employee's time per year (i.e., requires fewer than thirty-five (35) hours per week on average) for an entire normal work year of the qualified business or industry's operations or a job for which the employee is hired and is compensated based on fewer than one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours for such annual period; and (iii) for which the employee holding such job receives salary or wages subject to state income tax withholdings.

(u) "Project certification date" means the actual date of the authority's certification, or the effective date of certification determined and prescribed by the authority, of the qualified business or industry and its qualified economic development project as eligible for the state tax credits determined and awarded by the authority, as authorized by, and in accordance with, Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(v) "Qualified annual payroll" means the sum of the annual salary and wages for new full-time jobs of the qualified business or industry, excluding the amount or value of any benefits that are not subject to state income taxes.

(w) "Qualified business or industry" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, person or sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal



entity and subunit or affiliate thereof, which makes a qualified minimum investment in a qualified economic development project.

(x) "Qualified economic development project" or "qualified project" means the location in the state of one or more of the following enumerated enterprises for which a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity, or subunit or affiliate thereof, makes or causes to be made from the minimum qualified investment and/or satisfies or causes to be satisfied the minimum job creation requirement:

(i) A new warehouse and/or distribution enterprise or an expansion of an existing warehouse and/or distribution enterprise; provided that, in any such instance, such warehouse and/or distribution enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(ii) A new manufacturing, remanufacturing, assembly, processing and/or refinery enterprise or an expansion of an existing manufacturing, remanufacturing, assembly, processing and/or refinery enterprise; provided that, in any such instance, such manufacturing, remanufacturing, assembly, processing and/or refinery enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(iii) A new research or research and development enterprise or an expansion of an existing research or research and development enterprise; provided that, in any such instance, such research and development enterprise or an expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(iv) A new regional or national headquarters of the qualified business or industry or an expansion of an existing regional or national headquarters of the qualified business or industry; provided that, in any such instance, such regional or national headquarters or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(v) An air transportation, repair and/or maintenance enterprise or an expansion of an existing air transportation, repair and/or maintenance enterprise; provided that, in either instance, such air transportation, repair and/or maintenance enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(vi) A ship or other maritime vessel or barge transportation, repair and/or maintenance enterprise or an expansion of an existing ship or other maritime vessel or barge transportation, repair and/or maintenance enterprise; provided that, in either instance, the ship or other maritime vessel or barge transportation, repair and/or maintenance enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(vii) A new data/information processing enterprise or an expansion of an existing new data/information processing enterprise; provided that, in any such instance such data/information processing enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such;

(viii) A new technology intensive enterprise or an expansion of an existing technology intensive enterprise; provided that, in either instance, the technology intensive enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such; provided further, that a business or enterprise primarily engaged in creating computer programming codes to develop applications, websites and/or software shall qualify as a technology intensive enterprise;

(ix) A new telecommunications enterprise principally engaged in the creation, display, management, storage, processing, transmission and/or distribution, for compensation, of images, text, voice, video or data by wire or by wireless means, or engaged in the construction, design, development, manufacture, maintenance or distribution for compensation of devices, products, software or structures used in the above activities, or an expansion of an existing telecommunications enterprise as herein described; provided that, in any such instance, any such telecommunications enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such; provided further, that commercial broadcast radio stations, television stations or news organizations primarily serving in-state markets shall not be included within the definition of the term "telecommunications enterprise";

(x) A new data center enterprise principally engaged in the utilization of hardware, software, technology, infrastructure and/or workforce, to store, manage or manipulate digital data, or an expansion of an existing data center enterprise

as herein described; provided that, in such instance, any such data center enterprise or expansion thereof is certified by the authority to qualify as such.

(y) "Qualified investment" means any expenditures made or caused to be made by the qualified business or industry following the project certification date for construction, installation, equipping and operation of a qualified economic development project from any source or combination of sources, excluding any funds contributed by the state or any agency or other political subdivision thereof, or by any local government or any agency or other political subdivision thereof, to the extent such expenditures can be capitalized under applicable accounting rules or otherwise by the Internal Revenue Code, whether or not the qualified business or industry elects to capitalize the same, as reflected in its financial statements, including, but not limited to, all costs associated with the acquisition, installation and/or construction of, or capital leasehold interest in, any buildings and other real property improvements, fixtures, equipment, machinery, landscaping, fire protection, depreciable fixed assets, engineering and design costs.

(z) "Reporting year" means the twelve-month period ending on the last day of the month during which the annual anniversary of a project certification date occurs, and for which an annual report must be filed with the authority by a qualified business or industry in accordance with Section 7 of this act.

(aa) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(bb) "State tax" means:

(i) Any sales and use tax imposed on, and payable directly to the Department of Revenue by, the qualified business or industry in accordance with state law, except for contractor's tax and the taxes levied by Section 27-65-24(1)(b);

(ii) All income tax imposed pursuant to law on income earned by the qualified business or industry pursuant to state law;

(iii) Franchise tax imposed pursuant to state law on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the business enterprise certified by the Mississippi Development Authority; and

(iv) Withholding tax required to be deducted and withheld from employee wages pursuant to Section 27-7-301 et seq.

SECTION 3. Application for the mFlex tax incentive. Business or industrial enterprises wishing to apply for the mFlex tax incentive authorized by Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall make application to the authority, on a form prescribed thereby; provided that the application shall, at a minimum, contain:

(a) A brief overview of the applicant's business or industry, including its formation type (e.g., corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, etc.), its date of incorporation or formation thereof, and the location of its principal headquarters, together with its principal place of business in the state, if the applicant already has one or more facilities located in the state;

(b) The location of the selected project site or locations of selected project sites, if multiple locations will be involved;

(c) A description of the proposed project;

(d) The amount of the qualified investment proposed to be made as a result of the proposed project, including a breakout of projected expenditures for manufacturing machinery, nonmanufacturing equipment and component building materials to establish and equip the proposed project;

(e) If the proposed project will be an expansion of an existing business or industrial operation, the current number of base full-time jobs;

(f) The number of new full-time jobs proposed to be created as a result of the proposed project;

(g) The average employer wage proposed to be paid by the applicant for new full-time jobs disclosed in the application;

(h) A description of benefits, including but not limited to, health, dental and/or vision insurance, retirement savings account, etc. made available to employees, as well as a description of any employees to whom such benefits are not made available (e.g., part-time employees);

(i) The length of time necessary for the applicant to meet its qualified investment and new full-time job creation projections;

(j) A list of all affiliates of the qualified business or industry known at the time of the application, including the Federal Employer Identification Number for each such affiliate, which have or are expected to have any state tax liability that may be offset by all or some portion of the mFlex tax incentives awarded to the qualified business or industry;

(k) An acknowledgment that the applicant, if awarded an mFlex tax incentives pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act, will be required to provide the annual report prescribed by Section 7 of this act to demonstrate the actual amount of its qualified investment, including actual expenditures on manufacturing machinery, nonmanufacturing equipment and component building materials, and the number of new full-time jobs created and maintained as a result of the project; and

(l) Any other information as may be requested by the authority.

SECTION 4. Certification and award of mFlex tax incentive, terms of such incentive, nontransferability of such certification and incentive; mandatory and permissive conditions to certifications and incentive awards. (1) The authority shall evaluate an application to determine whether the applicant's proposed project is a qualified economic development project and whether it is therefore eligible for an award by the authority of an mFlex tax incentive, as calculated in accordance with Section 5 of this act.

(2) Upon approval of an applicant's application, the authority shall issue a certification (a) designating the applicant's project as a "qualified economic development project" and eligible for the mFlex tax incentive authorized by Sections 1 through 10 of this act; (b) awarding the initial mFlex tax incentive calculated pursuant to Section 5 of this act; and (c) imposing those mandatory conditions pursuant to subsection (4) of this section and any discretionary conditions otherwise imposed by the authority.

(3) Upon the issuance of the certification and execution of the mFlex agreement by a qualified business or industry and the authority, the qualified business or industry may apply the amount of its mFlex tax incentive as a credit to offset (a) any state taxes (except for withholding tax required to be deducted and withheld from employee wages pursuant to Section 27-7-301 et seq.), as incurred thereby, up to the full amount of the mFlex tax incentive awarded by the authority for the associated qualified economic development project, and (b) only up to twenty percent (20%) of the mFlex tax incentive amount may be applied as a credit during the course of any reporting year to offset withholding tax deducted and withheld from employee wages pursuant to Section 27-7-301 et seq.; provided that the amount of the mFlex tax incentive available to be applied as a credit to offset such state taxes shall be subject to any subsequent adjustments made by the authority to such award pursuant to Section 7 of this act, and any performance requirements set out in the mFlex agreement. The amount of the mFlex tax incentive available to be applied as a credit to offset any state taxes described in Section 2(aa)(i) of this act shall be limited to those such taxes payable directly by the qualified business or industry to the Department of Revenue pursuant to a direct pay permit issued by the Department of Revenue under Section 27-65-93. The amount of the mFlex tax incentive available to be applied as a credit to offset any state taxes may not be applied as a credit to offset any state taxes incurred prior to the issuance of the certification by the authority and execution of the mFlex agreement by the qualified business or industry and the authority.

(4) The following conditions shall apply to each such certification made, and each mFlex tax incentive awarded, by the authority in accordance with Sections 1 through 10 of this act:

(a) Any certification and mFlex tax incentive award issued by the authority under Sections 1 through 10 of this act is nontransferable and cannot be applied, used or assigned to any other person or business or tax account without prior approval by the authority, except for one or more affiliates of the qualified business or industry disclosed thereby on its application or in a subsequent annual report submitted to the authority in accordance with Sections 1 through 10 of this act;

(b) No qualified business or industry may claim or use the mFlex tax incentive awarded thereto under Sections 1 through 10 of this act unless the qualified business or industry is in full compliance with all state and local tax laws, and related ordinances, permits and other applicable governmental approvals; and

(c) Each qualified business or industry must enter into an agreement with the authority which sets out, at a minimum, (i) the obligation of the business or industry to provide an annual report to the authority pursuant to Section 7 of this act that demonstrates the actual amount of its qualified investment, including actual expenditures on manufacturing machinery, nonmanufacturing equipment and component building materials, the number of new full-time jobs created and maintained as a result of the project, and any other relevant information as may be required by the authority; and (ii) terms for readjustment or recapture of all or a portion of the mFlex tax incentive awarded thereto pursuant to Section 7 of this act if the applicant 1. fails to satisfy the minimum job creation requirement if certification of the project is predicated on satisfaction of the minimum job creation requirement and not the minimum qualified investment, or 2. fails to satisfy the minimum qualified investment if certification of the project is predicated on satisfaction of the minimum job creation requirement and not the minimum qualified investment, and/or 3. fails to otherwise satisfy any other additional performance requirements of the qualified business or industry or its qualified economic development project that are imposed by the authority.

(5) In addition to those mandatory conditions prescribed by Sections 1 through 10 of this act that apply to each certification and award of an mFlex tax incentive made by the authority in accordance herewith, the authority is authorized to impose any other conditions upon any certification and award of an mFlex tax incentive made by the authority as it shall find best promotes economic development in the state.

(6) Upon certifying a qualified business or industry as eligible for, and awarding, an mFlex tax incentive under Sections 1 through 10 of this act, the authority shall forward the certification along with any other necessary information to the Department of Revenue so that the mFlex tax incentive awarded to the qualified business or industry can be recorded by the Department of Revenue and used to verify each state tax credit subsequently applied by the qualified business or industry.

(7) Within thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar quarter, the authority shall provide to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a copy of each certification made, together with a copy of each mFlex agreement approved and executed, during the immediately preceding calendar quarter.

SECTION 5. Calculation and application of an mFlex tax incentive award. The total amount of the initial mFlex tax incentive determined and awarded by the authority to the certified applicant shall be calculated by the authority as follows:

(a) Subject to paragraph (f) below, one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the total purchase or sales price, or value, including any installation costs thereof, as applicable, of all manufacturing or processing machinery acquired, leased or otherwise moved into the state following the project certification date to establish and equip the qualified economic development project; plus

(b) Subject to paragraph (f) below, seven percent (7%) of the total purchase or sales price, or value, including any installation costs thereof, as applicable, of all nonmanufacturing equipment, other than tagged over-the-road vehicles, acquired, leased or otherwise moved into the state following the project certification date to establish and equip the qualified economic development project; plus

(c) Subject to paragraph (f) below, two percent (2%) of the total contract price or compensation paid to any contractor pursuant to any construction contract entered into following the project certification date by the qualified business or industry or any affiliate thereof, to construct, build, erect, repair or add to any building, facility, structure or other improvement to real property described in Section 27-65-21(1)(a)(i) to establish and construct the qualified economic development project; plus, if applicable;

(d) To the extent that the average employer wage is equal to or more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the average state or county wage, then an additional fifteen percent (15%) of the product derived by multiplying the average employer wage by the number of new full-time jobs; plus, if applicable;

(e) (i) To the extent that 1. the qualified economic development project is an enterprise enumerated in Section 2(x)(i) or Section 2(x)(ii) of this act; 2. the number of new full-time jobs totals fifty (50) or more; 3. the qualified investment totals Ten

Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) or more; 4. the average employer wage is equal to or more than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the average state or county wage; and 5. all full-time employees are eligible for and offered health insurance coverage funded in whole or at least fifty percent (50%) by the qualified business or industry (or by a leasing company with respect to leased employees), then an additional thirty percent (30%) of the product derived by multiplying the average employer wage by the number of new full-time jobs; or

(ii) To the extent that subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (e) does not apply, but 1. the number of new full-time jobs totals twenty-five (25) or more; 2. the average employer wage is equal to or more than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the average state or county wage; and 3. all full-time employees are eligible for and offered health insurance coverage funded in whole or at least fifty percent (50%) by the qualified business or industry (or by a leasing company with respect to leased employees), then an additional thirty percent (30%) of the product derived by multiplying the average employer wage by the number of new full-time jobs; provided, however, that the initial mFlex tax incentive award amount determined by the authority and awarded on the project certification date shall be based upon estimates provided by the qualified business or industry to the authority with respect to paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section, which estimates shall be memorialized as project performance measures agreed to by the qualified business or industry in the mFlex agreement; provided, further, that such initial award amount shall be subject to any subsequent adjustments made by the authority pursuant to Section 7 of this act;

(f) To the extent that all or any portion of the purchases to establish a qualified economic development project which are financed by proceeds from bonds issued pursuant to Section 57-10-201 et seq. or Section 57-10-401 et seq., the mFlex tax incentive determined in accordance with this section shall exclude the amount calculated in accordance with paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above; provided that, this paragraph (f) shall not apply in determining the mFlex tax incentive for a qualified economic development project to the extent that (i) the qualified economic development project is an expansion of an existing project, (ii) all or any portion of the purchases to establish the existing project were financed by proceeds from bonds issued pursuant to Section 57-10-201 et seq. or Section 57-10-401 et seq., and (iii) no purchases to establish the expansion constituting a qualified economic development project are financed by proceeds from bonds issued pursuant to Section 57-10-201 et seq. or Section 57-10-401 et seq.

SECTION 6. Exclusive utilization of mFlex tax incentive. (1) A qualified business or industry awarded any mFlex tax incentive by the authority for its qualified economic development project pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall not be eligible for, nor shall it apply for or claim, any one or more of the following tax credits, exemptions or incentives for such qualified project:

(a) For any new full-time job, any state income tax credit authorized by Sections 27-7-22.17, 22-7-22.18, 22-7-22.19, 27-7-22.27, 27-7-22.29, 27-7-22.34, 27-7-22.36 and 57-73-21(2) through (5);

(b) For any new full-time job, any withholding tax rebate authorized by Sections 57-62-1 through 57-62-7 or Sections 57-100-1 through 57-100-9;

(c) Any exemption from state income tax authorized by Section 27-7-30, Sections 57-80-1 through 57-80-11, Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7, and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27;

(d) Any state income tax credit authorized by Section 27-7-22.20 or Section 22-7-22.35;

(e) Any exemption from state sales or use tax authorized by Section 27-65-101(1)(q), (r), (v), (w), (x), (y), (cc), (dd), (ff), (gg), (hh), (kk), (ll), (mm), (nn), (qq), (uu), (vv), (2) or (3); Sections 57-80-1 through 57-80-11; Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7; and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27;

(f) Any exemption from state franchise tax authorized by Section 27-13-5(4), Section 27-13-7(4), Sections 57-80-1 through 57-80-11, Sections 57-113-1 through 57-113-7, and Sections 57-113-21 through 57-113-27.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, a qualified business or industry shall not be prohibited from applying for or receiving any of the tax credits, exemptions or incentives described in paragraphs (a) through (f) of subsection (1) of this section for any project or expansion which is not certified by the authority as a qualified

economic development project and for which no mFlex tax incentive is awarded by the authority, notwithstanding the fact the qualified business or industry is awarded an mFlex incentive by the authority for a specific qualified economic development project undertaken thereby.

SECTION 7. Taxpayer annual performance reporting to, and reviews by, the Mississippi Development Authority; subsequent adjustments by the Mississippi Development Authority to mFlex tax incentive award; deadline for mFlex tax incentive utilization. (1) Unless its mFlex agreement prescribes a longer reporting period or additional reporting requirements, each qualified business or industry shall file an annual report with the authority for each qualified economic development project which has been certified, and for which any mFlex tax incentive has been awarded, by the authority in accordance with Sections 1 through 10 of this act, for the longer of the following periods: (a) until the reporting year during which all or any remaining portion of the mFlex tax incentive amount awarded to such qualified business or industry has been applied to offset state taxes, or (b) until the seventh reporting year, provided that an annual report shall in either instance be due in the final reporting year prescribed hereby or by the mFlex agreement. Each annual report shall be due to the authority no later than the last business day of the month following the month during which the annual anniversary of its project certification date occurred. Each annual report shall include the information set forth in this section, together with any other information required to be provided by the qualified business or industry pursuant to its mFlex agreement, for the immediately preceding twelve-month period ending on the last day of the month during which the annual anniversary of its project certification date occurred.

(2) Each annual report submitted to the authority by a qualified business or industry shall, at a minimum, contain the following information:

(a) The total qualified investment made between the project certification date through the end of the reporting year, including a breakout of actual expenditures made by the qualified business or industry for manufacturing machinery, nonmanufacturing equipment and component building materials to establish and equip the qualified economic development project;

(b) The incremental qualified investment made during the reporting year, including a breakout of actual expenditures made by the qualified business or industry for manufacturing machinery, nonmanufacturing equipment and component building materials to establish and equip the qualified economic development project;

(c) If applicable, the total number of base full-time jobs;

(d) The total number of people employed in new full-time jobs as of the last day of the year preceding the reporting year;

(e) The total number of people employed in new full-time jobs as of the last day of the year of the reporting year;

(f) The average employer wage for the reporting year;

(g) The percentage and number, as of the last day of the reporting year, of new full-time employees who are eligible for and offered a health insurance coverage funded in whole or at least fifty percent (50%) by the qualified business or industry (or by a leasing company with respect to leased employees);

(h) A description of employee benefits, including but not limited to, health, dental and/or vision insurance, retirement savings account, etc. made available to employees, as well as a description of any employees to whom the benefits are not made available (e.g., part-time employees);

(i) The total amount of the mFlex tax incentive awarded thereto, which the qualified business or industry has already applied and taken as a credit to offset state taxes through the end of the reporting period;

(j) A list of all affiliates of the qualified business or industry, including the Federal Employer Identification Number for each affiliate, for which any state tax liability thereof has been or is expected to be offset by all or some portion of the mFlex tax incentives awarded to the qualified business or industry, which list shall further identify (i) any affiliate of the qualified business or industry that was not disclosed as such on its application or annual report submitted for the prior reporting period, whichever was more recent, but which has either become an affiliate of the qualified business or industry as of the date the current annual report or which the qualified business or industry desires to

utilize all or a portion of its mFlex tax incentive as a credit to offset the affiliate's state tax liability following the date of the current annual report; (ii) any change in the name of any previously disclosed affiliate since the date the qualified business or industry filed its application or annual report for the prior reporting period, whichever was more recent; (iii) any prior affiliate of the qualified business or industry disclosed as such on its application or annual report for the prior reporting period, whichever was more recent, and which is no longer an affiliate of the qualified business or industry as of the date the current annual report; and (iv) any affiliate of the qualified business or industry disclosed as such on its application or annual report for the prior reporting period, whichever was more recent, and which the qualified business or industry no longer desires that the affiliate utilize all or a portion of its mFlex tax incentive as a credit to offset the affiliate's state tax liability following the date of the current annual report.

(3) The authority shall prescribe a form or forms for the annual report.

(4) Notwithstanding the obligation of a qualified business or industry to file an annual report with the authority for each qualified economic development project which has been certified, and for which any mFlex tax incentive has been awarded, the authority is authorized to request from the qualified business or industry at any other time any of the information set forth herein that must be included in an annual report for purposes of determining whether a qualified business or industry has met any of the project performance measures set forth in its mFlex agreement on or before the respective deadlines imposed with respect thereto. Upon any such written request by the authority, the qualified business or industry shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request, provide to the authority a certified copy of the information requested.

(5) If a qualified business or industry fails to either file an annual report with the authority on or before the deadline mandated by subsection (1) of this section, or provide any information requested by the authority pursuant to subsection (4) of this section within the time period mandated by such subsection, the authority shall provide written notice to the qualified business or industry of the failure to report, and the qualified business or industry shall have thirty (30) additional days to cure the reporting failure following its receipt of the notice. If the qualified business or industry thereafter fails to file its annual report with the authority, or provide such information requested by the authority within the thirty-day-cure period, the authority is authorized to suspend or revoke, at the discretion thereof, all or a portion of the amount of the mFlex tax incentive previously awarded to the qualified business or industry for its qualified economic development project.

(6) If a qualified business or industry either fails to achieve or exceeds any project performance measure set forth in its mFlex agreement within or for any time period required by such agreement, the authority shall, following its (a) review of any annual report filed by the qualified business or industry or of any certified information provided by the qualified business or industry pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, and (b) verification based upon such information that the qualified business or industry either failed to achieve or exceeded any of the project performance measures set forth in its mFlex agreement within or for any time period required by such agreement, adjust the mFlex tax incentive awarded thereto for its qualified economic development project such that the award is no longer based upon any one or more of the performance measures set forth in its mFlex agreement but is instead based upon one or more of the following, as applicable, as of the end of the most recent reporting year for which the annual report was filed: (a) the actual expenditures made by the qualified business or industry for purposes of the calculation prescribed by Section 5(a), (b) and (c) of this act; and (b)(i) the actual number of new full-time jobs created by the qualified business or industry, together with (ii) the actual average employer wage associated therewith, for purposes of the calculations prescribed by Section 5(d) and (e) of this act.

(7) A qualified business or industry and the authority may, at any time, amend or restate an mFlex agreement in order to modify the performance measures of the qualified business or industry with respect to its qualified economic development project, and in connection with such amendment or amendment and restatement, the authority shall modify the amount of the mFlex tax incentive awarded for the qualified economic development project to comport with the modified performance measures; provided that the modified award amount shall thereafter be subject to the adjustment requirements of subsection (6) of this section.

(8) If the authority adjusts any mFlex tax incentive award pursuant to subsection (6) or subsection (7) of this section, the authority shall issue an amended certification of the corresponding qualified economic development project, which shall specify the amount of mFlex tax incentive award adjustment. The authority shall forward the amended certification, along with any other necessary information, to the Department of Revenue so that the mFlex tax incentive award adjustment for the qualified business or industry can be recorded by the Department of Revenue and used to verify each state tax credit subsequently applied by the qualified business or industry.

(9) If at any time the authority reduces the mFlex tax incentive award granted for the qualified economic development project to an amount less than the total amount of credits already applied and taken by the qualified business or industry, or by one or more affiliates thereof eligible to utilize such credit, to offset state taxes thereof, the Department of Revenue shall charge the qualified business or industry, or such affiliate or affiliates, with an assessment for the amount of state taxes for which no mFlex tax incentive is available, following such reduction by the authority, for application as a tax credit, beginning with those state taxes against which the qualified business or industry most recently applied the credit, and such state tax assessment shall be immediately due and payable.

(10) Any portion of an mFlex tax incentive awarded to the qualified business or industry by the authority for its qualified economic development project pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act that has not been applied, on or before the tenth annual anniversary of the project certificate date, as a credit by such qualified business or industry, or by one or more affiliates thereof eligible to utilize such credit, to offset state taxes otherwise payable, shall expire.

(11) Within thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar quarter, the authority shall provide to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a copy of each amendment to any certification made, together with a copy of each amendment to any mFlex agreement approved and executed, during the immediately preceding calendar quarter.

SECTION 8. Audits and interagency cooperation. (1) No provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall in any way limit or restrict the authority of the Department of Revenue to perform audits for all state tax liabilities for any qualified business or industry that is awarded any mFlex tax incentives by the authority.

(2) The Department of Revenue is authorized to provide to the authority any information received, obtained or produced, or findings or determinations made, thereby as a result of the performance by Department of Revenue of any audit of state tax liabilities of any qualified business or industry that is awarded any mFlex tax incentives by the authority, and any such information, findings or determinations provided to the authority by the Department of Revenue shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, as amended.

(3) If any audit by the Department of Revenue results in a reclassification of component building materials, manufacturing equipment or nonmanufacturing equipment, as previously reported by a qualified business or industry, to a different property classification, or a change in the number of new full-time employees or average employer wage, as previously reported by a qualified business or industry, the authority is authorized to adjust the amount of the mFlex tax incentive awarded to the qualified business or industry for a qualified economic development project to comport with any property reclassification or change in the number of new full-time employees or average employer wage in the manner prescribed by Section 7 of this act.

(4) The Department of Employment Security is authorized to provide to the authority any information received, obtained or produced, or findings or determinations made, thereby with respect to any qualified business or industry that is awarded any mFlex tax incentives by the authority, and any such information, findings or determinations provided to the authority by the Department of Revenue shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Section 25-61-1 et seq.

(5) The State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under Sections 1 through 10 of this act according to Section 7-72-11(o).

(6) Upon written request made by the Director of the University Research Center Division of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, the authority shall



provide to the director a copy of any certification, together with any amendments thereto, made by the authority, and/or any mFlex agreement, together with any amendments thereto, approved and executed by the authority pursuant to Sections 1 through 10 of this act, described in such request for the purpose of the University Research Center conducting an economic impact analysis and other analyses performed by the University Research Center with respect thereto; provided that any such analyses conducted by the University Research Center with respect to one or more particular qualified economic development projects shall be communicated and provided only to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and/or the authority.

SECTION 9. Implementation and exclusive jurisdiction. (1) The authority and the Department of Revenue shall implement the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act and exercise all powers as authorized in Sections 1 through 10 of this act; however, the application of Sections 1 through 10 of this act and the offering and awarding of any mFlex tax incentive as to any particular qualified business or industry shall be carried out at the discretion of the authority subject to, and in compliance with, Sections 1 through 10 of this act. The exercise of powers conferred by Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall be deemed and held to be the performance of essential public purposes.

(2) The authority shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction and authority to determine whether an applicant qualifies as a qualified business or industry, whether an applicant's project qualifies as a qualified economic development project, whether to certify an applicant and its project as a qualified business or industry undertaking a qualified economic development project and the eligibility thereof for the mFlex tax incentive, the initial calculation of any mFlex tax incentive award, any terms or conditions or further requirements to be included in any mFlex agreement, and any subsequent adjustments any mFlex tax incentive award or any revocation thereof, in all instances in accordance with Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

(3) Nothing in Sections 1 through 10 of this act shall be construed to constitute a guarantee or assumption by the State of Mississippi of any debt of any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, person or sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunit or affiliate thereof nor to authorize the credit of the state to be given, pledged or loaned to any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, person or sole proprietorship, business trust or other legal entity and subunit or affiliate thereof. Further, nothing in Sections 1 through 10 of this act gives any right to any qualified business or industry to the incentives authorized by Sections 1 through 10 of this act unless such incentive is awarded by Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

SECTION 10. Promulgation of rules and regulations. The authority and the Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, Section 25-43-1.101 et seq. and all application forms and other forms necessary to implement their respective duties and responsibilities under the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this act.

SECTION 11. Section 27-7-309, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-309. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, every employer required to deduct and withhold from wages under this article shall, for each calendar quarter, on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the close of such calendar quarter, file a withholding return as prescribed by the commissioner and pay over to the commissioner the full amount required to be deducted and withheld from wages by such employer for the calendar quarter. Provided that the commissioner may, by regulation, provide that every such employer shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, pay over to the commissioner or a depository designated by the commissioner, the amount required to be deducted and withheld by such employer for the preceding month, if such amount is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more. Returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the due date in order to be timely filed, except when the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the first working day following the due date in order to be considered timely filed.

(b) The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations to require or permit filing periods of any duration, in lieu of monthly or quarterly filing periods, for any taxpayer or group thereof.

(2) Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this section, all transient employers and all employers engaged in any business which is seasonal shall make return and pay over to the commissioner on a monthly basis, the full amounts required to be deducted and withheld from the wages by such employer for the calendar month. Such returns and payments to the commissioner by such employers shall be made on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month for which such amounts were deducted and withheld from the wages of his employees. The commissioner shall have the authority to issue reasonable rules and regulations designating or classifying those transient and seasonal employers.

(3) If the commissioner, in any case, has justifiable reason to believe that the collection of funds required to be withheld by any employer as provided herein is in jeopardy, he may require the employer to file a return and pay such amount required to be withheld at any time.

(4) Every employer who fails to withhold or pay to the commissioner any sums required by this article to be withheld and paid, shall be personally and individually liable therefor, except as provided in Section 27-7-307; and any sum or sums withheld in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be deemed to be held in trust for the State of Mississippi and shall be recorded by the employer in a ledger account so as to clearly indicate the amount of tax withheld and that the amount is the property of the State of Mississippi.

(5) Once an employer has become liable to a quarterly return of withholding, he must continue to file a quarterly report, even though no tax has been withheld, until such time as he notifies the commissioner, in writing, that he no longer has employees or that he is no longer liable for such quarterly returns.

(6) Once an employer has become liable to a monthly return of withholding, he must continue to file a monthly report, even though no tax has been withheld until such time as he notifies the commissioner, in writing, that he no longer has employees or that he is no longer liable for such monthly returns.

(7) Magnetic media reporting may be required in a manner to be determined by the commissioner.

(8) Any employer who is required to deduct and withhold from wages for any monthly or quarterly period pursuant to this article, and who is also eligible to apply as a credit against any amount to be deducted and withheld for such period from wages by such employer under this article a tax credit awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority in accordance with the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act, may apply the tax credit in the amount available for such purpose, or such lesser amount determined by such employer, pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act. The credit applied for any monthly or quarterly reporting period shall be reflected on the form of the return in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

SECTION 12. Section 27-7-311, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-311. Every employer shall file an annual statement of withholding for each employee. The annual statement shall be in the form prescribed by the commissioner and shall be filed with the commissioner and two (2) copies thereof furnished the employee on or before the thirty-first day of January following the close of the calendar year. Provided, if the employment of the employee is terminated during the calendar year, the employer shall furnish such statement to the employee at the time of the termination of employment. Such statement shall show:

- ( \*\* \*a) The name and withholding account number of the employer;
- ( \*\* \*b) The name of the employee and his social security account

number;

- ( \*\* \*c) The total compensation paid to the employee; and

( \*\* \*d) The total amount withheld by the employer pursuant to this article for the year or part of a calendar year where the employee worked for less than a full calendar year, and such other information as the commissioner shall require by rule or regulation. The total amount withheld by the employer shall reflect the gross amount withheld by the employer pursuant to this article for such year or part of such calendar year prior to, and expressly excluding, the application of any credit applied and taken by

the employer of any tax credit awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority in accordance with the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act.

SECTION 13. Section 27-13-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-13-5. (1) (a) Franchise tax levy. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3), (4), (5) and (7) of this section, there is hereby imposed, to be paid and collected as hereinafter provided, a franchise or excise tax upon every corporation, association or joint-stock company or partnership treated as a corporation under the income tax laws or regulations, organized or created for pecuniary gain, having privileges not possessed by individuals, and having authorized capital stock now existing in this state, or hereafter organized, created or established, under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Mississippi, equal to:

(i) For tax years beginning before January 1, 2018, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(ii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(iii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, Two Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$2.25) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(iv) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2021, Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(v) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2022, One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents (\$1.75) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(vi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2023, One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(vii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, but before January 1, 2024, One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents (\$1.25) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(viii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2025, One Dollar (\$1.00) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(ix) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2026, Seventy-five Cents (75¢) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(x) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, but before January 1, 2027, Fifty Cents (50¢) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(xi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, but before January 1, 2028, Twenty-five Cents (25¢) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(b) In no case shall the franchise tax due for the accounting period be less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(c) It is the purpose of this section to require the payment to the State of Mississippi of this tax for the right granted by the laws of this state to exist as such organization, and to enjoy, under the protection of the laws of this state, the powers, rights, privileges and immunities derived from the state by the form of such existence.

(2) Annual report of domestic corporations. Each domestic corporation shall file an annual report as required by the provisions of Section 79-4-16.22.

(3) (a) A corporation that has negotiated a fee-in-lieu as defined in Section 57-75-5 shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on such project; however, the fee-in-lieu payment shall be otherwise treated in the same manner as the payment of franchise taxes.

(b) (i) As used in this paragraph:

1. "Authority" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-75-5(b);

2. "Project" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix); and

3. "Enterprise" shall mean the corporation authorized for the project pursuant to Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix).

(ii) The term of the franchise tax fee-in-lieu agreement negotiated under this subsection and authorized by Section 57-75-5(j), between the authority and the enterprise for the project shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years. The franchise tax fee-in-lieu agreement shall apply only to new franchise tax liability attributable to the project, and shall not apply to any existing franchise tax liability of the enterprise in connection with any current operations in this state.

(iii) In the event that the annual number of full-time jobs maintained by the enterprise falls below the minimum annual number of full-time jobs required by the authority pursuant to a written agreement between the authority and the enterprise for two (2) consecutive years, the franchise tax fee-in-lieu for the project shall be suspended until the first tax year during which the annual number of full-time jobs maintained by the enterprise reaches the minimum annual number of full-time jobs required by the authority pursuant to a written agreement between the authority and the enterprise.

(iv) The enterprise shall be entitled to utilize a single sales apportionment factor in the calculation of its liability for franchise tax imposed by this chapter which is attributable to the project for any year for which it files a Mississippi franchise tax return. The enterprise shall be entitled to continue to utilize such single sales apportionment factor notwithstanding a suspension of the franchise tax fee-in-lieu pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

(4) An approved business enterprise as defined in the Growth and Prosperity Act shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on the value of capital used,

invested or employed by the approved business enterprise in a growth and prosperity county or supervisors district as provided in the Growth and Prosperity Act.

(5) A business enterprise operating a project as defined in Section 57-64-33, in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under the Regional Economic Development Act shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the business enterprise in such a county as provided in Section 57-64-33.

(6) The tax levied by this chapter and paid by a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 shall be deposited into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund created in Section 57-91-9.

(7) A business enterprise as defined in Section 57-113-1 or 57-113-21 that is exempt from certain state taxes under Section 57-113-5 or 57-113-25 shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the business enterprise.

(8) A taxpayer who is eligible to apply as a credit against the tax levied by this chapter a tax credit awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority in accordance with the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act may apply the tax credit in the amount available for such purpose, or such lesser amount determined by the taxpayer, pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act. The credit applied for a tax-reporting period shall be reflected on the form of the return in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

SECTION 14. Section 27-13-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-13-7. (1) (a) Franchise tax levy. Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3), (4), (5) and (7) of this section, there is hereby imposed, levied and assessed upon every corporation, association or joint-stock company, or partnership treated as a corporation under the income tax laws or regulations as hereinbefore defined, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of some other state, territory or country, or organized and existing without any specific statutory authority, now or hereafter doing business or exercising any power, privilege or right within this state, as hereinbefore defined, a franchise or excise tax equal to:

(i) For tax years beginning before January 1, 2018, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) of each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, of the value of capital used, invested or employed within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(ii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019, Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(iii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, but before January 1, 2020, Two Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$2.25) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(iv) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, but before January 1, 2021, Two Dollars (\$2.00) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(v) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2022, One Dollar and Seventy-five Cents (\$1.75) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(vi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2023, One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(vii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, but before January 1, 2024, One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents (\$1.25) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(viii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, but before January 1, 2025, One Dollar (\$1.00) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(ix) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2026, Seventy-five Cents (75¢) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(x) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, but before January 1, 2027, Fifty Cents (50¢) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(xi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, but before January 1, 2028, Twenty-five Cents (25¢) for each One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or fraction thereof, in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), of the value of the capital used, invested or employed in the exercise of any power, privilege or right enjoyed by such organization within this state, except as hereinafter provided.

(b) In no case shall the franchise tax due for the accounting period be less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(c) It is the purpose of this section to require the payment of a tax by all organizations not organized under the laws of this state, measured by the amount of capital or its equivalent, for which such organization receives the benefit and protection of the government and laws of the state.

(2) Annual report of foreign corporations. Each foreign corporation authorized to transact business in this state shall file an annual report as required by the provisions of Section 79-4-16.22.

(3) (a) A corporation that has negotiated a fee-in-lieu as defined in Section 57-75-5 shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on such project; however, the fee-in-lieu payment shall be otherwise treated in the same manner as the payment of franchise taxes.

(b) (i) As used in this paragraph:

1. "Authority" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-75-5(b);

2. "Project" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix); and

3. "Enterprise" shall mean the corporation authorized for the project pursuant to Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix).

(ii) The term of the franchise tax fee-in-lieu agreement negotiated under this subsection and authorized by Section 57-75-5(j), between the authority and the enterprise for the project shall not exceed twenty-five (25) years. The franchise tax fee-in-lieu agreement shall apply only to new franchise tax liability

attributable to the project, and shall not apply to any existing franchise tax liability of the enterprise in connection with any current operations in this state.

(iii) In the event that the annual number of full-time jobs maintained by the enterprise falls below the minimum annual number of full-time jobs required by the authority pursuant to a written agreement between the authority and the enterprise for two (2) consecutive years, the franchise tax fee-in-lieu for the project shall be suspended until the first tax year during which the annual number of full-time jobs maintained by the enterprise reaches the minimum annual number of full-time jobs required by the authority pursuant to a written agreement between the authority and the enterprise.

(iv) The enterprise shall be entitled to utilize a single sales apportionment factor in the calculation of its liability for franchise tax imposed by this chapter which is attributable to the project for any year for which it files a Mississippi franchise tax return. The enterprise shall be entitled to continue to utilize such single sales apportionment factor notwithstanding a suspension of the franchise tax fee-in-lieu pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph.

(4) An approved business enterprise as defined in the Growth and Prosperity Act shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the approved business enterprise in a growth and prosperity county or supervisors district as provided in the Growth and Prosperity Act.

(5) A business enterprise operating a project as defined in Section 57-64-33, in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under the Regional Economic Development Act shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the business enterprise in such a county as provided in Section 57-64-33.

(6) The tax levied by this chapter and paid by a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 shall be deposited into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund created in Section 57-91-9.

(7) A business enterprise as defined in Section 57-113-1 or 57-113-21 that is exempt from certain state taxes under Section 57-113-5 or 57-113-25 shall not be subject to the tax levied by this section on the value of capital used, invested or employed by the business enterprise.

(8) A taxpayer who is eligible to apply as a credit against the tax levied by this chapter a tax credit awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority in accordance with the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act may apply the tax credit in the amount available for such purpose, or such lesser amount determined by the taxpayer, pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act. The credit applied for a tax-reporting period shall be reflected on the form of the return in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

SECTION 15. Section 27-65-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-93. (1) The commissioner shall, from time to time, promulgate rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of the sales tax law, for making returns and for the ascertainment, assessment and collection of the tax imposed by the sales tax law as he may deem necessary to enforce its provisions; and, upon request, he shall furnish any taxpayer with a copy of the rules and regulations.

(2) All forms, necessary for the enforcement of the sales tax law, shall be prescribed, printed and furnished by the commissioner.

(3) The commissioner may adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance of permits to manufacturers, utilities, construction contractors, companies receiving bond financing through the Mississippi Business Finance Corporation or the Mississippi Development Authority, and other taxpayers as determined by the commissioner, and the commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations providing for the issuance of a permit to any qualified business or industry, which is certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act and awarded any mFlex tax incentive amount for such qualified business's or industry's qualified economic development project, certified as such by the Mississippi Development Authority pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act, to purchase tangible personal property taxed under Section 27-65-17, items taxed under Section 27-65-18, items taxed under Section 27-65-19, services taxed under Section 27-65-23, items

taxed under Section 27-65-24, and items taxed under Section 27-65-26 without the payment to the vendor of the tax imposed by the sales and use tax laws, and providing for persons to report and pay the tax directly to the commissioner in instances where the commissioner determines that these provisions will facilitate and expedite the collection of the tax at the proper rates which may be due on purchases by the permittee. Under the provisions of this chapter, the vendor is relieved of collecting and remitting the taxes specified hereunder and the person holding the permit shall become liable for such taxes instead of the seller. The full enforcement provisions of the sales tax law shall apply in the collection of the tax from the permittee.

SECTION 16. Section 27-67-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-67-17. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the commissioner shall collect the tax imposed by this article, and every person subject to its provisions shall remit to the commissioner, on or before the twentieth day of each month, the amount of tax due by such person for the preceding calendar month. Returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the due date in order to be timely filed, except that when the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, returns and payments placed in the mail must be postmarked by the first working day following the due date in order to be considered timely filed. Every taxpayer shall file a return with his remittance, which return shall be prescribed by the commissioner and shall show for the calendar month preceding the tax payment date, the total sale or purchase price, or value of tangible personal property or specified digital products sold, used, stored or consumed by him for benefit received or service performed, and such other information as the commissioner may deem pertinent and necessary for determining the amount of tax due thereunder.

(2) The commissioner, in his discretion, may authorize in writing the filing of returns and the payment of tax on a quarterly basis by any person required or authorized to pay the tax imposed, such authority to be subject to revocation for good cause by the commissioner.

(3) In instances where it is impractical to file returns and pay the tax monthly or quarterly, the commissioner may authorize the filing of semiannual or annual returns.

(4) The commissioner, in his discretion, may authorize the computation of the tax on the basis of a formula in lieu of direct accounting of specific properties in instances where such method will expedite, simplify or provide a more equitable means of determining liability under this article. All formulas shall be subject to revocation for good cause by the commissioner.

(5) A taxpayer who is eligible to apply as a credit against the tax levied by this chapter a tax credit awarded by the Mississippi Development Authority in accordance with the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act may apply the tax credit in the amount available for such purpose, or such lesser amount determined by the taxpayer, pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act. The credit applied for a tax-reporting period shall be reflected on the form of the return in the manner prescribed by the commissioner.

SECTION 17. Section 57-1-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, any records of the Mississippi Development Authority which contain client information concerning development projects shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 for a period of two (2) years after receipt of the information by the department. Confidential client information as described in this section shall not include the information which must be disclosed by the certified applicant related to a qualified economic development project in the annual report described in Section 57-1-759.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, confidential client information in public records held by the department shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 during the period of review and negotiation on a project proposal and for a period of thirty (30) days after approval, disapproval or abandonment of the proposal not to exceed one (1) year by the department in writing.

(3) Any breakouts or subcategories of the total qualified investment amounts reported pursuant to Sections 3(d), 7(2)(a) and 7(2)(b) of this act, and information reported



pursuant to Sections 3(g), 3(h), 3(j), 7(2)(f), 7(2)(g), 7(2)(h) and 7(2)(i) of this act shall not be subject to any disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. In addition, any information and documentation, including without limitation, copies of any certifications, together with any amendments thereto, made by the Mississippi Development Authority, and copies of any mFlex agreements, together with any amendments thereto, approved and executed by the Mississippi Development Authority, pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act, which are (a) provided by the authority to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and/or Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to Section 4(7) or Section 7(11) of this act; (b) provided by the authority to the University Research Center division of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning pursuant to Section 8(5) of this act; and (c) provided by the University Research Center division of the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives and/or the authority, shall not be subject to any disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

SECTION 18. Section 27-7-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22. (1) For any qualified business, as defined in Section 57-51-5, which is located in a county, or portion thereof, designated as an enterprise zone pursuant to Title 57, Chapter 51, Mississippi Code of 1972, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, an amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per net full-time employee as determined by the average annual employment of the business reported to the Employment Security Commission. Such credit shall be allowed annually to each qualified business for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. If the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax imposed by this chapter, the amount of such excess shall not be refundable or carried forward to any other taxable year.

For the purpose of determining the credit allowed to a qualified business which is an existing trade or business having expanded its buildings and facilities, the number of net full-time employees shall be the difference between the average annual employment of such business before and after such expansion.

If the Mississippi Enterprise Zone Act is repealed, any qualified business which had been granted a tax credit under this subsection prior to the date of such repeal shall be entitled to such tax credit until the period for which it was granted expires.

(2) For any qualified business, as defined in Section 57-54-5, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, an amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per net full-time employee as determined by the average annual employment of the business reported to the Employment Security Commission. Such credit shall be allowed annually to each qualified business for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. If the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax imposed by this chapter, the amount of such excess shall not be refundable or carried forward to any other taxable year.

For the purpose of determining the credit allowed to a qualified business which is an existing trade or business having expanded its buildings and facilities, the number of net full-time employees shall be the difference between the average annual employment of such business before and after such expansion.

If the Mississippi Advanced Technology Initiative Act is repealed, any qualified business which had been granted a tax credit under this subsection prior to the date of such repeal shall be entitled to such tax credit until the period for which it was granted expires.

(3) For any qualified company, certified as such by the Mississippi Board of Economic Development under Section 57-53-1, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, an amount equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per net full-time employee in this state, provided there is a minimum of seventy-five (75) net full-time employees, as determined by the average annual employment of the company in this state reported to the Employment Security Commission. Such credit shall be allowed annually to each qualified company for a period not to exceed ten (10) years. If the amount allowable as a credit exceeds the tax imposed by this chapter, the amount of such excess shall not be refundable or carried forward to any other taxable year.

For the purpose of determining the credit allowed to a qualified company which has expanded its existing buildings and facilities, the number of net full-time employees shall be the difference between the average annual employment of such company before and after such expansion.

(4) For any qualified business or industry which is certified as such by the Mississippi Board of Economic Development pursuant to the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act and awarded any mFlex tax incentive amount for such qualified business's or industry's qualified economic development project, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter, an amount prescribed by, and subject to, the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act.

SECTION 19. From and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of any mFlex tax incentive or other incentive that a qualified business or other entity is eligible to receive under the Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act is less than the amount of the mFlex tax incentive or other incentive that the qualified business or other entity would have been eligible to receive or to use if the mFlex tax incentive or other incentive had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or other entity shall receive a grant from the Mississippi Development Authority equal to the difference between such two amounts.

SECTION 20. Section 57-62-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments prior to July 1, 2005, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, but not to exceed the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer. A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:

(a) Be engaged in a qualified business or industry;

(b) Provide an average salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for this requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) The business or industry must create and maintain a minimum of ten (10) full-time jobs in counties that have an average unemployment rate over the previous twelve-month period which is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state unemployment rate, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security or in Tier Three counties as determined under Section 57-73-21. In all other counties, the business or industry must create and maintain a minimum of twenty-five (25) full-time jobs. The criteria for this requirement shall be based on the designation of the county at the time of the application. The threshold established upon the application will remain constant for the duration of the project. The business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments. If the applicant is determined to be qualified by the MDA, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for a period not to exceed ten (10) years and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the period. If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for the appropriate additional period and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the additional period. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the MDA shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax revenues to the state along with the cost to the state of the qualified

business or industry, and such other criteria as deemed appropriate by the MDA, including the adequacy of retirement benefits that the business or industry provides to individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment, together with any amount due pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, if applicable, to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the estimated net direct state benefits. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payment that a qualified business or industry is eligible to receive under this chapter is less than the amount that the incentive payment would have been if the payment had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment," as such term is used in this chapter shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

[For businesses or industries that received or applied for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2005, but prior to July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to the net benefit rate multiplied by the actual gross payroll of new direct jobs for a calendar quarter as verified by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, but not to exceed:

(i) Ninety percent (90%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred seventy-five percent (175%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser;

(ii) Eighty percent (80%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of at least one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) but less than one hundred seventy-five percent

(175%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser; or

(iii) Seventy percent (70%) of the amount of money previously paid into the fund by the employer if the employer provides an average annual salary, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes, of less than one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) (a) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to meet the definition of the term "qualified business or industry";

(b) The criteria for the average annual salary requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) The business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) (a) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

(b) If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct a cost/benefit analysis to determine the estimated net direct state benefits and the net benefit rate applicable for the appropriate additional period and to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the additional period. In conducting such cost/benefit analysis, the MDA shall consider quantitative factors, such as the anticipated level of new tax revenues to the state along with the cost to the state of the qualified business or industry, and such other criteria as deemed appropriate by the MDA, including the adequacy of retirement benefits that the business or industry provides to individuals it employs in new direct jobs in this state. In no event shall incentive payments, cumulatively, exceed the estimated net direct state benefits. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment, together with any amount due pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, if applicable, to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the estimated net direct state benefits. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;

(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payment that a qualified business or industry is eligible to receive under this chapter is less than the amount that the incentive payment would have been if the payment had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment", as such term is used in this

chapter shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

[For businesses or industries that apply for incentive payments from and after July 1, 2010, this section shall read as follows:]

57-62-9. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in this chapter may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of this chapter in an amount which shall be equal to ninety percent (90%) of the amount of actual income tax withheld for employees with new direct jobs, but in no event more than four percent (4%) of the total annual salary paid for new direct jobs during such period, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments.

(c) A qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5(a)(iii) may elect the date upon which the ten-year period will begin and may elect to begin receiving incentive payments as early as the second quarter after that date. Incentive payments will be calculated on all jobs above the existing number of jobs as of the date the MDA determines that the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments. In the event that the qualified business or industry falls below the number of existing jobs at the time of determination that the applicant is qualified to receive the incentive payment, the incentive payment shall cease until the qualified business or industry once again exceeds that number. If after forty-eight (48) months, the qualified business or industry has failed to create at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs, incentive payments shall cease and the qualified business or industry shall not be qualified to receive further incentive payments.

(2) (a) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed five (5) years beyond the expiration date of the initial ten-year period if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least three thousand (3,000) new direct jobs within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production;

(ii) Within five (5) years after the date the business or industry commences commercial production, the average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (a) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(b) A qualified business or industry that is a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1 and qualified to receive incentive payments for the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) may apply to the MDA to receive incentive payments for an additional period not to exceed ten (10) years beyond the expiration date of the additional period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) if:

(i) The qualified business or industry creates at least four thousand (4,000) new direct jobs after qualifying for the additional incentive period provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) but before the expiration of the additional period. For purposes of determining whether the business or industry meets the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i), the number of jobs the business or industry

created in order to meet the minimum jobs requirement of paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) shall be subtracted from the minimum jobs requirement of this subparagraph (i);

(ii) The average annual wage of the jobs is at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the most recently published state average annual wage or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the qualified business or industry is located as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser. The criteria for the average annual wage requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of creation of the minimum number of jobs, and the threshold established at that time will remain constant for the duration of the additional period; and

(iii) The qualified business or industry meets and maintains the job and wage requirements of subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph (b) for four (4) consecutive calendar quarters.

(3) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(4) (a) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to meet the definition of the term "qualified business or industry";

(b) The criteria for the average annual salary requirement shall be based upon the state average annual wage or the average annual wage of the county whichever is appropriate, at the time of application, and the threshold established upon application will remain constant for the duration of the project;

(c) Except as otherwise provided for a qualified business or industry as defined in Section 57-62-5(a)(iii), the business or industry must meet its job creation commitment within twenty-four (24) months of the application approval. However, if the qualified business or industry is applying for incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the business or industry must comply with the applicable job and wage requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(5) (a) The MDA shall determine if the applicant is qualified to receive incentive payments.

(b) If the applicant is determined to be qualified to receive incentive payments for an additional period under subsection (2) of this section, the MDA shall conduct an analysis to estimate the amount of gross payroll for the appropriate additional period. Incentive payments, cumulatively, shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount of actual income tax withheld for employees with new direct jobs, but in no event more than four percent (4%) of the total annual salary paid for new direct jobs during the additional period, excluding benefits which are not subject to Mississippi income taxes. Once the qualified business or industry is approved by the MDA, an agreement shall be deemed to exist between the qualified business or industry and the State of Mississippi, requiring the continued incentive payment, together with any amount due pursuant to subsection (8) of this section, if applicable, to be made as long as the qualified business or industry retains its eligibility.

(6) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application and the minimum job and salary requirements. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility. In addition, the State Auditor may conduct performance and compliance audits under this chapter according to Section 7-7-211(o) and may bill the oversight agency.

(7) If the qualified business or industry is located in an area that has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area and as a result of the disaster the business or industry is unable to create or maintain the full-time jobs required by this section:

(a) The Commissioner of Revenue may extend the period of time that the business or industry may receive incentive payments for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years;



(b) The Commissioner of Revenue may waive the requirement that a certain number of jobs be maintained for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months; and

(c) The MDA may extend the period of time within which the jobs must be created for a period of time not to exceed twenty-four (24) months.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payment that a qualified business or industry is eligible to receive under this chapter is less than the amount that the incentive payment would have been if the payment had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment", as such term is used in this chapter shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

SECTION 21. Section 57-62-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-62-11. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Mississippi Advantage Jobs Incentive Payment Fund, into which shall be deposited withholding tax revenue required to be deposited into such fund pursuant to Section 27-7-312 and any other monies designated for deposit therein. The money in the fund shall be used for the purpose of making the incentive payments and grants authorized under this chapter.

(2) The Mississippi Advantage Jobs Incentive Payment Fund shall be administered by the Department of Revenue, and monies in the fund, less three percent (3%) to be retained by the Department of Revenue to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of the Department of Revenue in administering its duties under this chapter, shall be expended pursuant to the approved application. Amounts in the fund at the end of any fiscal year that are not necessary to make future incentive payments and grants shall be paid into the General Fund.

(3) The liability of the State of Mississippi to make the incentive payments and grants authorized under this chapter shall be limited to the balance contained in the fund.

SECTION 22. Section 57-99-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-99-1. As used in Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Qualified business or industry" means any company and affiliates thereof, pursuant to rules and regulations of the MDA, which is:

(i) A project that has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and creates at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) jobs within sixty (60) months of the beginning of the project;

(ii) A project that has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) and creates at least five hundred (500) jobs within seventy-two (72) months of the beginning of the project;

(iii) A project:

1. That has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii);

2. Creates at least twenty-five (25) jobs within sixty (60) months of the beginning of the project; and

3. In which the average annual wages and taxable benefits of the jobs created by such project are at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state or the most recently published average annual wage of the county in which the project is located, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, whichever is the lesser; or

(iv) A project:

1. That has been certified by the MMEIA as a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix);

2. That creates at least twenty-five (25) jobs within sixty (60) months following the date required by the MMEIA and prescribed by written agreement between the MMEIA and the enterprise establishing the project described in item 1 of this subparagraph (iv); and

3. In which the average annual wages of the jobs created by such project are at least one hundred ten percent (110%) of the most recently published average annual wage of the state, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

(b) "Qualified job" means full-time employment in this state within the project site of a qualified business or industry that has qualified to receive an incentive payment pursuant to Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9, which employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the qualified business or industry pursuant to the provisions of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9. "Qualified job" also shall include full-time employment in this state of employees who are employed by an entity other than the establishment that has qualified to receive an incentive payment such as employees who are leased to and managed by the qualified business or industry, if such employment did not exist in this state before the date of approval by the MDA of the application of the establishment; provided, however, that in order for a qualified business or industry to receive incentive payments for such employees, the actual employer of the employees must agree to such payments being made to the qualified business or industry.

(c) "Full-time employment" means a job of at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(d) "Rebate amount" means the amount of Mississippi income taxes withheld from employees in qualified jobs that is available for rebate to the qualified business or industry, provided that:

(i) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (d), the rebate amount shall be three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs; and

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in Section 57-99-3(5), in no event shall incentive payments exceed the actual Mississippi income taxes withheld from employees in qualified jobs that are available for rebate to the qualified business or industry.

(e) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(f) "MMEIA" means the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority.

SECTION 23. Section 57-99-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-99-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a qualified business or industry that meets the qualifications specified in Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 may receive quarterly incentive payments for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 in an amount which shall be equal to the lesser of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the wages and taxable benefits for qualified jobs or the actual amount of Mississippi income tax withheld by the employer for the qualified jobs. A qualified business or industry may elect the date upon which the incentive rebate period will begin. Such date may not be later than sixty (60) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments; however, in the case of a qualified business or industry described in Section 57-99-1(a)(ii), such date may not be later than seventy-two (72) months after the date the business or industry applied for incentive payments, or for a qualified business or industry described in Section 57-99-1(a)(iv), such date may not be later than the date that is sixty (60) months after the earlier of:

(a) The date the qualified business or industry applied for incentive payments; or

(b) The start of commercial production as defined in a definitive agreement between such qualified business or industry and the MDA.

(2) In order to receive incentive payments, an establishment shall apply to the MDA. The application shall be on a form prescribed by the MDA and shall contain such information as may be required by the MDA to determine if the applicant is qualified.

(3) In order to qualify to receive such payments, the establishment applying shall be required to:

(a) Be engaged in a qualified business or industry; and

(b) The business or industry must create and maintain the minimum number of qualified jobs as set forth in Section 57-99-1. Establishments that are approved as a qualified business or industry under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 may not receive incentive payments under Section 57-62-1 et seq.

(4) Upon approval of such an application, the MDA shall notify the Department of Revenue and shall provide it with a copy of the approved application. The Department of Revenue may require the qualified business or industry to submit such additional information as may be necessary to administer the provisions of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9. The qualified business or industry shall report to the Department of Revenue periodically to show its continued eligibility for incentive payments. The qualified business or industry may be audited by the Department of Revenue to verify such eligibility.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 to the contrary, from and after January 1, 2023, if the amount of the incentive payments that a qualified business or industry is eligible to receive under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 is less than the amount that the incentive payments would have been if the payments had been calculated using any applicable income tax rates in Section 27-7-5 that were in effect before January 1, 2023, then the qualified business or industry also shall receive a grant equal to the difference between such two (2) amounts. Further, the term "incentive payment", as such term is used in Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 shall be deemed to not refer to or otherwise include any grant payment payable to a qualified business or industry pursuant to this subsection.

SECTION 24. Section 57-99-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-99-5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "MMEIA Withholding Rebate Fund," into which shall be deposited withholding tax revenue required to be deposited into such fund pursuant to Section 27-7-312 and any other monies designated for deposit therein. The money in the fund shall be used for the purpose of making the incentive payments and grants authorized under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9.

(2) The liability of the State of Mississippi to make the incentive payments and grants authorized under Sections 57-99-1 through 57-99-9 shall be limited to the balance contained in the fund.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE ACT"; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR CERTIFICATION AND AWARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR THE CERTIFICATION AND AWARD OF THE MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO A QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY FOR A QUALIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; TO PRESCRIBE THE MEANS OF CALCULATING AND APPLYING SUCH INCENTIVE; TO PROHIBIT UTILIZATION OF CERTAIN OTHER INCENTIVES IN COMBINATION WITH THE MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR ANNUAL REPORTING BY A QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY, MODIFICATIONS TO PRIOR INCENTIVE AWARDS BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DEADLINES FOR THE UTILIZATION OF SUCH INCENTIVE; TO AUTHORIZE AUDITS BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND SHARING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN INCENTIVE AWARDEES BETWEEN STATE AGENCIES; TO CLARIFY THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IS GRANTED EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO CERTIFY, AWARD AND MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO A MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE FOR A

QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF A MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AS A CREDIT TO OFFSET WITHHOLDING TAX LIABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-311, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXCLUDE ANY MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE APPLIED AS A CREDIT TO OFFSET STATE INCOME TAX LIABILITY FROM THE ANNUAL STATEMENT REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE FOR AN EMPLOYEE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-13-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF A MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AS A CREDIT TO OFFSET FRANCHISE TAX LIABILITY OF MISSISSIPPI CORPORATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-13-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF A MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AS A CREDIT TO OFFSET FRANCHISE TAX LIABILITY OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE A DIRECT PAY PERMIT TO A QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY THAT IS AWARDED A MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 27-67-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE APPLICATION OF A MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE AS A CREDIT TO OFFSET STATE USE TAX LIABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELAY OR PRECLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED IN APPLICATIONS AND ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC RECORDS ACT OF 1983; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR ANY QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY WHICH IS CERTIFIED AS SUCH BY THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE ACT AND AWARDED A TAX INCENTIVE UNDER THE ACT FOR A QUALIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT; TO PROVIDE THAT FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, IF THE AMOUNT OF ANY MFLEX TAX INCENTIVE OR OTHER INCENTIVE THAT A QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR OTHER ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI FLEXIBLE TAX INCENTIVE ACT IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE MFLEX TAX INCENTIVE OR OTHER INCENTIVE THAT THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR OTHER ENTITY WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE OR TO USE IF THE MFLEX TAX INCENTIVE OR OTHER INCENTIVE HAD BEEN CALCULATED USING ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX RATES IN SECTION 27-7-5 THAT WERE IN EFFECT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, THEN THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR OTHER ENTITY SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCH TWO AMOUNTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-62-9 AND 57-62-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ARE SECTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ADVANTAGE JOBS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, IF THE AMOUNT OF THE INCENTIVE PAYMENT THAT A QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNDER SUCH ACT IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THAT THE INCENTIVE PAYMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THE PAYMENT HAD BEEN CALCULATED USING ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX RATES IN SECTION 27-7-5 THAT WERE IN EFFECT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, THEN THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY ALSO SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCH TWO AMOUNTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-99-1, 57-99-3 AND 57-99-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ARE SECTIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT WITHHOLDING REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, IF THE AMOUNT OF THE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS THAT A QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE UNDER SUCH PROGRAM IS LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THAT THE INCENTIVE PAYMENTS WOULD HAVE BEEN IF THE PAYMENTS HAD BEEN CALCULATED USING ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX RATES IN SECTION 27-7-5 THAT WERE IN EFFECT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023,

THEN THE QUALIFIED BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY ALSO SHALL RECEIVE A GRANT EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCH TWO AMOUNTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, David Parker, Dean Kirby

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Brent Powell

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, B, Horne. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27-71-5(d).

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2747: Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27 71 5(d).

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Juan Barnett  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Brent Powell, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan,

Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Horne, Owen, Scott, Williamson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Faulkner, Johnson, Ladner, Sanford. Total-5.

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2770: Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 27-7-22.40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.40. (1) The following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates:

(a) "Water transportation enterprise" means an enterprise or establishment primarily engaged in providing inland water transportation of cargo on lakes, rivers and/or intracoastal waterways, except on the Great Lakes System.

(b) "Mississippi full-time job" means a job created in the State of Mississippi on or after January 1, 2019, and filled by a Mississippi resident who works at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, any water transportation enterprise is allowed a job tax credit for taxes imposed by this chapter equal to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) annually for each Mississippi full-time job created for a period of five (5) years from the date the credit commences. A water transportation enterprise may not claim a tax credit for the reemployment of a person whose employment with the enterprise is terminated by the enterprise if the reemployment by the enterprise occurs within twelve (12) months from the date of the termination. The credit shall commence on the date selected by the enterprise. For the year in which the commencement date occurs, the credit will be determined based on the monthly average number of full-time employees employed by the water transportation enterprise in Mississippi full-time jobs subject to the

Mississippi income tax withholding. For each year thereafter, the number of Mississippi full-time jobs shall be determined by comparing the monthly average number of full-time employees employed at the water transportation enterprise in Mississippi full-time jobs subject to the Mississippi income tax withholding for the taxable year with the corresponding period of the prior taxable year. The Department of Revenue shall adjust the credit allowed each year for employment fluctuations.

(3) The credit that may be used each year shall be limited to an amount not greater than the total state income tax liability of the water transportation enterprise. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(4) \* \* \* The sale, merger, acquisition, reorganization, bankruptcy or relocation from one (1) county to another county within the state of any water transportation enterprise may not create new eligibility in any succeeding business entity, but any unused job tax credit may be transferred and continued by any transferee of the water transportation enterprise. The Department of Revenue shall determine whether or not qualifying net increases or decreases have occurred or proper transfers of credit have been made and may require reports, promulgate regulations, and hold hearings as needed for substantiation and qualification.

(5) The credits allowed under this section shall not be used by any business enterprise or corporation other than the water transportation enterprise actually qualifying for the credits.

(6) The maximum aggregate amount of tax credits that may be claimed by all taxpayers claiming a credit under this section in a taxable year shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

(7) Any water transportation enterprise that is eligible for the credit authorized in this section before January 1, \* \* \* 2026, shall be eligible for the credit authorized in this section, notwithstanding the repeal of this section, and shall be allowed to carry forward the credit after January 1, \* \* \* 2026, as provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(8) This section shall be repealed from and after January 1, \* \* \* 2026.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.40, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES AN INCOME TAX JOB CREDIT FOR ENTERPRISES THAT ARE PRIMARILY ENGAGED IN PROVIDING INLAND WATER TRANSPORTATION OF CARGO ON LAKES, RIVERS AND INTRACOASTAL WATERWAYS FOR EACH FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE EMPLOYED BY THE ENTERPRISE IN A MISSISSIPPI FULL-TIME JOB, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE CREDIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Daniel H. Sparks, Derrick T. Simmons  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Ladner, McLeod. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2223: Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the 2021 National Championship Bulldogs. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the President of Mississippi State University or his designee, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The President of Mississippi State University or his designee shall choose the first one hundred (100) tag numbers and provide them to the Department of Revenue.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag.



If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE 2021 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BULLDOGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Nicole Boyd, Jeremy England

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jody Steverson, Brent Powell, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

At 2:20 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 4:30 PM.

At 4:32 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Lewis McLeod, which motion prevailed.

Representative Eubanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Stacy Marie McKee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Patterson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Richard McCarthy, Edwin M. Catchot, Sr. , and Marie Covich Frentz, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Sonny" Lizana, Sr. , Mark McDonald, Phillip Patterson, George Miles, Keith Cuevas, and Diane King, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Horan and Reynolds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Arnold Wayne Carothers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Bruce Childers, which motion prevailed.

Representative Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brenda Sirabella, Charles Winter, Antonio Heredia, Elizabeth Daniels , Hezzie Watts, Josephine Powe, Betty Evans, Craig Breland, Carol Hawthorne, Joseph Johnson, Eva Deher Labega, Teraye Preston, Juan Harvey, Selbra Chambers, Larry Moffett, Almaudia Thorn, Pamela Conerly, Alvin Bester, Teri Jump, Essie Jackson, Stacy Smith, Russell Hendrix, Amos Fields, Cicero Tims, Michael Taylor, Margaret Lynch, Wade Bradley, Johnie Jefferson, Master Keegan Maurice, Barrett Pocklington, Billy Jackson, Peter Brown, Lillie Sutton, Stephen Supperer, Dannette Coleman, James Smith, Laura Bradley, George Crosby, and Ellen Theodore, which motion prevailed.

At 4:36 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

(EIGHTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Stanley McCrary, Pastor of Friendship M. B. Church, Columbus, MS.

Rep. Karriem led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks,

Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 89:** Legislature; extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority.

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections.

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

Adopted: 03/28/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

Adopted: 03/28/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1769:** Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. B. No. 2980:** City of Jackson; authorize to continue contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. C. R. No. 89:** (Representative White) Legislature; extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Rules.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**H. C. R. No. 89:** Legislature; extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**S. B. No. 2980:** City of Jackson; authorize to continue contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

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Head Page, Noah Carpenter, introduced the pages for the week:

Makaylah Allen	Jackson, MS
Markenzee Brown	Jackson, MS
D'Angela Dixon	Clinton, MS
Sophia Heffelfinger	Madison, MS
Chloe Nash	Jackson, MS
Austin Ratliff	Jackson, MS
Isaac Ratliff	Jackson, MS
Kristina Seymour	Madison, MS
Janiyah, Thomas	Raymond, MS

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2543:** (Department of Public Safety; revise provisions related to.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Beckett called up:

**J. R. No. 1:** Mississippi House of Representatives; reapportion.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BANKS AND SUMMERS:

AMEND by striking lines 450-458 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:  
"DISTRICT 67 -  
Hinds County - 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16\*, 18, 19, 2, 20, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, 4, 6, 8 and 9 Precincts.  
DISTRICT 68 -  
Hinds County - 47, 49, 50, 51, 52, 55, 56, 60, 61, 63\* and 64 Precincts.  
Rankin County - Cunningham Heights\*, Highland/Patrick Farms\*, Liberty\*, North Richland, South Pearson, South Richland\* and West Pearl\* Precincts."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on lines 29-804 by striking the language in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
"DISTRICT 1 -  
Alcorn County - Central\*, Five-Point, Glen, North Corinth\* and Pinecrest\* Precincts.  
Tishomingo County - Burnsville, Coles Mill, East Iuka, Hubbard-Salem, Iuka, North Burnsville, Paden, Spring Hill and Tishomingo Precincts.  
DISTRICT 2 -  
Alcorn County - Biggersville, Central\*, College Hill, East Corinth, Jacinto, Kossuth, North Corinth\*, Pinecrest\*, Rienzi, Shady Grove, South Corinth, Union Center\*, Wenasoga and West Corinth Precincts.  
DISTRICT 3 -  
Prentiss County - Baldwin\*, Blackland, Booneville, Crossroads, East Booneville, Hills Chapel-New Hope, Marietta, New Site, North Booneville, Odom Hill, Thrasher, Tuscumbia-New Chandler, West Booneville and Wheeler Precincts.  
DISTRICT 4 -  
Alcorn County - Bethel and Union Center\* Precincts.  
Tippah County.  
DISTRICT 5 -  
Marshall County - Byhalia\*, Cayce\*, Chulahoma, Early Grove\*, Hudsonville\*, Laws Hill, Marianna, Mt. Pleasant, N. Holly Springs Dist. 1\*, N. Holly Springs Dist. 2\*, North Cayce, Potts Camp\*, Redbanks, Slayden\*, South Holly Springs, Victoria, Wall Hill, Warsaw, Waterford\*, Watson and West Holly Springs Precincts.  
DISTRICT 6 -  
DeSoto County - Cumberland, Fairhaven\*, Greenbrook North\*, Lewisburg\*, Mineral Wells, Olive Branch North, Olive Branch South\*, Olive Branch West, Pleasant Hill North\* and Summershill\* Precincts.  
DISTRICT 7 -  
DeSoto County - Elmore\*, Greenbrook North\*, Greenbrook South, Pleasant Hill North\*, Southaven North, Southaven South\* and Summershill\* Precincts.  
DISTRICT 8 -  
DeSoto County - Alpha Cockrum\*, Bridgetown\*, Fairhaven\*, Ingram's Mill\*, Lewisburg\*, Lewisburg East, Olive Branch South\* and Pleasant Hill North\* Precincts.  
Tate County - Independence, Looxahoma, Palestine, Poagville 4, Poagville 5, Senatobia No.1\*, Senatobia No.4\*, Thyatira, Tyro and Wyatt Precincts.  
DISTRICT 9 -

Tate County - Arkabutla, Coldwater, Evansville, Senatobia 3, Senatobia No.1\*, Senatobia No.2, Senatobia No.4\* and Taylor Precincts.

Tunica County.

DISTRICT 10 -

Lafayette County - Airport Grocery, Anchor-Taylor 4, Burgess, College Hill, Harmontown, Oxford 4\*, Oxford 5\*, Taylor 3, Union West and West Spring Hill - Oxford 3\* Precincts.

Panola County - Blackjack Community Center\*, Cliff Finch, Eureka, Mt. Olivet and Panola County Extension Precincts.

DISTRICT 11 -

Panola County - Batesville Courthouse, Blackjack Community Center\*, Como, Courtland Baptist, Crowder, Enon, Macedonia-Concord Comm Center, Patton Lane Comm Center, Pope, Sardis Courthouse, Sardis Lake Fire Station, South Sardis, Tocowa and Union Fire Station Precincts.

DISTRICT 12 -

Lafayette County - Oxford 1\*, Oxford 2\*, Oxford 4\*, Oxford 5\* and West Spring Hill - Oxford 3\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 13 -

Benton County.

Lafayette County - Abbeville, Lafayette Springs, Oxford 1\*, Oxford 2\* and Philadelphia Precincts.

Marshall County - Bethlehem, Cornersville, Early Grove\*, Hudsonville\*, N. Holly Springs Dist. 1\*, N. Holly Springs Dist. 2\*, Potts Camp\*, Slayden\* and Waterford\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 14 -

Union County - B.F. Ford, Beacon Hill, Blue Springs, Blythe, Center, Central Maintenance, Courthouse, Glenfield, Imgomar, Keownville, Kings Chapel, Macedonia, Myrtle, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Pinedale, Sportsplex and West Union Precincts.

DISTRICT 15 -

Pontotoc County - Algoma, Bankhead, Bethel, Buchanan, Cherry Creek, Ecu, Friendship, Hurricane, Judah, Oak Hill, Pontotoc 1, Pontotoc 2, Pontotoc 3, Pontotoc 5, Randolph, Robbs, Sherman, Springville, Thaxton, Toccopola and Turnpike Precincts.

DISTRICT 16 -

Lee County - Old Union, Palmetto, Pleasant Grove, Shannon, Tupelo 3\*, Tupelo 4 North, Tupelo 4 South, Tupelo 5 and Verona Precincts.

DISTRICT 17 -

Lee County - Beech Springs, Belden\*, Bissell, Tupelo 1, Tupelo 2 and Tupelo 3\* Precincts.

Pontotoc County - Hoyle and Longview Precincts.

DISTRICT 18 -

Lee County - Baldwin, Belden\*, Birmingham Ridge, Cedar Hill, Euclautubba, Friendship, Guntown, Pratts, Saltillo and Unity Precincts.

Prentiss County - Baldwin\* and Ingram Precincts.

Union County - East Union, Jericho and Pleasant Ridge Precincts.

DISTRICT 19 -

Itawamba County - Centerville, Dorsey, Fawn Grove and Mantachie Precincts.

Lee County - Auburn, Brewer, Eggville, Fellowship, Gilvo, Hebron, Kedron, Mooreville, Nettleton, Petersburg, Plantersville, Richmond and Veteran's Park Precincts.

DISTRICT 20 -

Monroe County - Amory 1, Amory 2, Amory 5, Athens, Bartahatchie, Becker, Bigbee 1, Boyds, Central Grove, Greenwood Springs, Hamilton\*, Hatley, Lackey\*, Nettleton, North Greenwood Springs, Parham, Smithville, Williams and Wren Precincts.

DISTRICT 21 -

Itawamba County - Armory, Bigbee Fork/Evergreen, Bounds/Mt. Gilead, Cardsville, Carolina, Clay, Copeland, Friendship, Fulton District 1 Courthouse, Fulton District 4 American Legion, Fulton District 5 Firestation, Greenwood, Hampton/James Creek/Turon, Kirkville/Ozark, New Salem/Tilden, Pineville, Pleasanton, Ratliff, Ryan and Wigginton/Oakland/Tremont Precincts.

Tishomingo County - Belmont, Cotton Springs, Dennis, Golden and North Belmont Precincts.

DISTRICT 22 -



Calhoun County - Vardaman\* Precinct.

Chickasaw County

Pontotoc County - Beckham, Pontotoc 4, Troy, Woodland and Zion Precincts.

DISTRICT 23 -

Calhoun County - Banner, Bruce 1, Bruce 3, Calhoun City 1, Calhoun City 4, Derma 5, Northeast Calhoun, Pittsboro, Slate Springs and Vardaman\* Precincts.

Grenada County - Elliott, Futhyville, Geeslin\*, Gore Springs, Grenada Box 1 Southside Church of Christ\*, Mt. Nebo and Pleasant Grove Precincts

Lafayette County - Paris, Tula and Yocona Precincts.

Webster County - Bellefontaine, Cadaretta and Fame Precincts.

Yalobusha County - Coffeerville 5\*, One North\*, One South\*, Skuna Mills, Three North West\* and Two South East\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 24 -

DeSoto County - Bridgetown\*, DeSoto Central, Elmore\*, Nesbit East\*, Nesbit West\*, Northwest Community College and Pleasant Hill North\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 25 -

DeSoto County - Hernando West\*, Horn Lake Central, Horn Lake East\*, Horn Lake High School, Horn Lake Intermediate School\*, Horn Lake North\*, Horn Lake West\*, Lake Cormorant, Nesbit West\* and Walls Precincts.

DISTRICT 26 -

Coahoma County - Clarksdale 2, Clarksdale 3, Clarksdale 4 North, Clarksdale Courthouse, Coahoma, Dublin, Farrell\*, Friar's Point, Jonestown, Lula and Lyons Precincts.

Panola County - Crenshaw, Longtown and Pleasant Grove Precincts.

Quitman County.

Tate County - Sarah, Senatobia No.1\*, Sherrod, Strayhorn 1 and Strayhorn 2 Precincts.

DISTRICT 27 -

Leake County - Good Hope, Lena, North Carthage, Ofahoma, Salem, South Carthage, Walnut Grove, West Carthage and Wiggins Precincts.

Madison County - Camden, Cameron, Canton Catholic Parish Center, Canton Community Center\*, Canton South Liberty, Cedar Grove, Couparle, Farmhaven Fire Station, Pleasant Gift Church and Pleasant Green Precincts.

DISTRICT 28 -

DeSoto County - Alphaba Cockrum\*, Baker's Chapel, Bridgetown\*, Endora, Hernando Central, Hernando East, Hernando West\*, Lewisburg\*, Love and Nesbit East\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 29 -

Bolivar County - Cleveland Courthouse, Cleveland Eastgate, East Central Cleveland, East Cleveland, East Rosedale, Merigold, Mound Bayou, North Cleveland, Northwest Cleveland, Pace\*, Renova, Round Lake Gunnison Deeson\*, Shelby\*, West Central Cleveland, West Cleveland, West Rosedale and Winstonville Precincts.

DISTRICT 30 -

Bolivar County - Duncan/Alligator, Round Lake Gunnison Deeson\* and Shelby\* Precincts.

Coahoma County - Bobo, Cagle Crossing, Clarksdale 4, Clarksdale 5, Farrell\*, Rena Lara, Roundaway and Sasse St. Fire Station Precincts.

Sunflower County - Drew, Rome, Ruleville, Ruleville North and Sunflower Plantation Precincts.

Tallahatchie County - Brazil, Sumner Beat 2, Sumner Beat 5, Tutwiler, Webb Beat 2, Webb Beat 4 and Webb Beat 5 Precincts.

DISTRICT 31 -

Humphreys County - Belzoni North\*, Belzoni North 2\*, Central Belzoni\*, Four Mile, Gooden Lake and Isola Precincts.

Sunflower County - Boyer-Linn, Doddsville, Fairview-Hale, Indianola 2 East, Indianola 2 West, Indianola 3 North, Indianola 3 Northeast, Indianola 3 South, Indianola Southeast, Inverness, Moorhead\* and Sunflower\* Precincts.

Washington County - Arcola Technology Center\*, Darlove Baptist Church, Leland Health Department Clinic and Leland Rotary Club Precincts.

DISTRICT 32 -

Leflore County - Central Greenwood, East Greenwood, MVSU, North Greenwood\*, North Itta Bena, Northeast Greenwood, Rising Sun, South Greenwood, South Itta Bena, Southeast Greenwood, Southwest Greenwood and West Greenwood Precincts.

DISTRICT 33 -

Grenada County - Geeslin\*, Grenada Box 2\*, Grenada Box 3 and Grenada Box 4\* Precincts.

Tallahatchie County - Blue Cane, Cascilla\*, Charleston Beat 1, Charleston Beat 2, Charleston Beat 3, Enid, Leverette\*, Murphreesboro, Paynes, Rosebloom\*, Springhill, Teasdale and Tippto Precincts.

Yalobusha County - Coffeetown 4, Coffeetown 5\*, Oakland, One North\*, One South\*, Scobey, Sylva Rena, Three North West\*, Tillatoba, Two North East and Two South East\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 34 -

Carroll County - 430 School, Black Hawk, Fire Tower, Gravel Hill, Salem and West Carroll Precincts.

Grenada County - Geeslin\*, Grenada Box 1 Southside Church of Christ\*, Grenada Box 2\*, Grenada Box 4\*, Grenada Box 5, Holcomb Community Center and Sweethome Holcomb Precincts.

Holmes County - Acona, Cruger, Tchula\* and West\* Precincts.

Leflore County - Minter City, Money, Morgan City/Swiftown, North Greenwood\*, Schlater and Sidon Precincts.

Sunflower County - Moorhead\* and Sunflower\* Precincts.

Tallahatchie County - Cascilla\*, Glendora, Leverette\*, Philipp and Rosebloom\*.

DISTRICT 35 -

Attala County - Berea, Carmack, Ethel, Hesterville, Liberty Chapel, McCool, North Central, Possumneck, Providence, Thompson and Zama Precincts.

Choctaw County.

Leake County - East Carthage, Ebenezer, Edinburg, Freeny, Madden, Renfroe and Sunrise Precincts.

Winston County - County Agent\*, Mars Hill, New National Guard Armory\*, Noxapater, Shiloh and Zion Ridge Precincts.

DISTRICT 36 -

Clay County.

Monroe County - Aberdeen 3\*, Gibson, North Aberdeen 4\*, Prairie, South Aberdeen 4\* and Willis Precincts.

DISTRICT 37 -

Lowndes County - East Columbus Gym, First Assembly\*, Hunt\*, Immanuel, New Hope\*, Rural Hill, Southside Church\* and Trinity\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 38 -

Lowndes County - Artesia Precinct.

Oktibbeha County - Bell Schoolhouse, Center Grove/North Adaton, Central Starkville\*, Hickory Grove/Southeast Oktibbeha\*, Needmore Voting District\*, North Longview\*, North Starkville 2, North Starkville 3\*, Osborn, Sessums\*, South Longview\*, South Starkville\* and West Starkville\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 39 -

Lowndes County - Air Base, Brandon\*, Caledonia, First Assembly\*, Steens and University\* Precincts.

Monroe County - Aberdeen 3\*, Darracott, Hamilton\*, Lackey\*, North Aberdeen 4\* and South Aberdeen 4\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 40 -

DeSoto County - Colonial Hills, Horn Lake East\*, Horn Lake Intermediate School\*, Horn Lake North\*, Horn Lake West\*, Southhaven South\* and Southhaven West Precincts.

DISTRICT 41 -

Lowndes County - 15th Street Church, Brandon\*, Coleman, Crawford, First Assembly\*, Hunt\*, New Hope\*, Plum Grove, Southside Church\*, Townsend Park, Trinity\*, University\* and West Lowndes Precincts.

Oktibbeha County - Craig Springs/South Bradley, Hickory Grove/Southeast Oktibbeha\*, Needmore Voting District\*, Oktoc, Sessums\*, South Longview\*, South Starkville\* and Sturgis/North Bradley\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 42 -

Noxubee County.

Winston County - American Legion, County Agent\*, East Winston, Fairground, Lovorn Tractor, Mill Creek, Nanih Waiya and New National Guard Armory\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 43 -

Oktibbeha County - Central Starkville\*, East Starkville, Hickory Grove/Southeast Oktibbeha\*, Maben, Needmore Voting District\*, North Longview\*, North Starkville 3\*, Self Creek/Double Springs, South Adaton, South Longview\*, South Starkville\*, Sturgis/North Bradley\* and West Starkville\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 44 -

Neshoba County - Arlington, Bogue Chitto, Burnside, Center, Deemer, East Neshoba, Fairview, Forestdale, Fork, Fusky, Herbert, Hope, House, North Bend, Northeast Philadelphia, Northwest Philadelphia, Pearl River, South Philadelphia, Southeast Philadelphia, Tucker District 1, Tucker District 3 and Zephyr Hill Precincts.

DISTRICT 45 -

Kemper County - Band Building, City Hall And Fire Department, Courthouse, Farmers Market, Kellis Store, Kemper Springs, Lynville, Mt. Nebo Fire Station, Porterville, Preston and Satellite Precincts.

Lauderdale County - 14, 17\*, 2, 4, 5, 6, Center Ridge, Daleville, East Lauderdale\*, East Marion and Marion Precincts.

DISTRICT 46 -

Carroll County - Calvary, Carrollton, East Vaiden, Jefferson, McCarley, North Carrollton, Ray's Shop and West Vaiden Precincts.

Montgomery County.

Webster County - Big Black, Bluff Springs, Clarkson, Cumberland, Eupora 1, Eupora 2, Eupora 3, Fay, Grady, Maben, Mantee, Mathiston, Tomnolen and Walthall Precincts.

DISTRICT 47 -

Holmes County - Coxburg, Ebenezer, Lexington Beat 4\*, Lexington Beat 5, Tchula\* and Thornton Precincts.

Humphreys County - Belzoni North\*, Belzoni North 2\*, Belzoni South, Central Belzoni\*, Louise, Midnight, Putnam, Silver City and Wolf Lake/Lake City Precincts.

Yazoo County - Carter, Center Ridge, District 4 Ward 2, Dover, East Bentonia, Eden, Fairview, Free Run, Holly Bluff, Lake City, Mechanicsburg, Robinette, Satartia, Tinsley, Valley, Ward 4 and West Bentonia Precincts.

DISTRICT 48 -

Attala County - Aponaug, East, McAdams, Newport, Northeast, Northwest, Sallis, South Central, Southwest and Williamsville Precincts.

Holmes County - Beat 4 Walden Chapel, Durant, Goodman\*, Lexington Beat 1, Lexington Beat 4\*, Lexington East, Sandhill and West\* Precincts.

Leake County - Conway, Singleton and Thomastown Precincts.

DISTRICT 49 -

Bolivar County - Benoit, Beulah, Boyle, Choctaw, Longshot, Pace\*, Scott, Shaw, Skene, South Cleveland and Stringtown Precincts.

Washington County - Brent Center, Buster Brown Communication Center\*, Elks Club\*, Extension Building, Jakes Chapel M. B. Church\*, Lake Vista Masonic Lodge, Metcalfe City Hall, St. James Episcopal Church and Wards Recreation Center\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 50 -

Washington County - Arcola Technology Center\*, Buster Brown Communication Center\*, Covenant Presbyterian, Elks Club\*, Glen Allan Health Clinic, Hollandale City Hall, Jakes Chapel M. B. Church\*, Swiftwater Baptist Church, Tampa Drive, Wards Recreation Center\* and Washington County Convention Center Precincts.

DISTRICT 51 -

Holmes County - Goodman\* and Pickens Precincts.

Madison County - Canton Fire Station #4\*, Lake Caroline Clubhouse\*, Magnolia Heights and Mount Hope\* Precincts.

Yazoo County - 3-1 West, 3-2 East, 3-3 Jonestown, 3-4 South, Benton, Deasonville, East Midway, Fugates, Harttown, Ward 2, Ward 5, West Midway and Zion Precincts.

DISTRICT 52 -

DeSoto County - Fairhaven\*, Hack's Cross, Ingram's Mill\*, Miller, Olive Branch East and Olive Branch South\* Precincts.

Marshall County - Barton, Byhalia\* and Cayce\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 53 -

Lawrence County - Center, Cooper's Creek, Jayess, Oakvale, Tilton and Topeka Precincts.

Lincoln County - Bogue Chitto, East Lincoln, Enterprise, Fair River, Forrestry\*, Johnson, Johnson Grove\*, Norfield, Old Brook\* and Ruth Precincts.

Marion County - Darbun, Kokomo, Little Rock, Morgantown\* and Popetown\* Precincts.

Walthall County - Darbun, Dinan\*, District 3 Tylertown, District 4 Tylertown, District 4 West, East Tylertown, East Tylertown Sub A, Enon, Hope, North Knoxo\*, Sartinville, South Knoxo, Varnell, West Tylertown\* and West Tylertown Sub A Precincts.

DISTRICT 54 -

Issaquena County.

Sharkey County.

Warren County - 3-61 Store, Beechwood, Bovina\*, Brunswick, Culklin, Kings, Lee Road\*, Moose Lodge, Oakland, Plumbers Hall, Redwood\*, Tingleville and Y.M.C.A. Precincts.

DISTRICT 55 -

Claiborne County - District 3A, District 3B and District 4C Precincts.

Warren County - American Legion Hall, Auditorium, Cedar Grove, Cherry Street, Elks Lodge, Goodrum, Jett, Lee Road\*, No.7 Fire Station, St. Aloysius and Yokena Precincts.

DISTRICT 56 -

Hinds County - 22\*, 26\*, 84, 85, 86\*, 87, 88\*, Clinton 1\*, Clinton 2\*, Clinton 3, Clinton 4, Clinton 5, Clinton 6\*, Clinton 7\* and Pinehaven\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 57 -

Madison County - Anderson Lodge, Canton Bible Church, Canton Community Center\*, Canton Fire Station #4\*, Canton National Guard Armory, Canton St. Paul Methodist, Fellowship Bible Church, Gluckstadt\*, Grace Crossing, Greater Mt. Levi Church, Lake Caroline Clubhouse\*, Madison County Baptist Family Life Center and Mount Hope\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 58 -

Madison County - First Presbyterian, First Baptist, NorthBay, Ridgeland First Methodist Church\*, Ridgeland Recreational Center, Trace Ridge, Victory Baptist Church and Victory Christian Precincts.

DISTRICT 59 -

Madison County - New Life Precinct.

Rankin County - Castlewoods West\*, Fannin\*, Flowood Library\*, Grant's Ferry\*, Northshore\*, Reservoir East and Reservoir West Precincts.

DISTRICT 60 -

Rankin County - Brandon City Hall\*, Briarhill, Dry Creek\*, Greenfield, Highland/Patrick Farms, North Richland\*, South Pearson and Springhill\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 61 -

Rankin County - Crest Park, East Crossgates\*, Eldorado, Liberty\*, North Brandon\*, North McLaurin, Pearl City Hall, South McLaurin, Springhill\* and West Crossgates Precincts.

DISTRICT 62 -

Rankin County - Antioch-Mayton, Brandon Central\*, Brandon City Hall\*, Cato, Crossroads, Dry Creek\*, East Steens Creek\*, Johns, Puckett, Shiloh, South Brandon, Star and West Steens Creek\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 63 -

Claiborne County - District 4A/B, District 4D, District 5A and District 5B Precincts.

Hinds County - 91, 94\*, Byram 2, Cayuga, Chapel Hill, Dry Grove, Edwards\*, Learned, Raymond 2\*, Spring Ridge\*, Utica 1 and Utica 2 Precincts.

DISTRICT 64 -

Hinds County - 14\*, 32\*, 33, 34\*, 35\*, 36, 43\*, 44, 46, 78, 79 and 80 Precincts.

DISTRICT 65 -

Hinds County - 13, 14\*, 16\*, 17, 34\*, 35\*, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43\*, 45 and 82 Precincts.

DISTRICT 66 -

Hinds County - 94\*, 95, Byram 1, Byram 3, Old Byram\*, Spring Ridge\*, Terry 1\* and Terry 2 Precincts.

DISTRICT 67 -

Hinds County - 1, 10, 18, 19, 2, 20, 31, 4, 47\*, 50, 51, 52, 56, 57, 6 and 8 Precincts.

Rankin County - Cunningham Heights, North Richland\*, South Richland\* and West Pearl Precincts.

DISTRICT 68 -

Hinds County - 54, 55, 60\*, 61, 62, 88\*, 90\*, Bolton, Brownsville\*, Clinton 1\*, Clinton 2\*, Clinton 6\*, Clinton 7\*, Edwards\*, Pinehaven\*, Raymond 1, Raymond 2\*, Spring Ridge\*, St. Thomas and Tinnin\* Precincts.

Warren County - Bovina\* and Redwood\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 69 -

Hinds County - 47\*, 49, 58, 59, 63, 64, 67, 68, 69, 70, 73, 74, 75, 76, 89 and 90\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 70 -

Hinds County - 11, 12, 14\*, 16\*, 21, 22\*, 23, 24, 25, 26\*, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32\*, 60\*, 86\* and 9 Precincts.

Rankin County - Flowood Library\*, Holbrook and Liberty\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 71 -

Hinds County - 71, 72, 77, 92, 93, 96, 97 and Old Byram\* Precincts.

Rankin County - Cleary\*, East Steens Creek\*, South Richland\* and West Steens Creek\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 72 -

Hinds County - 81, 83, Brownsville\*, Cynthia, Pinehaven\*, Pocahontas and Tinnin\* Precincts.

Madison County - Colonial Heights, Ferns Chapel Freewill, Frankl in Baptist Church, Highland Colony Baptist Church\*, Mark Apartments, Ridgeland First Methodist Church\*, Tougaloo and Twin Lakes Baptist\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 73 -

Madison County - China Grove, Gluckstadt\*, Highland Colony Baptist Church\*, Lake Caroline Clubhouse\*, Parkway Church, Ridgeland First Methodist Church\*, SunnyBrook, Twin Lakes Baptist\* and Vertical Church Precincts.

DISTRICT 74 -

Rankin County - Brandon Central\*, Brandon City Hall\*, Castlewoods, Castlewoods West\*, East Crossgates\*, Grant's Ferry\*, Liberty\*, North Brandon\*, Northeast Brandon, Northshore\*, Oakdale\* and Pelahatchie\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 75 -

Rankin County - Fannin\*, Leesburg, Oakdale\*, Pelahatchie\* and Pisgah Precincts.

Scott County - Cooperville/Springfield, East-West Morton, Forkville, High Hill, Homewood, Liberty, North Forest, North Morton, Northeast Forest\*, Northwest Forest, Pulaski and South Forest Precincts.

DISTRICT 76 -

Copiah County - Carpenter, Centerpoint\*, Crystal Springs East, Crystal Springs North, Crystal Springs South, Crystal Springs West, Dentville, Gallman, Georgetown North, Hazlehurst East, Hazlehurst North, Hazlehurst South, Hazlehurst West and Martinsville Precincts.

Hinds County - Terry 1\* Precinct.

DISTRICT 77 -

Rankin County - Clear Branch, Cleary\* and Mountain Creek Precincts.

Simpson County - Braxton, Bridgeport, D'Lo, Dry Creek, Fork Church, Harrisville, Jupiter, Jupiter A, Magee 1\*, Magee 4-N, Magee 4N A, Magee 4-S, Mendenhall 1, Mendenhall 3, Merit, Oak Grove\*, Oak Grove A, Oak Grove B, Pearl, Pearl Sub A, Pinola, Shivers, Shivers A, Sumrall and Weathersby Precincts.

DISTRICT 78 -

Neshoba County - County Line, Dixon, Hays, McDonald and Neshoba Precincts.

Newton County - Conehatta, Decatur 1\*, Lawrence\*, Prospect, Scanlan, Union 1 and Union 3 Precincts.

Scott County - Clifton, Contrell, Harpersville, Hillsboro, Lake, Langs Mill, Ludlow, Northeast Forest\*, Salem, Sebastapol, Steele and Usry Precincts.

DISTRICT 79 -

Jasper County - Antioch, Bay Springs Beat 3, Bay Springs Beat 4, Louin, Montrose, Moss\* and Stringer Precincts.

Jones County - Gitano, Matthews and Soso Precincts.

Smith County.

DISTRICT 80 -

Jones County - Currie, Erata, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Building\*, Glade School\*, Lt. Ellis Center\*, Magnolia Center, North Laurel, Oak Park School, Parkview Baptist Church, Powers Comm. Ctr.\*, Sharon\* and West Ellisville\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 81 -

Clarke County - Carmichael, East Quitman\*, Energy, Enterprise\*, Hopewell, Manassa, North Quitman\*, Pierce's Springs, Rolling Creek, Snell, Stonewall Beat 3 and Union Precincts.

Lauderdale County - 17\*, 18, 19, Alamucha, Causeyville, Clarkdale, Culpepper, Kewanee, Mt. Gilead, Odom, Pickard, Russell, South Russell, Toomsaba, Valley, Vimville, Whynot and Zero Precincts.

DISTRICT 82 -

Lauderdale County - 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 3, 7, 8, 9, Meehan, Sageville and South Nellieburg Precincts.

DISTRICT 83 -

Kemper County - Ft. Stevens and Lynwood Precincts.

Lauderdale County - Andrews Chapel, Bailey, Center Hill, Collinsville, East Lauderdale\*, Martin, New Lauderdale, Obadiah, Prospect, Suqualena and West Dalewood Precincts.

Newton County - Chunky, Decatur 2, Duffee, Hickory\*, Little Rock and Union 2 Precincts.

DISTRICT 84 -

Clarke County - Beaverdam, Desoto, East Quitman\*, Enterprise\*, Harmony Beat 1, Harmony Beat 2, Langsdale, North Quitman\*, Oak Grove, Pachuta, Shubuta, Souinlovie, South Quitman and Stonewall Beat 1 Precincts.

Jasper County - Claiborne, Fellowship, Heidelberg, Holders, Midway, Moss\*, Palestine, Paulding, Philadelphia, Rose Hill and Vossburg Precincts.

Newton County - Decatur 1\*, Hickory\*, Lawrence\*, Newton 1, Newton 4 and Newton 5 Precincts.

DISTRICT 85 -

Claiborne County - District 1A, District 1B and District 2A/B Precincts.

Copiah County - Centerpoint\* Precinct.

Franklin County.

Jefferson County.

Lincoln County - Arlington, Caseyville, Vaughn and West Lincoln Precincts.

DISTRICT 86 -

Greene County - Jonathan\*, Jones, Leakesville\*, Mutual Rights, North Leakesville\*, Piave, State Line, Wade and Washington\* Precincts.

Wayne County - Beat 4 School, Big Rock, Buckatunna, Chaparral/Diamond, Chicora, Clara, Denham, Hiwannee, Matherville/Coit, Mozingo, State Line, Waynesboro 1, Waynesboro 2, Waynesboro 3, Waynesboro 4, Waynesboro 5, Winchester and Yellow Creek Precincts.

DISTRICT 87 -

Forrest County - Brooklyn, Carnes, Dantzler\*, Dixie\*, Maxie, Richburg\* and Timberton\* Precincts.

Lamar County - Lumberton, Mill Creek\*, Oak Grove\*, Okahola, Pine Grove, Purvis, Richburg\*, South Purvis, Wesley Manor\* and Yawn Precincts.

DISTRICT 88 -

Jones County - Antioch, Glade School\*, Johnson, Landrum Comm. Ctr., Lt. Ellis Center\*, Myrick, Ovett, Powers Comm. Ctr.\*, Rustin, Sandersville Civic Center, Sharon\*, Tuckers and Union Precincts.

Perry County - Hintonville, Holly Street, Indian Springs, McSwain, Prospect, Richton Multi-Purpose and Runnelstown Precincts.

Wayne County - Corinth, Eucutta, Pleasant Grove and Strengthford Precincts.

DISTRICT 89 -

Jones County - Blackwell, Bruce, Calhoun, Centerville, County Barn, G.V. Harrison Multipurpose Building\*, Hebron, Mauldin Comm. Center, Moselle, Pinegrove, Pleasant Ridge, Rainey, Sandhill, Shady Grove, Shelton and West Ellisville\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 90 -

Covington County.

Simpson County - Bowie, Magee 1\*, Magee 2, Magee 2 A, New Hope, Oak Grove\* and Saratoga Precincts.

DISTRICT 91 -

Jefferson Davis County.

Lawrence County - Arm, Courthouse, Hooker, Monticello Beat 5, National Guard Armory, Nola 91, Peyton Town, Silver Creek, Wanilla 91, West District 1 and West Monticello Precincts.

Lincoln County - Alexander Jr. High, Big Springs\*, Brignal/Rogers Circle\*, Forrestry\*, Government Complex\*, Heucks Retreat\*, High School and Pearlhaven Precincts.

DISTRICT 92 -

Copiah County - Beauregard, Georgetown South, Shady Grove, Strong Hope-Union and Wesson Precincts.

Lawrence County - Grange, New Hebron, Nola, Oma, Sontag, Stringer and Wanilla Precincts.

Lincoln County - Big Springs\*, Brignal/Rogers Circle\*, City Hall, Government Complex\*, Halbert Heights, Heucks Retreat\*, Johnson Grove\*, Lipsey School, Little Bahala, Loyd Star, Montgomery, New Sight, Old Brook\*, Old Red Star and Zetus Precincts.

DISTRICT 93 -

Hancock County - Catahoula, Crane Creek, Dedeaux, Diamondhead East\*, Diamondhead West, Fenton, Flat Top, Kiln East\*, Leetown and Standard Precincts.

Pearl River County - Caesar 3, Carriere 5\*, FZ Goss 4\*, Picayune/HAWL 5\*, Steep Hollow 3\* and Sycamore 5\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 94 -

Adams County - Airport, Bellemont\*, Carpenter, Concord, Convention Center, Courthouse, Duncan Park, Foster Mound, Liberty Park, Maryland, Morgantown, Northside School, Oakland, Palestine\*, Pine Ridge and Washington Precincts.

DISTRICT 95 -

Harrison County - Advance, County Farm/Gulfhaven\*, East Orange Grove\*, Lyman, New Hope\*, Riceville, Saucier\*, Vidalia, West Lizana and West Orange Grove\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 96 -

Adams County - Beau Pre, Bellemont\*, By-Pass Firestation, Kingston and Palestine\* Precincts.

Amite County - Amite River, Ariel, Berwick, Crosby, East Centreville, East Gloster, Gloster, Riceville, South Liberty\*, Tickfaw, Vance Park and Walls Precincts.

Pike County - Braswell Education Complex\*, Fernwood School\*, Magnolia Community Center, St. Mary of the Pines\* and West McComb Baptist Church\* Precincts.

Wilkinson County.

DISTRICT 97 -

Amite County - East Fork, East Liberty, Homochitto, Liberty, New Zion, Oneil, Smithdale, South Liberty\*, Tangipahoa and Zion Hill Precincts.

Pike County - American Legion Hut, Calvary Baptist Church, Church of Christ, Holmesville, Johnston Chapel Methodist Church, Old Jones School, Pike County National Bank, Pisgah Methodist Church, SMCC Work Force Training Center, Summit City Hall and West McComb Baptist Church\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 98 -

Pike County - Alpha Center Library, Braswell Education Complex\*, Fernwood School\*, Leggett Community, Martin Luther King Center, MEPA Building 98 East, New Hope Baptist Church, Osyka City Hall, South McComb Baptist Church, South Pike Community Center, St. Mary of the Pines\*, Summit Learning Center and Unity MBC Precincts.

Walthall County - Dinan\*, Lexie, Mesa, Midway, North Kirklin, Saint Paul, South Kirklin and West Tylertown\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 99 -

Lamar County - Baxterville, Greenville, Lake Serene\* and Midway Precincts.

Marion County - 5 South Columbia, Balls Mill, City Hall, Courthouse, East Columbia, Foxworth, Hub, Jefferson Middle School, National Guard, Pine Burr, Pittman, Popetown\* and Sandy Hook Precincts.

Walthall County - Dexter, Improve and North Knoxo\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 100 -

Forrest County - Eatonville\* and Rawls Springs\* Precincts.

Lamar County - Bellevue, Breland, Oloh, Rocky Branch and Sumrall Precincts.

Marion County - Carley, Cedar Grove, Goss, Morgantown\*, Morris and Union Precincts.

DISTRICT 101 -

Forrest County - Pinecrest\* and Thames School\* Precincts.

Lamar County - Arnold Line, Lake Serene\*, Lamar Park, Mill Creek\*, N E Lamar, Oak Grove\*, Richburg\* and Wesley Manor\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 102 -

Forrest County - Camp School, Court Street, Dixie Pine-Central\*, Hardy Street, Lillie Burney School, Richburg\*, Rowan School, Sigler Center\*, Thames School\*, Timberton\*, Train Depot and Westside Precincts.

DISTRICT 103 -

Forrest County - Eatonville\*, Eureka School, Glendale, Hattiesburg Cultural Center, Highland Park, North Heights, Pinecrest\*, Rawls Springs\*, Sigler Center\* and West Hills Precincts.

Lamar County - Wesley Manor\* and Westover Precincts.

DISTRICT 104 -

Forrest County - Barrontown-Macedonia, Dantzler\*, Dixie\*, Dixie Pine-Central\*, East Petal, Leeville, Mclaurin, Petal Masonic Lodge, Sheeplo, Sunrise and West Petal Precincts.

DISTRICT 105 -

George County - Barton\*, Basin School\*, Benndale Crossing, Broom School, Central School\*, Davis School and Salem School Precincts.

Perry County - Arlington, Beaumont City Hall, Beaumont Library, Deep Creek, Janice, N.A. Courthouse, New Augusta Elementary and Thompson Hill Precincts.

Stone County - American Legion\*, Big Level, Bond, Courthouse, Flint Creek, McHenry Fire Station\*, New Hope\*, Old Hospital, Perkinson\*, Pleasant Hill, Ten Mile and Tuxachanie Precincts.

DISTRICT 106 -

Pearl River County - Amackertown 2, Carriere 3\*, Carriere 5\*, Crossroads 2, Derby 1, Gum Pond/Hickory Grove 3, Henleyfield 2, McNeill 3, Mill Creek 2, Picayune 1 East\*, Poplarville 1, Poplarville 2, Poplarville 3, Progress 3, Spring Hill 2, Steep Hollow 3\* and Whitesand 1 Precincts.

Stone County - American Legion\*, Elarbee, Magnolia, McHenry Fire Station\*, McHenry Library, New Hope\* and Perkinson\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 107 -

George County - Agricola, Barton\*, Basin School\*, Bexley School, Central School\*, Courthouse, Howell School, Lucedale City Hall, Lucedale Middle School, Movella, Multi-Mart, Multipurpose Building, Pine Level, Rocky Creek, Shady Grove, Shipman, Twin Creek and Ward Precincts.

Greene County - Jonathan\*, Leaf, Leakesville\*, Maples, McLain, North Leakesville\*, Vernal and Washington\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 108 -

Pearl River County - Carriere 3\*, Carriere 5\*, FZ Goss 4\*, Nicholson 4, Picayune 1 East\*, Picayune 1 Southside, Picayune 2, Picayune 4, Picayune/HAWL 5\*, Pine Grove 4 and Sycamore 5\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 109 -

Jackson County - Big Point, Carterville, East Central, Escatawpa A, Escatawpa B, Hickory Hills A, Hwy 57, Larue, North Vancleave, Orange Grove B, Red Hill, South Vancleave, South Vancleave A, South Vancleave B and South Vancleave C Precincts.

DISTRICT 110 -

Jackson County - Eastlawn\*, Escatawpa C\*, Fair, Fair C, Fair D, Jefferson Street, North Pascagoula, Pinecrest, Pinecrest B, Pinecrest C, Presbyterian\*, Presbyterian B, Rec Center, Sue Ellen, YMBC/Dantzler and YMBC\_Dantzler B Precincts.



DISTRICT 111 -

Jackson County - Eastlawn\*, Escatawpa, Escatawpa C\*, Fair H, Fountainbleau, Fountainbleau A, Gautier\*, Gulf Park Estates\*, Orange Grove, Presbyterian\*, Presbyterian A, Sacred Heart, Sacred Heart A and Sue Ellen A Precincts.

DISTRICT 112 -

Jackson County - Fountainbleau B, Fountainbleau C, Fountainbleau D, Gautier\*, Gautier A, Gautier B, Grace Baptist, Grace Baptist A\*, Grace Baptist B, Hickory Hill and West Jackson B Precincts.

DISTRICT 113 -

Jackson County - Grace Baptist A\*, Gulf Park Estates\*, Latimer\*, Ocean Springs Armory, Ocean Springs Civic Center A, Ocean Springs Civic Center B, Ocean Springs Comm Center, Villia Maria\*, West Jackson, West Jackson A and West Jackson C Precincts.

DISTRICT 114 -

Harrison County - Howard Creek\*, North Bay\* and White Plains Precincts.

Jackson County - Latimer\*, St. Martin, St. Martin C and Villia Maria\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 115 -

Harrison County - Bay Central\*, Biloxi #10\*, Biloxi #8, Biloxi Bay\*, Biloxi Central, East Biloxi and North Bay\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 116 -

Harrison County - Bay Central\*, Bayou View\*, Howard Creek\*, Margaret Sherry, New Popp's Ferry, Peace, Poplar Head, Saucier\*, Stonewall\* and West Handsboro\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 117 -

Harrison County - Bay Central\*, Biloxi #10\*, Biloxi #11, Biloxi Bay\*, East Handsboro, East Mississippi City, Gulfport #16\* and West Mississippi City\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 118 -

Harrison County - Bayou View\*, East North Gulfport\*, East Orange Grove\*, Gulfport #16\*, Magnolia Grove\*, New Hope\*, North Bel-Aire, South Bel-Aire\*, Stonewall\*, West Handsboro\* and West Mississippi City\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 119 -

Harrison County - East North Gulfport\*, Gulfport #13\*, Gulfport #14, Gulfport #16\*, Gulfport #3, Gulfport #5, Gulfport #8, Magnolia Grove\*, Outside Long Beach\*, South Bel-Aire\*, West Mississippi City\*, West North Gulfport and Westside\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 120 -

Harrison County - Delisle\*, East Long Beach, East Pass Christian, Gulfport #13\*, Long Beach #5, Long Beach #6, Outside Long Beach\*, Pineville\*, West Long Beach, West Pass Christian and Westside\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 121 -

Hancock County - Diamondhead East\* Precinct.

Harrison County - County Farm/Gulfhaven\*, Delisle\*, East Orange Grove\*, Ladner, Pineville\* and West Orange Grove\* Precincts.

DISTRICT 122 -

Hancock County - Arlington, Bayou Phillip, City Hall, Courthouse, Edwardsville, Garden Isle, Kiln East\*, Kiln West, Lakeshore, North Bay East, North Bay West and Pearlinton, South Bay, Waveland East, Waveland West and West Shoreline Park Precincts."

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott,

Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--78.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Burnett, Huddleston, Yates. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

**YEAS AND NAYS ON J. R. No. 1.** On motion of Rep. Beckett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution was adopted title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bell, C, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Goodin, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Miles, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Beckett unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Rep. Banks unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

I voted for this resolution because Rep. Summers, of Hinds County, had been paired with me. Her district, House District 68, had been moved to downtown Jackson and Rankin County. The Chairman of the committee agreed to an amendment to unpair by her amendment - to change her precincts to tie her back into House District 68, which she has. The agreement was also that she and I would vote for the plan upon final passage, which I did. Otherwise, I would not have voted for the plan.

On motion of Rep. Brown (20th) unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

I voted No on Joint Resolution No. 1 because the committee did not provide street maps of the proposed districts before the vote. I could not vote on legislation before I had all the pertinent information.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

Rep. Beckett moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Holloway introduced the Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team and the Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team, House Resolution No. 117 and House Resolution No. 118.

Representative Clarke introduced the Jackson State Women's Basketball Team and commended them on their 2022 Regular Season Championship, as well as the 2022 SWAC Championship.

At 11:29 AM on motion of Rep. Rushing the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit, revise distance restrictions for certain locations.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 918: Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or

redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for

personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize

the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including



native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 67-1-51.1, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(v) Food truck permit. A food truck permit shall authorize the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit to use a food truck to sell alcoholic beverages off its premises to guests who must consume the beverages in open containers. For the purposes of this paragraph (v), "food truck" means a fully encased food service establishment on a motor vehicle or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport, and from which a vendor, standing within the frame of the establishment, prepares, cooks, sells and serves food for immediate human consumption. The term "food truck" does not include a food cart that is not motorized. Food trucks shall maintain such distance requirements from schools, churches, kindergartens and funeral homes as are required for on-premises retailer's permittees under this chapter, and all sales must be made within a valid leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Food trucks cannot sell or serve alcoholic beverages unless also offering food prepared and cooked within the food truck, and permittees must maintain a twenty-five percent (25%) food sale revenue requirement based on the food sold from the food truck alone. The hours allowed for sale shall be the same as those for on-premises retailer's permittees in the location. This permit will not be required for the holder of a caterer's permit issued under this chapter to cater an event as allowed by law. Permittees must provide notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to the department of each location at which alcoholic beverages will be sold.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten

or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at the southeast corner of Ward and Tate Streets in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(h) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions and (i) is capable of seating more than seven hundred fifty (750) people, (ii) is owned by a municipality which has a population greater than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, (iii) was constructed prior to 1930, (iv) is on the National Register of Historic Places and (v) is located in a historic district.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or rectifier's:

(i) For a permittee with annual production of  
five thousand (5,000) gallons or more..... \$4,500.00  
(ii) For a permittee with annual production under five  
thousand (5,000) gallons ..... \$2,800.00

(b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine  
manufacturer ..... \$1,800.00

(c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine  
manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof produced ..... \$ 10.00

(d) Manufacturer's permit, Class 4, native spirit  
manufacturer per one thousand (1,000) gallons or part thereof produced ..... \$ 300.00

(e) Native wine retailer's permit..... \$ 50.00

(f) Package retailer's permit, each..... \$ 900.00

(g) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and common carriers, each....\$  
450.00

(h) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than five percent (5%) alcohol  
by weight, but not more than twenty-one percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each\$ 225.00

(i) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs..... \$ 225.00

(j) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers, per car, plane, or other  
vehicle..... \$ 120.00

(k) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other provision of law, solicitor's permits  
shall be issued only in the discretion of the department..... \$ 100.00

(l) Filing fee for each application except for an employee identification card.....\$  
25.00

(m) Temporary permit, Class 1, each..... \$ 10.00

(n) Temporary permit, Class 2, each..... \$ 50.00

(o) (i) Caterer's permit..... \$ 600.00

(ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises retailer's permit..... \$ 150.00

(p) Research permit..... \$ 100.00

(q) Temporary permit, Class 3 (wine only) ..... \$ 10.00

(r) Special service permit ..... \$ 225.00

(s) Merchant permit..... \$ 225.00

(t) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit ..... \$ 10.00

(u) Event venue retailer's permit ..... \$ 225.00

(v) Temporary theatre permit, each..... \$ 10.00

(w) Charter ship operator's permit..... \$ 100.00

(x) Distillery retailer's permit..... \$ 450.00

(y) Festival wine permit..... \$ 10.00

(z) Charter vessel operator's permit ..... \$ 100.00

(aa) Native spirit retailer's permit..... \$ 50.00

(bb) Delivery service permit ..... \$ 500.00

(cc) Food truck permit.....\$ 100.00

In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (l) of this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in advance of doing business. A new permittee whose privilege tax is determined by production volume will pay the tax for the first year in accordance with department regulations. The additional privilege tax imposed for an on-premises retailer's permit based upon purchases shall be due and payable on demand.

Paragraph (y) of this subsection shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor, a temporary permittee or a delivery service permittee, by the department, an additional license tax equal to the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located.

(b) (i) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(g), (h), (i), (n) and (u) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(o) and (s) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(iii) Any person who has paid the additional privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the sum of the two (2) figures.

(c) If the licensee is located within a municipality, the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the department to the respective local government subdivisions shall be made once each month for any collections during the preceding month.

(3) When an application for any permit, other than for renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered within a twelve-month period.

(4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the undesirability of the proposed location.

(5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant, club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE A FOOD TRUCK PERMIT UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER OF AN ON-PREMISES RETAILER'S PERMIT TO USE A FOOD TRUCK TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OFF ITS PREMISES TO GUESTS WHO MUST CONSUME THE BEVERAGES IN OPEN CONTAINERS; TO DEFINE THE TERM "FOOD TRUCK"; TO PROVIDE THAT FOOD TRUCKS MUST MAINTAIN SUCH DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS FROM SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, KINDERGARTENS AND FUNERAL HOMES AS ARE REQUIRED FOR ON-PREMISES RETAILER'S PERMITTEES AND THAT SALES MUST BE MADE WITHIN A VALID LEISURE AND RECREATION DISTRICT; TO PROVIDE THAT FOOD TRUCKS CANNOT SELL OR SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES UNLESS ALSO OFFERING FOOD PREPARED AND COOKED WITHIN THE FOOD TRUCK AND PERMITTEES MUST MAINTAIN A 25% FOOD SALE REVENUE REQUIREMENT BASED ON THE FOOD SOLD FROM A FOOD TRUCK ALONE; TO PROVIDE THAT A FOOD TRUCK PERMIT HOLDER MUST PROVIDE NOTICE OF NOT LESS THAN 48 HOURS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF EACH LOCATION AT WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE SOLD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MANUFACTURING, SALE OR STORAGE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS WITHIN CERTAIN DISTANCES OF CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND FUNERAL HOMES SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE SALE OR STORAGE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE PRIVILEGE TAX REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A FOOD TRUCK PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Rob Roberson, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--105.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Mangold. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Bennett, Clark, Eure, Haney, Horne, Huddleston, Patterson, Sanford, Scott, Zuber. Total-11.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Zuber called up the conference reports on the following bills:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on.

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

Rep. Zuber moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium authority/allow surcharge on tobacco use.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2336: State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-15-15. (1) The board is authorized to determine the manner in which premiums and contributions by the state agencies, local school districts, colleges, universities, community/junior colleges and public libraries shall be collected to provide the self-insured health insurance program for employees as provided under this article. The state shall provide fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the above life insurance plan for all active full-time employees. The state shall provide one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan for active full-time employees initially employed before January 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided in this section. For active full-time employees initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the state shall provide one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of a basic level of health insurance, except as otherwise provided in this section, and the employees may pay additional amounts to purchase additional benefits or levels of coverage offered under the plan. The board, if determined to be necessary, may assess active full-time employees a portion of the active employee premium in an amount not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) per month, notwithstanding any language in this section to the contrary. All active full-time employees shall be given the opportunity to purchase coverage for their eligible dependents with the premiums for such dependent coverage, as well as the employee's fifty percent (50%) share for his life insurance coverage, to be deductible from the employee's salary by the agency, department or institution head, which deductions, together with the fifty percent (50%) share of such life insurance premiums of such employing agency, department or institution head from funds appropriated to or authorized to be expended by the employing agency, department or institution head, shall be deposited directly into a depository bank or special fund in the State Treasury, as determined by the board. These funds and

interest earned on these funds may be used for the disbursement of claims and shall be exempt from the appropriation process.

(2) The state shall provide annually, by line item in the Mississippi Library Commission appropriation bill, such funds to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of health insurance under the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan, or any lesser percentage of the cost that is not assessed to the employees by the board, for full-time library staff members in each public library in Mississippi initially employed before January 1, 2006. For full-time library staff members initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the state shall provide one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of a basic level of health insurance under the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan, or any lesser percentage of the cost that is not assessed to the employees by the board, and the employees may pay additional amounts to purchase additional benefits or levels of coverage offered under the plan. The commission shall allot to each public library a sufficient amount of those funds appropriated to pay the costs of insurance for eligible employees. Any funds so appropriated by line item which are not expended during the fiscal year for which such funds were appropriated shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year. If any premiums for the health insurance and/or late charges and interest penalties are not paid by a public library in a timely manner, as defined by the board, the Mississippi Library Commission, upon notice by the board, shall immediately withhold all subsequent disbursements of funds to that public library.

(3) The state shall annually provide one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan, or any lesser percentage of the cost that is not assessed to the employees by the board, for public school district employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours during each week and regular nonstudent school bus drivers, if such employees and school bus drivers were initially employed before January 1, 2006. For such employees and school bus drivers initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the state shall provide one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of a basic level of health insurance under the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan, or any lesser percentage of the cost that is not assessed to the employees by the board, and the employees may pay additional amounts to purchase additional benefits or levels of coverage offered under the plan. Where federal funding is allowable to defray, in full or in part, the cost of participation in the program by district employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours during the week and regular nonstudent bus drivers, whose salaries are paid, in full or in part, by federal funds, the allowance under this section shall be reduced to the extent of such federal funding. Where the use of federal funds is allowable but not available, it is the intent of the Legislature that school districts contribute the cost of participation for such employees from local funds, except that parent fees for child nutrition programs shall not be increased to cover such cost.

(4) The state shall provide annually, by line item in the community/junior college appropriation bill, such funds to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan, or any lesser percentage of the cost that is not assessed to the employees by the board, for community/junior college district employees initially employed before January 1, 2006, who work no less than twenty (20) hours during each week. For such employees initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the state shall provide one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of a basic level of health insurance under the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan, or any lesser percentage of the cost that is not assessed to the employees by the board, and the employees may pay additional amounts to purchase additional benefits or levels of coverage offered under the plan.

(5) When the use of federal funding is allowable to defray, in full or in part, the cost of participation in the insurance plan by community/junior college district employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours during each week, whose salaries are paid, in full or in part, by federal funds, the allowance under this section shall be reduced to the extent of the federal funding. Where the use of federal funds is allowable but not available, it is the intent of the Legislature that community/junior college districts contribute the cost of participation for such employees from local funds.

(6) Any community/junior college district may contribute to the cost of coverage for any district employee from local community/junior college district funds, and any public school district may contribute to the cost of coverage for any district employee from

nonminimum program funds. Any part of the cost of such coverage for participating employees of public school districts and public community/junior college districts that is not paid by the state shall be paid by the participating employees, which shall be deducted from the salaries of the employees in a manner determined by the board.

(7) Any funds appropriated for the cost of insurance by line item in the community/junior colleges appropriation bill which are not expended during the fiscal year for which such funds were appropriated shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

(8) The board may establish and enforce late charges and interest penalties or other penalties for the purpose of requiring the prompt payment of all premiums for life and health insurance permitted under this chapter. All funds in excess of the amount needed for disbursement of claims shall be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the State and School Employees Insurance Fund. The State Treasurer shall invest all funds in the State and School Employees Insurance Fund and all interest earned shall be credited to the State and School Employees Insurance Fund. Such funds shall be placed with one or more depositories of the state and invested on the first day such funds are available for investment in certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements or in United States Treasury bills or as otherwise authorized by law for the investment of Public Employees' Retirement System funds, as long as such investment is made from competitive offering and at the highest and best market rate obtainable consistent with any available investment alternatives; however, such investments shall not be made in shares of stock, common or preferred, or in any other investments which would mature more than one (1) year from the date of investment. The board shall have the authority to draw from this fund periodically such funds as are necessary to operate the self-insurance plan or to pay to the insurance carrier the cost of operation of this plan, it being the purpose to limit the amount of participation by the state to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the life insurance program and not to limit the contracting for additional benefits where the cost will be paid in full by the employee. The state shall not share in the cost of coverage for retired employees.

(9) The board shall also provide for the creation of an Insurance Reserve Fund and funds therein shall be invested by the State Treasurer with all interest earned credited to the State and School Employees Insurance Fund.

(10) Any retired employee electing to purchase retired life and health insurance will have the full cost of such insurance deducted monthly from his State of Mississippi retirement plan check or direct billed for the cost of the premium if the retirement check is insufficient to pay for the premium. If the board determines actuarially that the premium paid by the participating retirees adversely affects the overall cost of the plan to the state, then the board may impose a premium surcharge, not to exceed fifteen percent (15%), upon such participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who were initially employed before January 1, 2006. For participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare eligibility and who were initially employed on or after January 1, 2006, the board may impose a premium surcharge in an amount the board determines actuarially to cover the full cost of insurance.

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( \*\* \*11) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, \*\* \* 2026.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR IMPOSING A SURCHARGE BASED ON THE USE OR NONUSE OF TOBACCO-RELATED PRODUCTS, AND TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD TO COLLECT PREMIUM PAYMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Michael McLendon, Hillman Terome Frazier



CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Oscar Denton

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2357: Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Kevin Blackwell, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Robin Robinson

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2669: Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Joseph Thomas, Dean Kirby

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Lee Yancey

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Huddleston, Karriem. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2738: Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on lines 86 and 87 by deleting the phrase ", and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022"

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Nicole Boyd, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 453:** Tourism; establish programs for certain assistance, designate "One Mississippi" as contemporary music genre official State Song.

Rep. Currie moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 586: Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Chapter 429, Laws of 2021, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) The Sheriffs of Rankin County, Harrison County and Lee County \* \* \* are authorized to establish a Pilot Work Release Program. No person sentenced for a crime listed in Section 97-3-2 shall be eligible for participation in the program established under this act. During the pilot phase of the program, there shall be a limit of twenty-five (25) people in the program at a time.

(2) The sheriff shall collect and maintain data which shall be shared semiannually with the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) and the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force in sortable electronic format. The first report shall be made before January 15, 2022, and in six-month intervals thereafter. The data shall include:

- (a) Total number of participants at the beginning of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (b) Total number of participants at the end of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (c) Total number of participants who began the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (d) Total number of participants who successfully completed the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (e) Total number of participants who left the program in each month and reason for leaving by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (f) Total number of participants who were arrested for a new criminal offense while in the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (g) Total number of participants who were convicted of a new crime while in the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (h) Total number of participants who completed the program and were convicted of a new crime within three (3) years of completing the program;
- (i) Total amount earned by participants and how the earnings were distributed in each month;
- (j) Results of any initial risk and needs assessments conducted on each participant by race, gender, and offenses charged; and
- (k) Any other data or information as requested by the task force.

(3) Any person who has been sentenced to confinement in jail or who has been sentenced for a felony conviction but is confined in a jail may request assignment to the work release program established under this act. Admission to the program shall be in the discretion of the sheriff. The sheriff may further authorize the offender to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs designed to supplement his work release employment or to prepare the person for successful reentry. No offender shall be eligible for this program if he or she has more than one (1) year remaining on his or her sentence.

(4) The sheriff shall adopt and publish rules and regulations prior to accepting inmates. These rules and regulations shall at a minimum include all requirements for work release programs established pursuant to Sections 47-5-451 through 47-5-471. Participating employers shall pay no less than the prevailing wage for the position and shall under no circumstance pay less than the federal minimum wage.

(5) Any offender assigned to such a program by the sheriff who, without proper authority or just cause, leaves the area to which he has been assigned to work or attend educational or other rehabilitative programs, or leaves the vehicle or route of travel involved in his or her going to or returning from such place, will be guilty of escape as provided in Section 97-9-49. An offender who is found guilty under this section shall be ineligible for further participation in a work release program during his or her current term of confinement.

(6) The offender shall maintain an account through a local financial institution and shall provide a copy of a check stub to the sheriff. The offender may be required to pay up to twenty-five percent (25%) of his or her wages after mandatory deductions for the following purposes:

(a) To pay support of dependents or to the Mississippi Department of Human Services on behalf of dependents as may be ordered by a judge of competent jurisdiction; and

(b) To pay any fines, restitution, or costs as ordered by the court to include any fines and fees associated with obtaining a valid driver's license upon release.

(7) The inmate shall have access to his account to purchase incidental expenses.

(8) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall conduct a review of the work release program established under this act and produce a report to the Legislature on their effectiveness by December 1, 2022. The PEER Committee shall seek the assistance of the Corrections and Criminal Justice Task Force and may seek assistance from any other criminal justice experts it deems necessary during its review.

(9) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, \*\*\* 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall be codified in Chapter 5, Title 47, Mississippi Code of 1972, and the corresponding Editor's Note shall be deleted.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 429, LAWS OF 2021, TO AUTHORIZE HARRISON COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A PILOT WORK RELEASE PROGRAM; TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE PILOT WORK RELEASE PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Fred Shanks, Randy Rushing

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Daniel H. Sparks, Joel R. Carter, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; revise composition of board of directors of corporation.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 863: "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-535, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-535. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it is the intent of the Legislature that a nonprofit corporation be organized and formed, within sixty (60) days from April 4, 1990, to lease and manage the prison industry programs of the Mississippi Correctional Industries. The corporation created and established shall be a body politic and corporate, may acquire and hold real and personal property, may receive, hold and dispense monies appropriated to it by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi received from the federal government, received from the sale of products, goods, and services which it produces, and received from any other sources whatsoever.

(2) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it is the further intent of the Legislature that the nonprofit corporation shall create any additional prison industry program as it deems fit, and any such program shall be created in compliance with the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

(3) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it is the further intent of the Legislature that such nonprofit corporation shall have exclusive rights to operate any prison industry program and when such corporation is lawfully formed, no other public or private entity shall be allowed to carry out the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

(4) It is the further intent of the Legislature, that the nonprofit corporation which is required to be organized and formed under Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575 shall locate and operate prison industries at any state correctional facility with the approval of the Commissioner of Corrections. It is the intent of the Legislature that the nonprofit corporation locate and operate such industries in an orderly and expeditious manner. Such corporation may locate and operate prison industries at other prison satellites, at community work centers in the state, at any private correctional facility which houses state inmates and at any regional correctional facility as authorized under Section 47-5-931. No industrial prison program shall be located at a site other than state prison facilities approved by the commissioner.

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SECTION 2. Section 47-5-539, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2437, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

47-5-539. For the purposes of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, the following terms shall have the following \*\*\* meaning unless the context shall provide otherwise:

(a) "Chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the corporation established under this chapter.

(\*\*b) "Corporation" means the private nonprofit corporation which is required to be organized and formed to carry out the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575 regarding prison industries.

(\*\*c) "Department" means the State Department of Corrections.

(\*\*d) "Inmate" means any person incarcerated within any state correctional facility.

(\*\*e) "Prison industry program" means any program which is considered to be a part of any prison industry in this state.

(\*\*f) "Prison agricultural enterprises" means all agricultural endeavors as defined in Section 47-5-353.

(g) "Work Initiative" or "initiative" means the program authorized in Section 47-5-579.

SECTION 3. Section 47-5-541, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-541. (1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The terms of the board of directors in place before July 1, 2022, shall expire June 30, 2022. From and after July 1, 2022, the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall be composed of the following \*\*\* five (5) members \*\*\*: \*\*\*

(a) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee;

(b) One (1) representative of the faith-based community, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(c) One (1) representative of the business community, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(d) The Executive Director of AccelerateMS or his or her designee; and

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board or his or her designee.

\*\*\* For the initial appointments, \*\*\* the representative of the faith-based community shall serve for a term of one (1) year; the representative of the business community shall serve for a term of two (2) years; the Executive Director of the AccelerateMS or his or her designee shall serve for a term of three (3) years and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years. All succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. The term of the Commissioner of Corrections shall run concurrent with his or her term or terms as commissioner. Initial appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after \*\*\* July 1, 2022. \*\*\* Any vacancy on the board prior to the expiration of a term for any reason, including resignation, removal, disqualification, death or disability shall be filled in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection for the balance of the unexpired term. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be selected by the members of the board. However, the Commissioner of Corrections \*\*\* shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the corporation.

(2) The board of directors shall select and employ a chief executive officer of the corporation who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall set the compensation of the chief executive officer. The chief executive officer shall be responsible for the general business and entire operations of the corporation, and shall be responsible for operating the corporation in compliance with the bylaws of the corporation and in compliance with any provision of law. The board shall be authorized and empowered to do only those acts provided by law and by the bylaws of the

corporation. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, such board shall have the authority to establish prison industries, to cease the operation of any industry which it deems unsuitable or unprofitable, to enter into any lease or contract for the corporation and it shall have the full authority to establish prices for any industry good.

(3) No member of the board of directors shall vote on any matter that comes before the board that could result in pecuniary benefit for himself or for any entity in which such member has an interest.

(4) In addition to the board of directors, an advisory board may be set up for the benefit of each industry which is established pursuant to the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575. Such boards shall be advisory only, and may be set up in the discretion of the board of directors of the corporation.

(5) Each member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day or fraction thereof spent in actual discharge of his official duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties in accordance with the requirements of Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(6) The board of directors shall make and publish policies, rules and regulations governing all business functions, including but not limited to accounting, marketing, purchasing and personnel, not inconsistent with the terms of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, as may be necessary for the efficient administration and operation of the corporation.

(7) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall:

(a) Employ all necessary employees of the corporation and dismiss them as is necessary;

(b) Administer the daily operations of the corporation;

(c) Upon approval of the board of directors, execute any contracts on behalf of the corporation; and

(d) Take any further actions which are necessary and proper toward the achievement of the corporation purposes.

(8) A member of the board of directors of the corporation shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury or property damage caused to a person as a result of any acts or omissions committed in good faith in the exercise of their duties as members of the board of directors of the corporation, except where a member of the board engages in acts or omissions which are intentional, willful, wanton, reckless or grossly negligent.

SECTION 4. Section 47-5-547, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-547. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, any training program or auxiliary program associated with any existing prison industry shall be transferred to the corporation. The corporation is empowered and authorized to establish in participation with \*\*\* any community or junior college or state institution of higher learning, any training or auxiliary program for existing prison industries or for any industries which the corporation might create. \*\*\* Such community or junior college or state institution of higher learning shall provide assistance in business planning, marketing and analysis of existing or projected industries. These industrial services shall be contracted with any appropriate \*\*\* community or junior college or state institution of higher learning when these industries are developed at other correction sites.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 47-5-577, Mississippi Code of 1972:

47-5-577. Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, which create the Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990, shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 6. Section 47-5-1251, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2437, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

47-5-1251. (1) There is created the "Prison Industry Enhancement Program," through which the Department of Corrections may contract with the nonprofit corporation organized and formed under the "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990" to employ offenders within the custody of the department or prison industries.

(2) Except as provided in Section 47-5-579, which is the provision authorizing a Work Initiative, the offenders must be under the supervision of the department at all



times while working. The offenders shall be paid, by the entity or entities, wages at a rate which is not less than that paid for similar work in the locality in which the work is performed. The wages may be subject to deductions which shall not, in the aggregate, exceed eighty percent (80%) of gross wages. The deductions shall be limited to the following:

- (a) To pay federal, state and local taxes;
- (b) To pay reasonable charges for room and board as determined by regulations issued by the Commissioner of Corrections;
- (c) To support the offender's family pursuant to state statute, court order or agreement by the offender; and
- (d) To pay contributions equaling not less than five percent (5%) but not more than twenty percent (20%) of the offender's gross wages into the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund as created in Section 99-41-29.

( \*\* \*3) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the offenders shall not be qualified to receive any payments for unemployment compensation while incarcerated. However, the offenders shall not solely by their status as offenders be deprived of the right to participate in benefits made available by the federal or state government to other individuals on the basis of their employment, such as workers' compensation.

( \*\* \*4) Offenders who participate in the employment must do so voluntarily and must agree in advance to the specific deductions made from gross wages pursuant to this section and to all other financial arrangements or benefits resulting from participation in the employment.

( \*\* \*5) The Department of Corrections shall develop rules and regulations to meet the criteria established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program.

(6) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-535, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PROHIBIT THE CORPORATION FROM HAVING ANY RIGHTS TO OPERATE A PROGRAM UNDER THE PRISON AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES AND CREATING A PRISON INDUSTRY PROGRAM THAT DUPLICATES A PRISON AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES PROGRAM OR PRODUCT; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS RETAINS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO CONDUCT ALL PRISON AGRICULTURAL AND RELATED ENTERPRISES; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-539, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2437, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-541, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-547, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CORPORATION MAY ESTABLISH ANY TRAINING OR AUXILIARY PROGRAMS WITH ANY COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE OR STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING RATHER THAN SOLELY WITH MISSISSIPPI DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE; TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION TO ADD A DATE OF REPEAL OF JULY 1, 2024, TO THE "MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES ACT OF 1990"; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-1251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2437, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Kevin Felsher, Jerry R. Turner  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, David Parker, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Watson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 906:** State offenders serving sentences in county jail; may serve sentences in any county jail.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 906: Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-903, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-903. (1) A person committed, sentenced or otherwise placed under the custody of the Department of Corrections, on order of the sentencing court, may serve his or her sentence in \* \* \* any county jail \* \* \* if all of the following conditions are complied with:

- (a) The person must be classified in accordance with Section 47-5-905;
- (b) The person must not be classified as in need of close supervision;
- (c) The sheriff of the county where the person will serve his or her sentence must request in writing that the person be allowed to serve his or her sentence in that county jail;

(d) After the person is classified and returned to the county, the county shall assume the full and complete responsibility for the care and expenses of housing such person; and

(e) The county jail must be an approved county jail for housing state inmates under federal court order.

(2) This section does not apply to inmates housed in county jails due to lack of space at state correctional facilities. The department \* \* \* may reimburse the county for the expense of housing an inmate under this section.

(3) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall defend the employees of the Department of Corrections and officials and employees of political subdivisions against any action brought by any person who was committed to a county jail under the provisions of this section.

(4) The state, the Department of Corrections, and its employees or agents, shall not be liable to any person or entity for an inmate held in a county jail under this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-903, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO IS COMMITTED, SENTENCED OR PLACED UNDER THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY SERVE HIS OR HER SENTENCE IN ANY COUNTY JAIL IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO REIMBURSE ANY COUNTY FOR THE EXPENSE OF HOUSING STATE OFFENDERS IN ANY COUNTY JAIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Dale Goodin, Tracey T. Rosebud

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, David Parker, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 936: Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Corrections is authorized to provide for hospice care services for inmates who are confined in facilities under the jurisdiction of the department and who are terminally ill as defined in Section 41-85-3. The department may have those hospice care services provided by properly qualified employees of the department or may contract for the providing of the hospice care services. If the department provides the hospice care services with department employees, the department is not required to have a license under the Mississippi Hospice Law.

SECTION 2. Section 41-85-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-85-5. (1) It is unlawful for a person to operate or maintain a hospice, use the title "hospice," or represent that the person provides a hospice program of care, without first obtaining a license therefor from the department.

(2) The license shall be displayed in a conspicuous place inside the hospice program office; shall be valid only in the possession of the person to which it is issued; shall not be subject to sale, assignment or other transfer, voluntary or involuntary; and shall not be valid for any hospice other than the hospice for which originally issued.

(3) Services provided by a hospital, nursing home or other health care facility or health care provider shall not be considered to constitute a hospice program of care unless such facility, provider or care giver establishes a freestanding or distinct hospice unit, staff, facility and services to provide hospice home care, homelike inpatient hospice care, or outpatient hospice care under the separate and distinct administrative authority of a hospice program.

(4) A license for a hospice program shall not be issued if the hospice is to be located in an area in violation of any local zoning ordinances or regulations.

(5) The Department of Corrections may provide hospice care services to inmates confined in facilities under the jurisdiction of the department as authorized under Section 1 of this act without a license issued under this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 43-11-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-11-1. When used in this chapter, the following words shall have the following meaning:

(a) "Institutions for the aged or infirm" means a place either governmental or private that provides group living arrangements for four (4) or more persons who are unrelated to the operator and who are being provided food, shelter and personal care, whether any such place is organized or operated for profit or not. The term "institution for the aged or infirm" includes nursing homes, pediatric skilled nursing facilities, psychiatric residential treatment facilities, convalescent homes, homes for the aged \* \* \*, adult foster care facilities \* \* \* and special care facilities for paroled inmates, provided that these institutions fall within the scope of the definitions set forth above. The term "institution for the aged or infirm" does not include hospitals, clinics or mental institutions devoted primarily to providing medical service, and does not include any

private residence in which the owner of the residence is providing personal care services to disabled or homeless veterans under an agreement with, and in compliance with the standards prescribed by, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, if the owner of the residence also provided personal care services to disabled or homeless veterans at any time during calendar year 2008.

(b) "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association or joint-stock association, or any licensee herein or the legal successor thereof.

(c) "Personal care" means assistance rendered by personnel of the home to aged or infirm residents in performing one or more of the activities of daily living, which includes, but is not limited to, the bathing, walking, excretory functions, feeding, personal grooming and dressing of such residents.

(d) "Psychiatric residential treatment facility" means any nonhospital establishment with permanent facilities which provides a twenty-four-hour program of care by qualified therapists, including, but not limited to, duly licensed mental health professionals, psychiatrists, psychologists, psychotherapists and licensed certified social workers, for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents referred to such facility by a court, local school district or by the Department of Human Services, who are not in an acute phase of illness requiring the services of a psychiatric hospital, and are in need of such restorative treatment services. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "emotionally disturbed" means a condition exhibiting one or more of the following characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree, which adversely affects educational performance:

1. An inability to learn which cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory or health factors;
2. An inability to build or maintain satisfactory relationships with peers and teachers;
3. Inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances;
4. A general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression; or
5. A tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems. An establishment furnishing primarily domiciliary care is not within this definition.

(e) "Pediatric skilled nursing facility" means an institution or a distinct part of an institution that is primarily engaged in providing to inpatients skilled nursing care and related services for persons under twenty-one (21) years of age who require medical or nursing care or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled or sick persons.

(f) "Licensing agency" means the State Department of Health.

(g) "Medical records" mean, without restriction, those medical histories, records, reports, summaries, diagnoses and prognoses, records of treatment and medication ordered and given, notes, entries, x-rays and other written or graphic data prepared, kept, made or maintained in institutions for the aged or infirm that pertain to residency in, or services rendered to residents of, an institution for the aged or infirm.

(h) "Adult foster care facility" means a home setting for vulnerable adults in the community who are unable to live independently due to physical, emotional, developmental or mental impairments, or in need of emergency and continuing protective social services for purposes of preventing further abuse or neglect and for safeguarding and enhancing the welfare of the abused or neglected vulnerable adult. Adult foster care programs shall be designed to meet the needs of vulnerable adults with impairments through individual plans of care, which provide a variety of health, social and related support services in a protective setting, enabling participants to live in the community. Adult foster care programs may be (i) traditional, where the foster care provider lives in the residence and is the primary caregiver to clients in the home; (ii) corporate, where the foster care home is operated by a corporation with shift staff delivering services to clients; or (iii) shelter, where the foster care home accepts clients on an emergency short-term basis for up to thirty (30) days.

(i) "Special care facilities for paroled inmates" means long-term care and skilled nursing facilities licensed as special care facilities for medically frail paroled inmates, formed to ease the burden of prison overcrowding and provide compassionate release and medical parole initiatives while impacting economic outcomes for the Mississippi prison system. The facilities shall meet all Mississippi Department of Health and federal Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements and shall be regulated by both agencies; provided, however, such regulations shall not be as restrictive as those required for personal care homes and other institutions devoted primarily to providing medical services. The facilities will offer physical, occupational and speech therapy, nursing services, wound care, a dedicated COVID services unit, individualized patient centered plans of care, social services, spiritual services, physical activities, transportation, medication, durable medical equipment, personalized meal plans by a licensed dietician and security services. There may be up to three (3) facilities located in each Supreme Court district, to be designated by the Chairman of the State Parole Board or his designee.

SECTION 4. Section 43-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-11-13. (1) The licensing agency shall adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and standards, including classifications, with respect to all institutions for the aged or infirm to be licensed under this chapter as may be designed to further the accomplishment of the purpose of this chapter in promoting adequate care of individuals in those institutions in the interest of public health, safety and welfare. Those rules, regulations and standards shall be adopted and promulgated by the licensing agency and shall be recorded and indexed in a book to be maintained by the licensing agency in its main office in the State of Mississippi, entitled "Rules, Regulations and Minimum Standards for Institutions for the Aged or Infirm" and the book shall be open and available to all institutions for the aged or infirm and the public generally at all reasonable times. Upon the adoption of those rules, regulations and standards, the licensing agency shall mail copies thereof to all those institutions in the state that have filed with the agency their names and addresses for this purpose, but the failure to mail the same or the failure of the institutions to receive the same shall in no way affect the validity thereof. The rules, regulations and standards may be amended by the licensing agency, from time to time, as necessary to promote the health, safety and welfare of persons living in those institutions.

(2) The licensee shall keep posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises all current rules, regulations and minimum standards applicable to fire protection measures as adopted by the licensing agency. The licensee shall furnish to the licensing agency at least once each six (6) months a certificate of approval and inspection by state or local fire authorities. Failure to comply with state laws and/or municipal ordinances and current rules, regulations and minimum standards as adopted by the licensing agency, relative to fire prevention measures, shall be prima facie evidence for revocation of license.

(3) The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations restricting the storage, quantity and classes of drugs allowed in personal care homes and adult foster care facilities. Residents requiring administration of Schedule II Narcotics as defined in the Uniform Controlled Substances Law may be admitted to a personal care home. Schedule drugs may only be allowed in a personal care home if they are administered or stored utilizing proper procedures under the direct supervision of a licensed physician or nurse.

(4) (a) Notwithstanding any determination by the licensing agency that skilled nursing services would be appropriate for a resident of a personal care home, that resident, the resident's guardian or the legally recognized responsible party for the resident may consent in writing for the resident to continue to reside in the personal care home, if approved in writing by a licensed physician. However, no personal care home shall allow more than two (2) residents, or ten percent (10%) of the total number of residents in the facility, whichever is greater, to remain in the personal care home under the provisions of this subsection (4). This consent shall be deemed to be appropriately informed consent as described in the regulations promulgated by the licensing agency. After that written consent has been obtained, the resident shall have the right to continue

to reside in the personal care home for as long as the resident meets the other conditions for residing in the personal care home. A copy of the written consent and the physician's approval shall be forwarded by the personal care home to the licensing agency.

(b) The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations restricting the handling of a resident's personal deposits by the director of a personal care home. Any funds given or provided for the purpose of supplying extra comforts, conveniences or services to any resident in any personal care home, and any funds otherwise received and held from, for or on behalf of any such resident, shall be deposited by the director or other proper officer of the personal care home to the credit of that resident in an account that shall be known as the Resident's Personal Deposit Fund. No more than one (1) month's charge for the care, support, maintenance and medical attention of the resident shall be applied from the account at any one time. After the death, discharge or transfer of any resident for whose benefit any such fund has been provided, any unexpended balance remaining in his personal deposit fund shall be applied for the payment of care, cost of support, maintenance and medical attention that is accrued. If any unexpended balance remains in that resident's personal deposit fund after complete reimbursement has been made for payment of care, support, maintenance and medical attention, and the director or other proper officer of the personal care home has been or shall be unable to locate the person or persons entitled to the unexpended balance, the director or other proper officer may, after the lapse of one (1) year from the date of that death, discharge or transfer, deposit the unexpended balance to the credit of the personal care home's operating fund.

(c) The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules and regulations requiring personal care homes to maintain records relating to health condition, medicine dispensed and administered, and any reaction to that medicine. The director of the personal care home shall be responsible for explaining the availability of those records to the family of the resident at any time upon reasonable request.

(5) The State Board of Health and the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall jointly issue rules and regulations for the operation of the special care facilities for paroled inmates.

( \* \* \*6) (a) For the purposes of this subsection ( \* \* \*6):

(i) "Licensed entity" means a hospital, nursing home, personal care home, home health agency, hospice or adult foster care facility;

(ii) "Covered entity" means a licensed entity or a health care professional staffing agency;

(iii) "Employee" means any individual employed by a covered entity, and also includes any individual who by contract provides to the patients, residents or clients being served by the covered entity direct, hands-on, medical patient care in a patient's, resident's or client's room or in treatment or recovery rooms. The term "employee" does not include health care professional/vocational technical students performing clinical training in a licensed entity under contracts between their schools and the licensed entity, and does not include students at high schools located in Mississippi who observe the treatment and care of patients in a licensed entity as part of the requirements of an allied-health course taught in the high school, if:

1. The student is under the supervision of a licensed health care provider; and

2. The student has signed an affidavit that is on file at the student's school stating that he or she has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony listed in paragraph (d) of this subsection ( \* \* \*6), or that any such conviction or plea was reversed on appeal or a pardon was granted for the conviction or plea. Before any student may sign such an affidavit, the student's school shall provide information to the student explaining what a felony is and the nature of the felonies listed in paragraph (d) of this subsection ( \* \* \*6).

However, the health care professional/vocational technical academic program in which the student is enrolled may require the student to obtain criminal history record checks. In such incidences, paragraph (a)(iii)1 and 2 of this subsection ( \* \* \*6) does not preclude the licensing entity from processing submitted fingerprints of students from healthcare-related professional/vocational technical programs who, as part of their

program of study, conduct observations and provide clinical care and services in a covered entity.

(b) Under regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health, the licensing agency shall require to be performed a criminal history record check on (i) every new employee of a covered entity who provides direct patient care or services and who is employed on or after July 1, 2003, and (ii) every employee of a covered entity employed before July 1, 2003, who has a documented disciplinary action by his or her present employer. In addition, the licensing agency shall require the covered entity to perform a disciplinary check with the professional licensing agency of each employee, if any, to determine if any disciplinary action has been taken against the employee by that agency.

Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection ( \*\* \*6), no such employee hired on or after July 1, 2003, shall be permitted to provide direct patient care until the results of the criminal history record check have revealed no disqualifying record or the employee has been granted a waiver. In order to determine the employee applicant's suitability for employment, the applicant shall be fingerprinted. Fingerprints shall be submitted to the licensing agency from scanning, with the results processed through the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Information Center. The fingerprints shall then be forwarded by the Department of Public Safety to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The licensing agency shall notify the covered entity of the results of an employee applicant's criminal history record check. If the criminal history record check discloses a felony conviction, guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23(h), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust or aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult that has not been reversed on appeal or for which a pardon has not been granted, the employee applicant shall not be eligible to be employed by the covered entity.

(c) Any such new employee applicant may, however, be employed on a temporary basis pending the results of the criminal history record check, but any employment contract with the new employee shall be voidable if the new employee receives a disqualifying criminal history record check and no waiver is granted as provided in this subsection ( \*\* \*6).

(d) Under regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health, the licensing agency shall require every employee of a covered entity employed before July 1, 2003, to sign an affidavit stating that he or she has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony of possession or sale of drugs, murder, manslaughter, armed robbery, rape, sexual battery, any sex offense listed in Section 45-33-23(h), child abuse, arson, grand larceny, burglary, gratification of lust, aggravated assault, or felonious abuse and/or battery of a vulnerable adult, or that any such conviction or plea was reversed on appeal or a pardon was granted for the conviction or plea. No such employee of a covered entity hired before July 1, 2003, shall be permitted to provide direct patient care until the employee has signed the affidavit required by this paragraph (d). All such existing employees of covered entities must sign the affidavit required by this paragraph (d) within six (6) months of the final adoption of the regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health. If a person signs the affidavit required by this paragraph (d), and it is later determined that the person actually had been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any of the offenses listed in this paragraph (d) and the conviction or plea has not been reversed on appeal or a pardon has not been granted for the conviction or plea, the person is guilty of perjury. If the offense that the person was convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to was a violent offense, the person, upon a conviction of perjury under this paragraph, shall be punished as provided in Section 97-9-61. If the offense that the person was convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to was a nonviolent offense, the person, upon a conviction of perjury under this paragraph, shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(e) The covered entity may, in its discretion, allow any employee who is unable to sign the affidavit required by paragraph (d) of this subsection ( \*\* \*6) or any employee applicant aggrieved by an employment decision under this subsection ( \*\* \*6)



to appear before the covered entity's hiring officer, or his or her designee, to show mitigating circumstances that may exist and allow the employee or employee applicant to be employed by the covered entity. The covered entity, upon report and recommendation of the hiring officer, may grant waivers for those mitigating circumstances, which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) age at which the crime was committed; (ii) circumstances surrounding the crime; (iii) length of time since the conviction and criminal history since the conviction; (iv) work history; (v) current employment and character references; and (vi) other evidence demonstrating the ability of the individual to perform the employment responsibilities competently and that the individual does not pose a threat to the health or safety of the patients of the covered entity.

(f) The licensing agency may charge the covered entity submitting the fingerprints a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), which covered entity may, in its discretion, charge the same fee, or a portion thereof, to the employee applicant. Any increase in the fee charged by the licensing agency under this paragraph shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65. Any costs incurred by a covered entity implementing this subsection ( \* \* \*6) shall be reimbursed as an allowable cost under Section 43-13-116.

(g) If the results of an employee applicant's criminal history record check reveals no disqualifying event, then the covered entity shall, within two (2) weeks of the notification of no disqualifying event, provide the employee applicant with a notarized letter signed by the chief executive officer of the covered entity, or his or her authorized designee, confirming the employee applicant's suitability for employment based on his or her criminal history record check. An employee applicant may use that letter for a period of two (2) years from the date of the letter to seek employment with any covered entity without the necessity of an additional criminal history record check. Any covered entity presented with the letter may rely on the letter with respect to an employee applicant's criminal background and is not required for a period of two (2) years from the date of the letter to conduct or have conducted a criminal history record check as required in this subsection ( \* \* \*6).

(h) The licensing agency, the covered entity, and their agents, officers, employees, attorneys and representatives, shall be presumed to be acting in good faith for any employment decision or action taken under this subsection ( \* \* \*6). The presumption of good faith may be overcome by a preponderance of the evidence in any civil action. No licensing agency, covered entity, nor their agents, officers, employees, attorneys and representatives shall be held liable in any employment decision or action based in whole or in part on compliance with or attempts to comply with the requirements of this subsection ( \* \* \*6).

(i) The licensing agency shall promulgate regulations to implement this subsection ( \* \* \*6).

(j) The provisions of this subsection ( \* \* \*6) shall not apply to:

(i) Applicants and employees of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for whom criminal history record checks and fingerprinting are obtained in accordance with Section 37-115-41; or

(ii) Health care professional/vocational technical students for whom criminal history record checks and fingerprinting are obtained in accordance with Section 37-29-232.

( \* \* \*7) The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules, regulations and standards regarding the operation of adult foster care facilities.

SECTION 5. Section 47-5-28, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-28. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To implement and administer laws and policy relating to corrections and coordinate the efforts of the department with those of the federal government and other state departments and agencies, county governments, municipal governments, and private agencies concerned with providing offender services;

(b) To establish standards, in cooperation with other state agencies having responsibility as provided by law, provide technical assistance, and exercise the requisite supervision as it relates to correctional programs over all state-supported adult correctional facilities and community-based programs;

(c) To promulgate and publish such rules, regulations and policies of the department as are needed for the efficient government and maintenance of all facilities and programs in accord insofar as possible with currently accepted standards of adult offender care and treatment;

(d) To provide the Parole Board with suitable and sufficient office space and support resources and staff necessary to \* \* \* conduct Parole Board business under the guidance of the Chairman of the Parole Board;

(e) To contract for transitional reentry center beds that will be used as noncorrections housing for offenders released from the department on parole, probation or post-release supervision but do not have appropriate housing available upon release. At least one hundred (100) but no more than eight hundred (800) transitional reentry center beds contracted by the department and chosen by the Parole Board shall be available for the Parole Board to place parolees without appropriate housing;

(f) To designate deputy commissioners while performing their officially assigned duties relating to the custody, control, transportation, recapture or arrest of any offender within the jurisdiction of the department or any offender of any jail, penitentiary, public workhouse or overnight lockup of the state or any political subdivision thereof not within the jurisdiction of the department, to the status of peace officers anywhere in the state in any matter relating to the custody, control, transportation or recapture of such offender, and shall have the status of law enforcement officers and peace officers as contemplated by Sections 45-6-3, 97-3-7 and 97-3-19.

For the purpose of administration and enforcement of this chapter, deputy commissioners of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, who are certified by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, have the powers of a law enforcement officer of this state. Such powers shall include to make arrests and to serve and execute search warrants and other valid legal process anywhere within the State of Mississippi while performing their officially assigned duties relating to the custody, control, transportation, recapture or arrest of any offender within the jurisdiction of the department or any offender of any jail, penitentiary, public workhouse or overnight lockup of the state or any political subdivision thereof not within the jurisdiction of the department in any matter relating to the custody, control, transportation or recapture of such offender \* \* \*;

(g) To make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature reflecting the activities of the department and make recommendations for improvement of the services to be performed by the department;

(h) To cooperate fully with periodic independent internal investigations of the department and to file the report with the Governor and the Legislature;

(i) To make personnel actions for a period of one (1) year beginning July 1, 2016, that are exempt from State Personnel Board rules, regulations and procedures in order to give the commissioner flexibility in making an orderly, effective and timely reorganization and realignment of the department; \* \* \*

(j) To contract with licensed special care facilities for paroled inmates to provide authorized medical services and support services for medically frail inmates who have been paroled and who have voluntarily submitted to the Department of Corrections an address to one of the licensed care facilities to receive such services; and

( \* \* \*k) To perform such other duties necessary to effectively and efficiently carry out the purposes of the department as may be directed by the Governor.

SECTION 6. Section 47-7-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-4. (1) The commissioner and the medical director of the department may place an offender who has served not less than one (1) year of his or her sentence, except an offender convicted of a sex crime, on conditional medical release. However, a nonviolent offender who is bedridden may be placed on conditional medical release regardless of the time served on his or her sentence. Upon the release of a nonviolent offender who is bedridden, the state shall not be responsible or liable for any medical costs that may be incurred if such costs are acquired after the offender is no longer incarcerated due to his or her placement on conditional medical release. The commissioner shall not place an offender on conditional medical release unless the medical director of the department certifies to the commissioner that (a) the offender is

suffering from a significant permanent physical medical condition with no possibility of recovery; (b) that his or her further incarceration will serve no rehabilitative purposes; and (c) that the state would incur unreasonable expenses as a result of his or her continued incarceration. Any offender placed on conditional medical release shall be supervised by the Division of Community Corrections of the department for the remainder of his or her sentence. An offender's conditional medical release may be revoked and the offender returned and placed in actual custody of the department if the offender violates an order or condition of his or her conditional medical release. An offender who is no longer bedridden shall be returned and placed in the actual custody of the department.

(2) (a) The State Parole Board may grant a medical parole and referral to licensed special care facilities for paroled inmates for an inmate determined to be "medically frail" as defined in this subsection.

(b) For purposes of this subsection (2), the term "medically frail" means an individual who has a mental or physical medical condition from which he or she, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, is not expected to recover and as a result cannot perform daily living activities and who is a minimal threat to society as a result of the mental or physical medical condition.

(c) The following conditions apply to a parole granted under this subsection (2):

(i) An inmate who has been sentenced to capital punishment is not eligible;

(ii) An inmate who has been convicted as a criminal sex offender is not eligible;

(iii) An inmate does not pose a public safety risk or risk of flight as determined by the State Parole Board;

(iv) If the prisoner is incapacitated as a result of a mental or physical medical condition as prescribed under paragraph (b) of this subsection, an individual legally entitled to agree to the inmate's placement agrees to the inmate's placement in a licensed special care facility for paroled inmates or in a medical facility where medical care and treatment are determined to be appropriate for the parolee by the State Parole Board;

(v) An inmate shall agree to the release of his or her medical records that are directly relevant to the condition or conditions rendering the inmate medically frail to any prosecuting attorney of the county from which the inmate was committed before the State Parole Board determines whether or not to grant parole under this subsection;

(vi) If the inmate is granted parole under this subsection (2), the inmate shall agree to the quarterly release of his or her medical records that are directly relevant to the condition or conditions rendering the inmate medically frail at the request of any prosecuting attorney of the county from which the inmate was committed;

(vii) The parolee shall adhere to the terms of his or her parole for the length of his or her parole term, and the parole shall be for a term not less than the time necessary to reach the prisoner's earliest release date;

(viii) The department or the State Parole Board shall not retain authority over the medical treatment plan for the inmate granted parole under this subsection (2);

(ix) The department and the State Parole Board shall ensure that the placement and terms and conditions of parole granted under this subsection (2) do not violate any other state or federal regulations;

(x) A facility utilized by the department to facilitate parole under this subsection (2) shall be operated in a manner that ensures the safety of the residents of the facility;

(xi) If the inmate recovers from the mental or physical medical condition that rendered the inmate medically frail under this subsection (2), the State Parole Board shall revoke the parole granted under this subsection (2), and the department shall ensure that the inmate returns to incarceration.

(d) The Mississippi Department of Corrections may enter into contracts to facilitate the housing of paroled inmates under this subsection (2). The Mississippi Department of Corrections shall appoint a specialist in the appropriate field of

medicine, who is not employed by the department, to evaluate the condition of the inmate considered for parole under this subsection (2) and to report on that condition to the department and the State Parole Board. The State Parole Board shall determine whether the inmate is medically frail in consultation with the Mississippi Department of Health.

SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as Section 43-13-117.6, Mississippi Code of 1972:

43-13-117.6. (1) The Division of Medicaid may apply to the federal Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) for necessary waivers to provide federal funding under the Medicaid program for providing reimbursement for authorized services to medically frail inmates who qualify for nursing home-level care and who the state deems are not public safety risks, provided through a Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates licensed by the State Department of Health under contract with the Mississippi Department of Corrections, as specifically authorized under this act.

(2) Subject to CMS approval, the program for paroled inmates shall be funded from monies that are appropriated or otherwise made available to the division specifically to cover the cost of the paroled inmate program. This program shall be a separate program within the Division of Medicaid as the administering agent.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-85-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PROVIDE FOR HOSPICE CARE SERVICES FOR INMATES WHO ARE CONFINED IN FACILITIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND WHO ARE TERMINALLY ILL; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE THOSE HOSPICE CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY PROPERLY QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OR TO CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF THE HOSPICE CARE SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE HOSPICE CARE SERVICES WITH DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES, THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LICENSE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI HOSPICE LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 41-85-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-11-1 AND 43-11-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERM "SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR PAROLED INMATES" AND PRESCRIBE CONDITIONS FOR LICENSURE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-28 AND 47-7-4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO GRANT MEDICAL PAROLE TO SUCH SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR MEDICALLY FRAIL INMATES AND TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PAROLE; TO CODIFY SECTION 43-13-117.6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO APPLY FOR NECESSARY WAIVERS FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED AT SUCH SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES FOR PAROLED INMATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Shanda Yates, Otis Anthony

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Brice Wiggins, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver,

Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bounds, Boyd, Carpenter, Currie, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Mangold, McLean. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Byrd, Calvert, Haney, Horne, Huddleston, Mims, Smith, Turner. Total-9.

Present--Brown, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1052: MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-26. (1) The commissioner shall employ the following personnel:

(a) A Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance, who shall supervise and implement all fiscal policies and programs within the department, supervise and implement all hiring and personnel matters within the department, supervise the department's personnel director, supervise and implement all purchasing within the department and supervise and implement all data processing activities within the department, and who shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Administration and Finance. He shall possess either:

(i) A master's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public or business administration, accounting, economics or a directly related field, and four (4) years of experience in work related to the above-described duties, one (1) year of which must have included line or functional supervision; or

(ii) A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public or business administration, accounting, economics or a directly related field, and six (6) years of experience in work related to the above-described duties, one (1) year of which must have included line or functional supervision. Certification by the State of Mississippi as a certified public accountant may be substituted for one (1) year of the required experience.

(b) A Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, who shall initiate and administer programs, including, but not limited to, supervision of probationers, parolees and suspensioners, counseling, community-based treatment, interstate compact administration and enforcement, prevention programs, halfway houses and group homes, technical violation centers, restitution centers, presentence investigations, and work and educational releases, and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Community Services. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections is charged with full and complete cooperation with the State Parole Board and shall make monthly reports to the Chairman of the Parole Board in the form and type required by the chairman, in his discretion, for the proper performance of the probation and parole functions. After a plea or verdict of guilty to a felony is entered against a person and before he is sentenced, the Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall procure from any available source and shall file in the presentence records any information regarding any criminal history of the person such as fingerprints, dates of arrests, complaints, civil and criminal charges, investigative reports of arresting and prosecuting agencies, reports of the National Crime Information Center, the nature and character of each offense, noting all particular circumstances thereof and any similar data about the person. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall keep an accurate and complete duplicate record of this file and shall furnish the duplicate to the department. This file shall be placed in and shall constitute a part of the inmate's master file. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall furnish this file to the State Parole Board when the file is needed in the course of its official duties. He shall possess either: (i) a master's degree in counseling, corrections psychology, guidance, social work, criminal justice or some related field and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in such field, including at least one (1) year of supervisory experience; or (ii) a bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years' full-time work in corrections, one (1) year of which shall have been at the supervisory level.

(c) A Deputy Commissioner for Institutions, who shall administer institutions, reception and diagnostic centers, prerelease centers and other facilities and programs provided therein, and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Institutions. He shall possess either: (i) a master's degree in counseling, criminal justice, psychology, guidance, social work, business or some related field, and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in corrections, including at least one (1) year of correctional management experience; or (ii) a bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years' full-time work in corrections, four (4) years of which shall have been at the correctional management level.

(d) A Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education \*\*\* and Reentry, \*\*\* who shall initiate and administer programs, including but not limited to, education services, religious services, moral rehabilitation, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, and court reentry. The Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education \*\*\* and Reentry \*\*\* may coordinate with any educational institution to develop a program for moral rehabilitation with an emphasis on promoting effective programs for release. The Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education \*\*\* and Reentry \*\*\* shall focus on reentry programs aimed at reducing recidivism \*\*\*. The programs shall incorporate a moral component focused on providing offenders with an opportunity to make positive changes while incarcerated that will enable them to be productive members of society upon their release. Such deputy commissioner shall possess either:

(i) A master's degree in counseling, corrections, psychology, guidance, social work, criminal justice or some related field and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in such field, including at least one (1) year of supervisory experience; or

(ii) A bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years full-time work in corrections, one (1) year of which shall have been at the supervisory level.

(e) A Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development who shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Prison Industries and Director of Prison Agricultural Enterprises. The Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development shall work in collaboration with the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development to implement workforce development programs within the corrections system which align

with the strategic plan for an integrated workforce development system for the state, as described in Section 37-153-7. Such deputy commissioner shall be a person with extensive experience in development of economic, human and physical resources, with an emphasis in the corrections or reentry environments preferred. The Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development shall have at least a bachelor's degree from a state-accredited institution and no less than eight (8) years of professional experience related to workforce development. The Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, with the assistance from the Office of Workforce Development, shall:

(i) Inventory and measure the effectiveness of current workforce development programs in the state corrections system, with the goal of eliminating any programs which do not result in desired outcomes, including, but not limited to, an increase in employment in reentering offenders, a better environment within correctional facilities in the state, or a reduction in recidivism;

(ii) Partner with educational institutions to provide additional opportunities in workforce development programs for offenders leading to high-wage, high-skill jobs upon reentry;

(iii) Provide information, as appropriate, to offenders on workforce development programs available within the corrections system;

(iv) Work with industry to identify barriers which inhibit offender reentry and employment and evaluate the responsiveness of the corrections system and other support entities to the needs of industry;

(v) Develop short- and long-term goals for the state related to workforce development and reentry offender employment within the corrections system, and

(vi) Perform a comprehensive review of workforce development in the corrections system, including the amount expended on programs supported by state or federal money and their outcomes.

Out of the deputy commissioners employed under this subsection (1), as set out in paragraphs (a) through ( \* \* \*e), the commissioner shall designate one (1) of the commissioners as an executive deputy commissioner who shall have the duties prescribed under Section 47-5-8.

(2) The commissioner shall employ an administrative assistant for parole matters who shall be selected by the State Parole Board who shall be an employee of the department assigned to the State Parole Board and who shall be located at the office of the State Parole Board, and who shall work under the guidance, supervision and direction of the board.

(3) The administrative assistant for parole matters shall receive an annual salary to be established by the Legislature. The salaries of department employees not established by the Legislature shall receive an annual salary established by the State Personnel Board.

(4) The commissioner shall employ a superintendent for the Parchman facility, Central Mississippi Correctional Facility and South Mississippi Correctional Institution of the Department of Corrections. The Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary shall reside on the grounds of the Parchman facility. Each superintendent shall appoint an officer in charge when he is absent.

Each superintendent shall develop and implement a plan for the prevention and control of an inmate riot and shall file a report with the Chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and the Chairman of the House Penitentiary Committee on the first day of each regular session of the Legislature regarding the status of the plan.

In order that the grievances and complaints of inmates, employees and visitors at each facility may be heard in a timely and orderly manner, each superintendent shall appoint or designate an employee at the facility to hear grievances and complaints and to report grievances and complaints to the superintendent. Each superintendent shall institute procedures as are necessary to provide confidentiality to those who file grievances and complaints.

(5) For a one-year period beginning July 1, 2016, any person authorized for employment under this section shall not be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures of the State Personnel Board, except as otherwise provided under Section 25-9-127(5).

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-8. (1) There is created the Mississippi Department of Corrections, which shall be under the policy direction of the Governor. The chief administrative officer of the department shall be the Commissioner of Corrections.

(2) (a) There shall be an Executive Deputy Commissioner who shall be directly responsible to the Commissioner of Corrections within the department who shall serve as the Commissioner of Corrections in the absence of the Commissioner and shall assume any and all duties that the Commissioner of Corrections assigns, including, but not limited to, supervising all other deputy commissioners. The salary of the Executive Deputy Commissioner shall not exceed the salary of the Commissioner of Corrections.

(b) There shall be a Division of Administration and Finance within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner.

(c) There shall be a Division of Community Corrections within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner. The Probation and Parole Board shall continue to exercise the authority as provided by law, but after July 1, 1976, the Division of Community Corrections shall serve as the administrative agency for the Probation and Parole Board.

(d) There shall be a Division of Workforce Development within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner.

(3) The department shall succeed to the exclusive control of all records, books, papers, equipment and supplies, and all lands, buildings and other real and personal property now or hereafter belonging to or assigned to the use and benefit or under the control of the Mississippi State Penitentiary and the Mississippi Probation and Parole Board, except the records of parole process and revocation and legal matters related thereto, and shall have the exercise and control of the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes now or hereafter in possession, levied, collected or received or appropriated for the use, benefit, support and maintenance of these two (2) agencies except as otherwise provided by law, and the department shall have general supervision of all the affairs of the two (2) agencies herein named except as otherwise provided by law, and the care and conduct of all buildings and grounds, business methods and arrangements of accounts and records, the organization of the administrative plans of each institution, and all other matters incident to the proper functioning of the two (2) agencies.

(4) The commissioner may lease the lands for oil, gas, mineral exploration and other purposes, and contract with other state agencies for the proper management of lands under such leases or for the provision of other services, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the General Fund of the state.

SECTION 3. Section 47-5-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-10. (1) The department shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To accept adult offenders committed to it by the courts of this state for incarceration, care, custody, treatment and rehabilitation;

(b) To provide for the care, custody, study, training, supervision and treatment of adult offenders committed to the department;

(c) To maintain, administer and exercise executive and administrative supervision over all state correctional institutions and facilities used for the custody, training, care, treatment and after-care supervision of adult offenders committed to the department; provided, however, that such supervision shall not extend to any institution or facility for which executive and administrative supervision has been provided by law through another agency;

(d) To plan, develop and coordinate a statewide, comprehensive correctional program designed to train and rehabilitate offenders in order to prevent, control and retard recidivism;



(e) To maintain records of persons committed to it, and to establish programs of research, statistics and planning;

(i) An offender's records shall include a single cover sheet that contains the following information about the offender: name, including any aliases; department inmate number; social security number; photograph; court of conviction; cause number; date of conviction; date of sentence; total number of days in the department's custody or number of days creditable toward time served on each charge; date of actual custody; and date of any revocation of a suspended sentence;

(ii) The department shall maintain an offender's cover sheet in the course of its regularly conducted business activities and shall include an offender's cover sheet in each request from a court, prosecutor or law enforcement agency for a summary of an offender's records with the department, also known as a "pen-pack." The cover sheet shall conform to Rules 803(6) and 803(8) of the Mississippi Rules of Evidence for admission as an exception to the hearsay rule and may be admissible when properly authenticated according to evidentiary rules and when offered for the purpose of enhanced sentencing under Section 41-29-147, 99-19-81 or 99-19-83 or other similar purposes; and

(iii) This subsection is not intended to conflict with an offender's right of confrontation in criminal proceedings under the state or federal constitution;

(f) To investigate the grievances of any person committed to the department, and to inquire into any alleged misconduct by employees; and for this purpose it may issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of writings and papers, and may examine under oath any witnesses who may appear before it;

(g) To administer programs of training and development of personnel of the department;

(h) To develop and implement diversified programs and facilities to promote, enhance, provide and assure the opportunities for the successful custody, training and treatment of adult offenders properly committed to the department or confined in any facility under its control. Such programs and facilities may include, but not be limited to, institutions, group homes, halfway houses, diagnostic centers, work and educational release centers, technical violation centers, restitution centers, counseling and supervision of probation, parole, suspension and compact cases, presentence investigating and other state and local community-based programs and facilities;

(i) To receive, hold and use, as a corporate body, any real, personal and mixed property donated to the department, and any other corporate authority as shall be necessary for the operation of any facility at present or hereafter;

(j) To provide those personnel, facilities, programs and services the department shall find necessary in the operation of a modern correctional system for the custody, care, study and treatment of adult offenders placed under its jurisdiction by the courts and other agencies in accordance with law;

(k) To develop the capacity and administrative network necessary to deliver advisory consultation and technical assistance to units of local government for the purpose of assisting them in developing model local correctional programs for adult offenders;

(l) To cooperate with other departments and agencies and with local communities for the development of standards and programs for better correctional services in this state;

(m) To administer all monies and properties of the department;

(n) To report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on the committed persons, institutions and programs of the department;

(o) To cooperate with the courts and with public and private agencies and officials to assist in attaining the purposes of this chapter and Chapter 7 of this title. The department may enter into agreements and contracts with other departments of federal, state or local government and with private agencies concerning the discharge of its responsibilities or theirs. The department shall have the authority to accept and expend or use gifts, grants and subsidies from public and private sources;

(p) To make all rules and regulations and exercise all powers and duties vested by law in the department;

(q) The department may require a search of all persons entering the grounds and facilities at the correctional system;

(r) To submit, in a timely manner, to the Oversight Task Force established in Section 47-5-6 any reports required by law or regulation or requested by the task force.

(s) To discharge any other power or duty imposed or established by law.

(2) The department is hereby established as a Local Educational Agency and an Educational Service Agency both as defined in 34 CFR Section 300, to receive Title I, Part B funding and other available funding and to provide educational services to eligible incarcerated students. The department is authorized, if necessary, to adopt policies and procedures to carry out its responsibilities as a Local Educational Agency and an Educational Service Agency.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE DUTY OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR PROGRAMS, EDUCATION AND REENTRY TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE ATTENDEES FOR EMPLOYMENT UPON THEIR RELEASE; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO DESIGNATE A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SHALL SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF PRISON INDUSTRIES AND DIRECTOR OF PRISON AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES; TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATION FOR THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE A DIVISION OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IS ESTABLISHED AS A LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY AND AN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Jerry R. Turner, Kevin Felsher

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, David Parker, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Owen. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 604:** DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2245: Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 97-29-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-29-61. (1) (a) Any person who enters upon real property, whether the original entry is legal or not, and thereafter pries or peeps through a window or other opening in a dwelling or other building structure for the lewd, licentious and indecent purpose of spying upon the occupants thereof, shall be guilty of a felonious trespass.

(b) Any person who looks through a window, hole or opening, or otherwise views by means of any instrumentality, including, but not limited to, a periscope, telescope, binoculars, drones, camera, motion-picture camera, camcorder or mobile phone, into the interior of a bedroom, bathroom, changing room, fitting room, dressing room, spa, massage room or therapy room or tanning booth, or the interior of any other area in which the occupant has a reasonable expectation of privacy, with the intent to invade the privacy of a person or persons inside and without the consent or knowledge of every person present, for the lewd, licentious and indecent purpose of spying upon the occupant or occupants thereof, shall be guilty of a felony.

(2) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a person who \* \* \* is over the age of \* \* \* eighteen (18) at the time of the offense \* \* \* and is convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections not more than five (5) years.

(b) When one or more occupants spied upon is a child under sixteen (16) years of age, a person who was over the age of twenty-one (21) at the time of the offense who is convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections not more than ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as "Buddy's Law."

(2) When a child is adjudicated delinquent of an offense involving the intentional torturing, mutilating, maiming, burning, starving to death, crushing, disfiguring, drowning, suffocating or impaling of a domesticated dog or cat as described in Section 97-14-16, the youth court shall order that the child adjudicated delinquent receives a psychiatric evaluation and counseling or treatment for a length of time as prescribed by the youth court. The cost of any evaluation, counseling and treatment shall be paid by the offender's parent or guardian, or by the state if the offender is a ward of the state, upon order of the youth court, up to a maximum amount that is no more than the jurisdictional limit of the sentencing court. The youth court shall hold the offender's parent or guardian in contempt under Section 43-21-509 if the parent or guardian willfully does not follow the recommended treatment for the offender.

(3) The Legislature does recognize that animal abuse by a child often leads to further criminal activity by the child as he or she ages. This activity is sometimes homicidal; however, it is the Legislature's intent that a mental health evaluation under this section is only required in extreme situations as prescribed in Section 97-14-16. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that a minor offense of abuse of a cat or dog by a child shall not require a mental health evaluation unless the judge, after a hearing, shall determine if the evaluation is necessary.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE SENTENCING OPTIONS FOR THE CRIME OF VOYEURISM; TO ENACT "BUDDY'S LAW"; TO REQUIRE A CHILD ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT OF CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST A DOMESTICATED DOG OR CAT TO RECEIVE A PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION AND COUNSELING OR TREATMENT FOR A LENGTH OF TIME PRESCRIBED BY THE YOUTH COURT;

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Shanda Yates, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Thompson. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2246:** Electronic search warrants; authorize issuance of in investigations of certain sex offenses against children.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2246: Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) The provisions of this section shall only apply to search warrants issued in relation to computer crime investigations for sex offenses against children who are less than eighteen (18) years old involving a computer defined in Section 7-5-59(1)(a).

(2) If circumstances make it reasonable to dispense, in whole or in part, with a written affidavit, a judge who is authorized to issue search warrants may issue a warrant based upon sworn testimony communicated by telephone or other appropriate means, including facsimile transmission.

(3) The person who is requesting the warrant shall prepare a document to be known as a "duplicate original warrant" and shall read such duplicate original warrant verbatim to the issuing judge. The judge shall enter what is so read on a document to be known as the "original warrant." The issuing judge may direct that the warrant be modified.

(4) If the judge is satisfied that the circumstances are such as to make it reasonable to dispense with a written affidavit and the grounds for the application exist or that there is probable cause to believe that they exist, the judge shall order the issuance of a warrant by directing the person requesting the warrant to sign the judge's name on the duplicate original warrant. The judge shall immediately sign the original warrant and enter on the face of the original warrant the exact time the warrant was ordered to be issued. The finding of probable cause for a warrant upon oral testimony may be based on the same kind of evidence as is sufficient for a warrant upon affidavit.

(5) When a telephone caller informs the judge that the purpose of the telephone call is to request a warrant, the judge shall immediately place under oath each person whose testimony forms a basis of the application and each person applying for the warrant. If a voice recording device is available, the judge shall record by means of such device all of the call after the caller informs the judge that the purpose of the call is to request a warrant. Otherwise, a stenographic or longhand verbatim record shall be made. If a voice recording device is used or a stenographic record made, the judge shall have the record transcribed, shall certify the accuracy of the transcription, and shall file a copy of the original record and the transcription with the court. If a longhand verbatim record is made, the judge shall file a signed copy with the court.

(6) The contents of a warrant upon oral testimony shall be the same as the contents of a warrant upon affidavit.

(7) The person who executes the warrant shall enter the exact time of execution on the face of the duplicate original warrant.

SECTION 2. (1) In any municipality in which Highway 6 and Highway 7 intersect and in which a university is located, an application for a warrant or signature utilized by the judicial branch of state government for a violation of the Implied Consent Law shall not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form.

Any such application, signature or record in electronic form shall have the full effect of law.

(2) If a provision of law for a violation of the Implied Consent Law requires the application for any warrant to be in writing, an electronic record shall satisfy such provision of law.

(3) If a provision of law for a violation of the Implied Consent Law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies such provision of law.

(4) Any application used to attach a digital signature to any warrant or affidavit for a violation of the Implied Consent Law must have security procedures in place that ensure the authenticity of the digital signature. The application must also be able to keep an electronic record of the warrant or affidavit, including the time and date of when the signature was attached. The application must also include encryption measures to ensure secure access of the application.

(5) Unless otherwise agreed to by a sender of a warrant application and the judge, an electronic record is received when:

(a) The record enters an information-processing system that the local court rules have designated and approved for the purpose of receiving electronic applications for warrants and from which the recipient is able to retrieve the electronic record; and

(b) It is in a form capable of being processed by the system.

(6) In any instance where an affidavit is submitted to a judge electronically, the electronic signature of the affiant shall satisfy the constitutional requirement that the testimony of the affiant be made under oath, provided that such signature is made under penalty of perjury and in compliance with subsection (4) of this section. If the requirements of subsection (4) of this section are met, it shall not be necessary for the oath to be made orally for the affidavit to have legal effect.

(7) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANTS UPON ORAL TESTIMONY FOR INVESTIGATION OF SEX OFFENSES AGAINST CHILDREN INVOLVING A COMPUTER; TO PRESCRIBE A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE WARRANTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR WARRANT APPLICATIONS FOR A VIOLATION OF THE IMPLIED CONSENT LAW IN A CERTAIN MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Shanda Yates

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Blackmon, Osborne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2536:** Criminal convictions; create registry of certain offenders and clarify the effect of expungement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2536: Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. For purposes of Sections 1 through 6 of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Conviction" means a judgment entered by a Mississippi court upon a plea of guilty, a plea of nolo contendere, or a finding of guilt by a jury or the court, notwithstanding any pending appeal or habeas corpus proceeding arising from the judgment. "Conviction" includes a disposition of pretrial diversion or nonadjudication under Section 99-15-26.

(b) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(c) "Offender" means a person convicted of a registrable offense.

(d) "Registrable offense" means a crime chargeable under Sections 97-7-10, 97-11-25 through 97-11-31, 97-15-3, 97-15-5, 97-11-11, 97-11-13, 97-11-53, 97-13-1, 97-13-3, or any crime that involves the embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds as determined by the circuit court in its sentencing order upon conviction.

(e) "Registrant" means a person who is registered in compliance with this act.

SECTION 2. (1) The department shall post a publicly accessible registry online of all offenders by July 1, 2023.

(2) (a) The list must include the offender's full legal name, any aliases by which the offender is or has been known, including any online or internet identifiers and the offender's date of birth.

(b) The list shall not include the offender's social security number, driver's license number, any other state or federal identification number, physical address or telephone numbers.

(3) (a) If the offender is not convicted of another registrable offense while listed and if all fines, penalties and restitution have been paid, the department shall remove the offender's information from the list after either five (5) years from the date of the offender's conviction or five (5) years from the date of an offender's release from physical incarceration, whichever is later.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, a person who has served any sentence imposed and paid all fines, penalties and any restitution ordered may petition the department to be removed from the list after the satisfaction of the

conditions of this paragraph (b). Upon receipt and confirmation of a true and correct petition, the department shall remove the offender from the registry.

SECTION 3. (1) The department shall maintain the registry on the internet, which shall contain a disclaimer informing the public that:

(a) The information contained on the website is obtained from public records and the department does not guarantee the website's accuracy or completeness;

(b) The list only includes persons convicted in Mississippi state courts of a limited list of crimes. Persons who are convicted in any federal court, or who are convicted of a crime other than a registrable offense will not appear on the registry.

(2) The department and any individual or entity acting at the request or upon the direction of the department are immune from civil liability for damages arising from reporting information under this act and will be presumed to have acted in good faith in performing its duties under this act.

SECTION 4. Upon the entry of the order sentencing the offender to probation or parole or upon the date of release of the offender from the physical custody of the responsible agency, the responsible agency shall forward the department a copy of the conviction, sentencing order, name, sex and date of birth of the offender convicted of a registrable offense under this act.

SECTION 5. An offender required to register on the basis of a conviction entered shall register with the responsible agency within thirty (30) business days of the date of judgment unless the offender is immediately confined or committed, in which case the offender shall register before release in accordance with the procedures established by the department. The responsible agency shall immediately forward the registration information to the department.

SECTION 6. The department shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, Title 25, Chapter 43, Mississippi Code of 1972, to effectuate the purposes of this act.

SECTION 7. Section 25-1-113, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-1-113. (1) From and after July 1, 2013, the state and any county, municipality or any other political subdivision shall not employ a person who has been convicted or pled guilty in any court of this state, another state, or in federal court of any felony in which public funds were unlawfully taken, obtained or misappropriated in the abuse or misuse of the person's office or employment or money coming into the person's hands by virtue of the person's office or employment.

(2) From and after July 1, 2014, the state and any county, municipality or any other political subdivision shall not employ or continue to employ a person who has been convicted or pled guilty in any court of this state, another state, or in federal court of any felony in which public funds were unlawfully taken, obtained or misappropriated in the abuse or misuse of the person's office or employment or money coming into the person's hands by virtue of the person's office or employment.

(3) From and after July 1, 2023, the state and any county, municipality or any other political subdivision shall not hire any person who appears on the registry created in Sections 1 through 6 of this act for any position in accounting, or in a treasury or registrar office, or in any office where monies are collected or received directly from rate or fee payers.

SECTION 8. Section 99-19-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-71. (1) Any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor that is not a traffic violation, and who is a first offender, may petition the justice, county, circuit or municipal court in which the conviction was had for an order to expunge any such conviction from all public records.

(2) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person who has been convicted of a felony and who has paid all criminal fines and costs of court imposed in the sentence of conviction may petition the court in which the conviction was had for an order to expunge one (1) conviction from all public records five (5) years after the successful completion of all terms and conditions of the sentence for the conviction upon a hearing as determined in the discretion of the court; however, a person is not eligible to expunge a felony classified as:



(i) A crime of violence as provided in Section 97-3-2;  
(ii) Arson, first degree as provided in Sections 97-17-1 and 97-17-3;  
(iii) Trafficking in controlled substances as provided in Section 41-29-139;  
(iv) A third, fourth or subsequent offense DUI as provided in Section 63-11-30(2)(c) and (2)(d);  
(v) Felon in possession of a firearm as provided in Section 97-37-5;  
(vi) Failure to register as a sex offender as provided in Section 45-33-33;  
(vii) Voyeurism as provided in Section 97-29-61;  
(viii) Witness intimidation as provided in Section 97-9-113;  
(ix) Abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable person as provided in Section 43-47-19; or  
(x) Embezzlement as provided in Sections 97-11-25 and 97-23-19.

A person is eligible for only one (1) felony expunction under this paragraph. For the purposes of this section, the terms "one (1) conviction" and "one (1) felony expunction" mean and include all convictions that arose from a common nucleus of operative facts as determined in the discretion of the court.

(b) The petitioner shall give ten (10) days' written notice to the district attorney before any hearing on the petition. In all cases, the court wherein the petition is filed may grant the petition if the court determines, on the record or in writing, that the applicant is rehabilitated from the offense which is the subject of the petition. In those cases where the court denies the petition, the findings of the court in this respect shall be identified specifically and not generally.

(3) Upon entering an order of expunction under this section, a nonpublic record thereof shall be retained by the Mississippi Criminal Information Center solely for the purpose of determining whether, in subsequent proceedings, the person is a first offender. The order of expunction shall not preclude a district attorney's office from retaining a nonpublic record thereof for law enforcement purposes only. The existence of an order of expunction shall not preclude an employer from asking a prospective employee if the employee has had an order of expunction entered on his behalf. The effect of the expunction order shall be to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, including those law regulating qualified electors, to the status he occupied before any arrest or indictment for which convicted. No person as to whom an expunction order has been entered shall be held thereafter under any provision of law to be guilty of perjury or to have otherwise given a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge such arrest, indictment or conviction in response to any inquiry made of him for any purpose other than the purpose of determining, in any subsequent proceedings under this section, whether the person is a first offender. A person as to whom an order has been entered, upon request, shall be required to advise the court, in camera, of the previous conviction and expunction in any legal proceeding wherein the person has been called as a prospective juror. The court shall thereafter and before the selection of the jury advise the attorneys representing the parties of the previous conviction and expunction.

(4) If a person has a disenfranchising conviction expunged under this section and has no other conviction that would otherwise disenfranchise the person, the county registrar shall enter the person's name into the Statewide Elections Management System if the person:

- (a) Submits a voter registration application; and
- (b) Provides proof of the expungement.

( \* \* \*5) Upon petition therefor, a justice, county, circuit or municipal court shall expunge the record of any case in which an arrest was made, the person arrested was released and the case was dismissed or the charges were dropped or there was no disposition of such case, or the person was found not guilty at trial.

( \* \* \*6) No public official is eligible for expunction under this section for any conviction related to his official duties.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE A PUBLIC REGISTRY OF OFFENDERS WHOSE CRIMES INVOLVED THE EMBEZZLEMENT OR MISAPPROPRIATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CREATE A REGISTRY OF OFFENDERS; TO REQUIRE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES TO FORWARD CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO REQUIRE OFFENDERS TO REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN A PRESCRIBED TIMEFRAME; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-113, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM HIRING PERSONS ON THE REGISTRY FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS; AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-19-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE EFFECT OF EXPUNGEMENT PROCEDURES IN RELATION TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Benjamin Suber

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Shane Barnett

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2913: Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on line 17 by deleting the phrase ", and shall stand repealed from and after June 30, 2022"

2. That the House concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Burks Hill, Neil S. Whaley, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Sonya Williams-Barnes

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Blackmon, Osborne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Bain entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and make various technical amendments to services section.

Rep. Hood moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Yancey called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 679:** The Victoria Huggins Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 679: Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Possession, transfer or manufacture of a pill press; penalty; registration. (1) This section shall be known and referred to as the "Victoria Huggins' Mississippi Pill Press Law of 2022."

(2) (a) Unless authorized by the State Board of Pharmacy or other lawful authority, it is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess, create, sell, barter, transfer, manufacture, or distribute a pill press, a punch, die, plate, tableting machine, encapsulating machine, or any similar pharmaceutical producing equipment, knowing, intending, or having reasonable cause to believe, that it will be used to manufacture a controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance.

(b) Any person who violates this subsection shall be, if convicted, imprisoned by not more than five (5) years or fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(3) All pill presses, punches, dies, plates, tableting machines, encapsulating machines or any similar pharmaceutical producing equipment shall be registered with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, unless the pill press is authorized by the Board of Pharmacy or other lawful authority. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules regarding the registration, transfer and destruction of such equipment and the renewal of registrations, to include inspection of all of equipment registered and any product that the equipment is being used to manufacture.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE VICTORIA HUGGINS' MISSISSIPPI PILL PRESS LAW OF 2022; TO CRIMINALIZE THE UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION AND TRANSFER OF A PILL PRESS; TO INCLUDE SIMILAR DEVICES WITHIN THE OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION WITH THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS, UNLESS THE PILL PRESS IS AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY OR OTHER LAWFUL ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lee Yancey, Nick Bain, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Juan Barnett

On motion of Rep. Yancey the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bongar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Huddleston, Owen. Total-3.

Present--Harness. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 698:** Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 698: Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 9-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:  
9-27-1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Rivers McGraw Mental Health \* \* \* Treatment Court Act."

SECTION 2. Section 9-27-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:  
9-27-3. (1) The Legislature recognizes the critical need for judicial intervention to establish court processes and procedures that are more responsive to the needs of \* \* \* those individuals with mental illnesses whose conduct places them under the jurisdiction of the courts, while maintaining public safety and the integrity of the court process. It is the intent of the Legislature to facilitate local mental health treatment court alternatives adaptable to chancery, circuit, county and youth courts.

(2) The goals of the mental health treatment courts under this chapter include the following:

- (a) Reduce the number of future criminal justice contacts among offenders with mental illnesses;
- (b) Reduce the \* \* \* institutionalization of people with mental illnesses;
- (c) Improve the mental health and well-being of defendants who come in contact with the \* \* \* court system;
- (d) Improve linkages between the \* \* \* court system and the mental health system;
- (e) Expedite case processing;
- (f) Protect public safety;
- (g) Establish linkages \* \* \* between the court system and state and local agencies and programs that target people with mental illnesses in order to maximize the delivery of services; and

(h) To \*\*\* redirect prison-bound offenders and other individuals whose \*\*\* conduct is driven in part by mental illnesses to intensive supervision and clinical treatment available in the mental health treatment court.

SECTION 3. Section 9-27-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-27-5. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and phrases \*\*\* have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) \*\*\* "Certified mental health treatment provider" means an organization which conducts screening and assessments on each participant. A treatment provider shall make recommendations as to appropriate treatment services and support for individual participants of the mental health treatment court. A treatment provider shall work actively with the mental health treatment court to identify and implement alternatives to incarceration or commitment for participants and to identify, access and assist funding sources for treatment services to individual participants. A certified mental health treatment provider must be certified by the State Department of Mental Health or otherwise licensed to provide services in the State of Mississippi.

(b) "Clinical assessment" means the use of an actuarial assessment tool approved by the Administrative Office of Courts which evaluates a person's physical, medical, cognitive, psychological (personality, emotions, beliefs and attitudes), and behavioral history and current condition in order to determine the presence of any mental health disorder.

(c) "Crime of violence" means an offense listed in Section 97-3-2.

(d) "Crisis intervention team" or "CIT" means the product of a partnership between local law enforcement officers and a variety of agencies, including Community Mental Health Centers, primary health providers and behavioral health professionals. Officers who have received crisis intervention training may respond to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis and divert them to an appropriate setting to provide treatment, ensuring individuals are not arrested and taken to jail due to the symptoms of their illness.

(e) "Mental health disorder" means a syndrome characterized by a clinically significant disturbance in an individual's cognition, emotion regulation or behavior that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological or developmental processes underlying mental functioning as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5).

(\*\*\*f) "Mental health \*\*\* treatment court" means \*\*\* a court program with a specialized docket for certain individuals with mental illnesses with an emphasis on linking individuals to effective treatment and support.

(\*\*\*g) "Evidence-based \*\*\* program" and "research-based program" means a program that utilizes supervision policies, procedures and practices that scientific research demonstrates reduce recidivism.

(\*\*\*h) "Risk and needs assessment" means the use of an actuarial assessment tool \*\*\* that determines a person's \*\*\* eligibility for admission into a mental health treatment court.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 9-27-6, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-27-6. (1) (a) The Administrative Office of Courts shall establish, implement and operate a uniform certification process for all new or existing mental health treatment courts to ensure that these courts meet minimum standards for mental health treatment court operations.

(b) These standards include, but are not limited to, the Mississippi Mental Health Treatment Court Standards.

(c) Mental health treatment court certification applications must include:

- (i) A description of the need for the mental health treatment court;
- (ii) The targeted population for the mental health treatment court;
- (iii) The eligibility criteria for mental health treatment court participants;

(iv) A description of the process for identifying appropriate participants, which must include the use of a risk and needs assessment and a clinical assessment and must focus on accepting moderate to high-risk individuals;

(v) A description of the mental health treatment court components, including anticipated budget, implementation plan, and a list of the evidence-based or research-based programs to which participants will be referred by the mental health treatment court; and

(vi) A data collection plan, which must include collecting the data listed in subsection (2) of this section.

(d) Beginning July 1, 2022, all qualified courts seeking to establish a mental health treatment court or to continue operating an existing mental health treatment court must submit a mental health treatment court certification application to the Administrative Office of Courts before April 30 preceding the fiscal year in which the court intends to begin operations or continue operating. The Administrative Office of Courts must complete the certification process no later than December 31 of the calendar year in which the application was received. A mental health treatment court's certification expires on December 31.

(e) All certified mental health treatment courts in existence on December 31, 2022, must submit a recertification petition to the Administrative Office of Courts before July 1 of every calendar year. The recertification process must be completed no later than December 31 of every calendar year.

(f) A certified mental health treatment court in existence on December 31, 2024, must submit a recertification petition to the Administrative Office of Courts before July 1, 2025, and July 1 of every third calendar year thereafter. The recertification process must be completed no later than December 31 of every third calendar year.

(2) Each month, mental health treatment courts must collect and record the required data into the official intervention court case management system adopted by the Administrative Office of Courts and any other data or information as required by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(3) A mental health treatment court judge individually may establish rules and make special orders and rules as necessary that do not conflict with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court or the Administrative Office of Courts.

(4) A mental health treatment court judge may appoint the full- or part-time employees deemed necessary for the work of the mental health treatment court and must fix the compensation of those employees, pursuant to the salary ranges promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts. The employees must serve at the will and pleasure of the senior mental health treatment court judge.

(5) The Administrative Office of Courts shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the certification and recertification process and make any other policies not inconsistent with this section to carry out this process.

(6) All mental health treatment courts operating in the State of Mississippi shall operate subject to the approval and regulatory powers of the Administrative Office of Courts as set forth in Section 9-27-12.

SECTION 5. Section 9-27-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-27-9. (1) A mental health treatment court's \* \* \* treatment component shall provide for eligible individuals, either directly or through referrals, a range of necessary \* \* \* services, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Screening using a valid and reliable risk and needs assessment tool effective for identifying persons affected by mental health \* \* \* disorders for eligibility and appropriate services;

(b) Clinical assessment;

(c) Education;

(d) Referral;

(e) \* \* \* Community service coordination and \* \* \* support; and

(f) Counseling and rehabilitative care.

(2) Any inpatient treatment \* \* \* provider utilized by the mental health treatment court shall be certified by the State Department of Mental Health, other appropriate state agency or the equivalent agency of another state.

SECTION 6. Section 9-27-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-27-11. (1) In order for a defendant accused of a crime to be eligible for \*\*\* participation in a \*\*\* mental health treatment court, the \*\*\* defendant must satisfy each of the following criteria:

(a) The \*\*\* defendant cannot have any felony convictions for any offenses that are crimes of violence as defined in \*\*\* Section 97-3-2 within the previous ten (10) years.

(b) The crime before the court and other criminal proceedings cannot be a crime of violence as defined in Section 97-3-2, other than burglary under Section 97-17-23(1).  
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(\*\*\*c) The crime charged cannot be one of trafficking in controlled substances under Section 41-29-139(f), nor can the participant have a prior conviction for same.

(2) In order for a respondent to a civil case to be eligible for participation in a mental health treatment court, the individual must satisfy each of the following criteria:

(a) The individual cannot have any felony convictions for any offenses that are crimes of violence as defined in subsection (1)(b) of this section within the previous ten (10) years;

(b) The individual cannot have any pending criminal proceedings for a crime of violence as defined in Section 97-3-2; and

(c) The individual cannot have any pending criminal proceedings for trafficking in controlled substances under Section 41-29-139(f), nor can the individual have a prior conviction for the same.

(3) Upon referral, any person meeting the eligibility criteria in subsections (1) and (2) of this section must be screened for admission into the mental health treatment court.

(\*\*\*4) Participation in the services of a mental health treatment \*\*\* court shall be open \*\*\* to \*\*\* individuals over whom the court has jurisdiction \*\*\*. The court may agree to provide the services for individuals referred from another mental health treatment court, drug intervention court or veterans treatment court. In cases transferred from another jurisdiction, the receiving judge shall act as a special master and make recommendations to the \*\*\* original intervention or treatment court judge.  
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(\*\*\*5) A person does not have a right to participate in a mental health treatment court under this chapter. The court having jurisdiction over a person for a matter before the court shall: (a) allow the person to choose whether to participate in the mental health treatment court or proceed otherwise through the court system; and (b) have the final determination about whether the person may participate in the mental health treatment court under this chapter. \*\*\*

SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as Section 9-27-12, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9-27-12. With regard to any mental health treatment court, the Administrative Office of Courts shall do the following:

(a) Certify and recertify mental health treatment court applications that comply with standards established by the Administrative Office of Courts in accordance with this chapter.

(b) Ensure that the structure of the mental health treatment court complies with the Mental Health Treatment Court Rules, state statutes or applicable federal rules or regulations.

(c) Revoke the certification of a mental health treatment court upon a determination that the program does not comply with the Mental Health Treatment Court Rules, state statutes or applicable federal rules or regulations.

(d) Make agreements and contracts to effectuate the purposes of this chapter with:

- (i) Another department, authority or agency of the state;
- (ii) Another state;
- (iii) The federal government;
- (iv) A state-supported or private university; or



(v) A public or private agency, foundation, corporation or individual.

(e) Directly, or by contract, approve and certify any mental health treatment court established under this chapter.

(f) Require, as a condition of operation, that all mental health treatment courts created or funded under this chapter be certified by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(g) Collect monthly data from all certified mental health treatment courts, compile an annual report summarizing the data collected and the outcomes achieved by all certified mental health treatment courts.

(h) Every five (5) years, and if funding is available, contract with an external evaluator to conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of the statewide mental health treatment court program and individual mental health treatment courts.

(i) Adopt rules to implement this chapter.

SECTION 8. Section 9-27-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-27-15. (1) All monies received from any source by a mental health treatment court shall be accumulated in a local fund to be used only for mental health treatment court purposes. Any funds remaining in a local fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into any general fund, but shall be retained in the mental health treatment court fund for the funding of further activities by the mental health treatment court.

(2) A mental health treatment court may apply for and receive the following:

(a) Gifts, bequests and donations from private sources.

(b) Grant and contract monies from governmental sources.

(c) Other forms of financial assistance approved by the court to supplement the budget of the mental health \*\*\* treatment court.

(3) The costs of \*\*\* mental health treatment \*\*\* required by the mental health treatment court may be paid by the participant or out of user fees or such other state, federal or private funds that may, from time to time, be made available.

(4) (a) As a condition of participation in a mental health treatment court, a participant may be required to undergo a chemical or drug test or a series of chemical or drug tests as specified by the program. A participant is liable for the costs of all chemical tests required under this section, regardless of whether the costs are paid to the mental health treatment court or the laboratory; however, if testing is available from other sources or the program itself, the judge may waive any fees for testing. Fees also shall be waived if the applicant is determined to be indigent.

(b) A laboratory that performs a chemical test under this section must report the results of the test to the mental health treatment court.

(\*\*\*) The court may assess reasonable and appropriate fees to be paid to the local mental health treatment court fund for participation in a mental health treatment program \*\*\*. Additionally, all fees \*\*\* must be waived by the court if the \*\*\* participant is determined to be indigent.

SECTION 9. Section 9-27-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-27-17. The \*\*\* mental health treatment court coordinator and members of the professional and administrative staff of the mental health treatment court who perform duties in good faith under this chapter are immune from civil liability for:

(a) Acts or omissions in providing services under this chapter; and

(b) The reasonable exercise of discretion in determining eligibility to participate in the mental health treatment court.

SECTION 10. Section 9-27-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-27-19. (1) If the participant completes all requirements imposed \*\*\* by the mental health treatment court, the charge and prosecution shall be dismissed. If the \*\*\* participant was sentenced at the time of entry of a plea of guilty, the successful completion of the mental health treatment court order and other requirements of probation or suspension of sentence will result in the record of the criminal conviction or adjudication being expunged by the court.

(2) Expungements performed under subsection (1) of this section are not subject to the requirements and limitations set forth by any other statute authorizing expungements.

(3) If the participant is a respondent to a civil case and completes all requirements imposed by the order placing the participant in the mental health treatment court, the petitioner's petition for commitment must be dismissed.

SECTION 11. Section 9-27-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, which requires the Administrative Office of Courts to collect certain data and reports from the mental health courts and establishes standards for mental health courts, is repealed.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE RIVERS MCGRAW MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM ACT TO THE "RIVERS MCGRAW MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO TRANSITION THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAM INTO A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT AND TO CLARIFY THE GOALS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURTS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND TO DEFINE ADDITIONAL TERMS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 9-27-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS TO MAINTAIN A UNIFORM CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURTS AND TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND DEADLINES FOR CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 9-27-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS IN RELATION TO THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURTS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO UNDERGO CHEMICAL OR DRUG TESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 9-27-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A PETITION FOR COMMITMENT TO BE DISMISSED UPON A PARTICIPANT'S SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT COURT; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-27-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS TO COLLECT CERTAIN DATA AND REPORTS FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH COURTS AND ESTABLISHES STANDARDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Lee Yancey  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jeremy England, Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson,

Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1351: Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 89-5-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-5-8. (1) Any affidavit containing a statement relating to the identification, the marital status, the heirship, the relation, the death or the time of death of any person who is a party to a document affecting the title to real property, or any affidavit relating to the identification of any corporation or other legal entity which is a party to a document affecting the title to real property, signed by the affiant and verified upon oath or affirmation before a notarial officer, shall be recordable in the land records in the office of the chancery clerk in the county where the real property is situated.

(2) (a) Notice of a typographical or other minor error in a document affecting the title to real property may be given by recording an affidavit containing a statement of scrivener's error. If an affidavit is conspicuously identified as an affidavit of scrivener's error, the chancery clerk shall index the affidavit in the general index under the names of the original parties to the document if they are identified in the affidavit, and in the sectional index as provided in the indexing instructions of the affidavit. Notice of the corrective information provided by the affiant is effective upon recordation. An affidavit under this paragraph (a) may be prepared only by an attorney licensed to practice law in this state \* \* \*.

(b) \* \* \* The affidavit of scrivener's error shall be executed and acknowledged by the affiant and verified upon oath or affirmation before a notarial officer, and shall be recordable in the land records in the office of the chancery clerk in the county where the real estate is situated. The affidavit shall recite: (i) the name and Mississippi bar number of the affiant attorney, (ii) the instrument containing clerical error, and (iii) a statement that the affiant is in good standing with The Mississippi Bar, is licensed to practice law in the State of Mississippi, and that his or her license is active at the time of verification or affirmation. Any affidavit of scrivener's error recorded that is not executed by an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Mississippi, and who prepared any

document in the chain of title to the subject real property, regardless of the date of recording shall be void.

(c) \* \* \* The chancery clerk shall make a marginal notation on the document to which the affidavit refers.

(3) Where title to homestead property is in the titled spouse, the nontitled spouse, in lieu of joining the titled spouse in executing a conveyance, mortgage, deed of trust or other encumbrance upon a homestead, may file an affidavit of nonhomestead verified upon oath or affirmation that either: (a) the nontitled spouse, together with the titled spouse, freely and voluntarily abandoned the old homestead and secured and currently together occupy a new homestead residence; or (b) the nontitled spouse freely and voluntarily separated from the titled spouse with no intent to return to the titled spouse or to reside with the titled spouse, either temporarily or permanently, on the titled spouse's homestead, and the nontitled spouse currently maintains and occupies a separate residence.

(4) A person who knowingly makes or causes to be made a false statement in an affidavit is guilty of perjury and liable for the actual damages suffered or incurred by any person as a result or consequence of the making of or reliance upon the false affidavit. The court may award punitive damages, costs and attorney's fees.

(5) From and after July 1, 2021, an affidavit recorded under this section must include a description of the real property covered by the affidavit.

(6) Any affidavit so recorded, or a certified copy thereof, shall be admissible as evidence in any action involving the document to which it relates or the title to the real property affected by the document and shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein and the marketability of the title to real property.

SECTION 2. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act."

(2) As used in this act, the following words shall have the meanings described in this section:

(a) "Building inspection official" means any appointed or elected federal, state, or local official with executive responsibility to coordinate building inspection in the jurisdiction in which the emergency or event has occurred;

(b) "Emergency" means an earthquake, eruption, flood, storm, hurricane, fire or other catastrophe that has been designated as a major disaster or emergency by the President of the United States, the Governor, or other public official, and shall include the terms "State of Emergency" and "Local emergency" as defined in Section 33-15-5;

(c) "Good Samaritan" means a professional engineer or a registered architect who performs safety assessment services only, and who provides such services uncompensated (other than reimbursement of expenses) at the scene of an emergency;

(d) "Law enforcement official" means any appointed or elected federal, state, or local official with executive responsibility to coordinate law enforcement in the jurisdiction in which the emergency or event has occurred;

(e) "Professional engineer" means a person duly licensed under the engineering licensure laws of a United States or Canadian jurisdiction as a professional engineer;

(f) "Public official" means any federal, state, or local official with executive responsibility in the jurisdiction in which the emergency or event has occurred;

(g) "Public safety official" means any appointed or elected federal, state, or local official with executive responsibility to coordinate public safety in the jurisdiction in which the emergency or event has occurred;

(h) "Registered architect" means a person duly licensed under the architectural licensure laws of a United States or Canadian jurisdiction as a registered architect; and

(i) "Safety assessment services" means inspection and evaluation of any structure, building, facility, project utility, equipment, machine, process, piping, or other system at the scene of an emergency related to structural integrity or nonstructural elements affecting life, safety and habitability.

(3) (a) Any registered architect or professional engineer who provides safety assessment services as a Good Samaritan at the request of or with the approval of a

public official, law enforcement official, public safety official, or building inspection official acting in his or her official capacity as such shall be immune from liability from any civil action arising only from an act, service or omission performed in the course of providing safety assessment services as a Good Samaritan. The immunity provided in this act shall apply only to safety assessment services if, such services: (i) occurred during the emergency or within ninety (90) days following the end of the period for the emergency, unless extended by an executive order; and (ii) if the architect or engineer was acting as a reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances during a period of declared emergency, to include any other loss of any other nature related to the registered architect's or professional engineer's acts, errors or omissions in the performance of any architectural or engineering services for any structure, building or facility during the declared period of emergency.

(b) Architectural or engineering services beyond safety assessment services including, but not limited to, design of repairs, demolition plans, construction documents, or construction administration shall only be undertaken by an architect or professional engineer licensed in Mississippi.

(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to provide immunity for wanton, willful, or intentional misconduct.

(4) Any architect or professional engineer not licensed in this state acting within the confines of this act as a Good Samaritan in order to perform safety assessment services shall be exempted from being required to be licensed as an architect or professional engineer in the State of Mississippi, but only to the extent of the services rendered for the period of time as provided for in subsection (4) of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 89-5-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REGULATE THE EXECUTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERROR AFFIDAVITS FOR PROPERTY DEEDS; TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS GOOD SAMARITAN ACT"; TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY CIVIL ACTIONS ARISING FROM WORK PERFORMED BY ARCHITECTS OR ENGINEERS AT THE REQUEST OF AN ELECTED OFFICIAL DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE IMMUNITY PROVIDED BY THIS ACT SHALL ONLY APPLY TO SAFETY ASSESSMENT SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Chris Brown

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2034: Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Derrick T. Simmons  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mangold. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2319: Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Nicole Boyd, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Joey Hood

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2321: Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Human trafficking" means the actions that constitute an offense under Section 97-3-54.1 or 97-3-54.3.

(b) "Venture" means any group of two (2) or more individuals associated in fact, whether or not a legal entity.

SECTION 2. (1) A defendant who engages in human trafficking or who willfully, intentionally and knowingly benefits from participating in a venture that trafficks another person is liable to the person trafficked, as provided by this act, for damages proximately caused by the trafficking of that person by the defendant or venture.

(2) The occurrence of human trafficking on the property of one not engaged in or benefitting from such human trafficking shall not, in and of itself, subject the property owner to liability under this act.

(3) It is not a defense to liability under this act that a defendant has been acquitted or has not been prosecuted or convicted under Section 97-3-54.1 or Section 97-3-54.4, or has been convicted of a different offense or of a different type or class of offense, for the conduct that is alleged to give rise to liability under this act.

(4) The cause of action created by this section is in addition to any other remedy provided by common law or statute.

(5) An action under this act shall be filed within:

(a) Three (3) years after the cause of action accrued; or

(b) Three (3) years after the claimant reaches the age of majority if at the time the cause of action accrued the claimant was a minor.

SECTION 3. A claimant who prevails in a suit under this act may be awarded:

(a) Compensatory damages;

(b) Court costs; and

(c) Reasonable attorneys' fees.

SECTION 4. A person who engages in human trafficking or who willfully, intentionally and knowingly benefits from participating in a venture that trafficks another person and who is found liable under this act for any amount of damages proximately caused by the trafficking is jointly liable with any other defendant found liable under this act for the entire amount of damages proximately caused by the trafficking.

SECTION 5. Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purpose to protect persons from human trafficking and provide adequate remedies to victims of human trafficking.

SECTION 6. Section 97-29-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-29-51. (1) (a) A person commits the misdemeanor of procuring the services of a prostitute if the person knowingly or intentionally pays, or offers or agrees to pay, money or other property to another person for having engaged in, or on the understanding that the other person will engage in, sexual intercourse or sexual conduct with the person or with any other person. "Sexual conduct" includes cunnilingus, fellatio, masturbation of another, anal intercourse or the causing of penetration to any extent and with any object or body part of the genital or anal opening of another.

(b) Upon conviction under this subsection, a person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by confinement in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. A second or subsequent violation of this section shall be a felony, punishable by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both.

(c) However, in all cases, if the person whose services are procured in violation of this subsection (1) is a minor under eighteen (18) years of age, the person convicted shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years, nor more than thirty (30) years, or by a fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) nor more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both.

(d) Consent of a minor is not a defense to prosecution under this subsection (1).

(2) (a) A person commits the felony of promoting prostitution if the person:



(i) Knowingly or intentionally entices, compels, causes, induces, persuades, or encourages by promise, threat, violence, or by scheme or device, another person to become a prostitute, engage in conduct in violation of Section 97-29-49, regardless of whether the other person can be or is arrested for, charged with or convicted of the offense of prostitution;

(ii) Knowingly or intentionally solicits or offers or agrees to solicit, or receives or gives, or agrees to receive or give any money or thing of value for soliciting, or attempting to solicit, another person for the purpose of prostitution;

(iii) Knowingly induces, persuades, or encourages a person to come into or leave this state for the purpose of prostitution;

(iv) Having control over the use of a place or vehicle, knowingly or intentionally permits another person to use the place or vehicle for prostitution;

(v) Accepts, receives, levies or appropriates money or other property of value from a prostitute, without lawful consideration, with knowledge or reasonable cause to know it was earned, in whole or in part, from prostitution; or

(vi) Conducts, directs, takes, or transports, or offers or agrees to take or transport, or aids or assists in transporting, any person to any vehicle, conveyance, place, structure, or building, or to any other person with knowledge or reasonable cause to know that the purpose of such directing, taking or transporting is prostitution.

(b) Upon conviction, a person shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than ten (10) years, or both. A second or subsequent violation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) or by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for up to twenty (20) years, or both.

(c) However, in all cases, if the person whose services are promoted in violation of this subsection (2) is a minor under eighteen (18) years of age, the person convicted shall be guilty of a felony and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for not less than five (5) years, nor more than thirty (30) years, or by a fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) nor more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or both. There is no requirement that the defendant have actual knowledge of the age of the person and consent of a minor is not a defense to prosecution under this section.

(3) If it is determined that a person suspected of or charged with promoting prostitution is a trafficked person, as defined by Section 97-3-54.4, that fact shall be considered a mitigating factor in any prosecution of that person for prostitution, and the person shall be referred to appropriate resources for assistance. If it is determined that a person suspected of or charged with promoting prostitution is a minor under eighteen (18) years of age who meets the definition of a trafficked person as defined in Section 97-3-54.4, the minor is immune from prosecution for promoting prostitution as a juvenile or adult and provisions of Section 97-3-54.1(4) shall be applicable.

(4) Any partnership, association, corporation or other entity violating any provision of subsection (2) against the promotion of prostitution shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). If the person whose services are promoted is under eighteen (18) years of age, the partnership, association, corporation or other legal entity convicted shall be punished by a fine not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). There is no requirement that the defendant have knowledge of the age of the person. Consent of a minor is not a defense to prosecution under this section.

(5) Investigation and prosecution of a person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity under this section shall not preclude investigation or prosecution against that person, partnership, association, corporation or other entity for a violation of other applicable criminal laws, including, but not limited to, the Mississippi Human Trafficking Act, Section 97-3-54 et seq.

SECTION 7. Section 97-3-54.7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-54.7. Forfeiture of assets and disposition of proceeds.

(1) In addition to any other civil or criminal penalties provided by law, any property used in the commission of a violation of this act shall be forfeited as provided herein.

(a) The following property shall be subject to forfeiture if used or intended for use as an instrumentality in or used in furtherance of a violation of this act:

- (i) Conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels;
  - (ii) Books, records, telecommunication equipment, or computers;
  - (iii) Money or weapons;
  - (iv) Everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for an act in violation and all proceeds traceable to the exchange;
  - (v) Negotiable instruments and securities;
  - (vi) Any property, real or personal, directly or indirectly acquired or received in a violation or as an inducement to violate;
  - (vii) Any property traceable to proceeds from a violation;
- and

(viii) Any real property, including any right, title and interest in the whole of or any part of any lot or tract of land used in furtherance of a violation of this act.

(b) (i) No property used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the property is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this act;

(ii) No property is subject to forfeiture under this section by reason of any act or omission proved by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted without his knowledge or consent; if the confiscating authority has reason to believe that the property is a leased or rented property, then the confiscating authority shall notify the owner of the property within five (5) days of the confiscation or within five (5) days of forming reason to believe that the property is a leased or rented property;

(iii) Forfeiture of a property encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission.

(2) No property shall be forfeited under the provisions of this section, to the extent of the interest of an owner, by reason of any act or omission established by him to have been committed or omitted without his knowledge or consent.

(3) Seizure without process may be made if the seizure is incident to an arrest or a search under a search warrant or an inspection under an administrative inspection warrant.

(4) (a) When any property is seized under this section, proceedings shall be instituted within a reasonable period of time from the date of seizure or the subject property shall be immediately returned to the party from whom seized.

(b) A petition for forfeiture shall be filed by the Attorney General or a district attorney in the name of the State of Mississippi, the county, or the municipality, and may be filed in the county in which the seizure is made, the county in which the criminal prosecution is brought, or the county in which the owner of the seized property is found. Forfeiture proceedings may be brought in the circuit court or the county court if a county court exists in the county and the value of the seized property is within the jurisdictional limits of the county court as set forth in Section 9-9-21. A copy of the petition shall be served upon the following persons by service of process in the same manner as in civil cases:

- (i) The owner of the property, if address is known;
- (ii) Any secured party who has registered his lien or filed a financing statement as provided by law, if the identity of the secured party can be ascertained by the entity filing the petition by making a good faith effort to ascertain the identity of the secured party;
- (iii) Any other bona fide lienholder or secured party or other person holding an interest in the property in the nature of a security interest of whom the seizing law enforcement agency has actual knowledge; and
- (iv) Any person in possession of property subject to forfeiture at the time that it was seized.

(5) If the property is a motor vehicle susceptible of titling under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Title Law and if there is any reasonable cause to believe that the vehicle has been titled, inquiry of the Department of Revenue shall be made as to what the records of the Department of Revenue show as to who is the record owner of the vehicle and who, if anyone, holds any lien or security interest that affects the vehicle.

(6) If the property is a motor vehicle and is not titled in the State of Mississippi, then an attempt shall be made to ascertain the name and address of the person in whose name the vehicle is licensed, and if the vehicle is licensed in a state which has in effect a certificate of title law, inquiry of the appropriate agency of that state shall be made as to what the records of the agency show as to who is the record owner of the vehicle and who, if anyone, holds any lien, security interest or other instrument in the nature of a security device that affects the vehicle.

(7) If the property is of a nature that a financing statement is required by the laws of this state to be filed to perfect a security interest affecting the property and if there is any reasonable cause to believe that a financing statement covering the security interest has been filed under the laws of this state, inquiry of the appropriate office designated in Section 75-9-501, shall be made as to what the records show as to who is the record owner of the property and who, if anyone, has filed a financing statement affecting the property.

(8) If the property is an aircraft or part thereof and if there is any reasonable cause to believe that an instrument in the nature of a security device affects the property, inquiry of the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall be made as to what the records of the Federal Aviation Administration show as to who is the record owner of the property and who, if anyone, holds an instrument in the nature of a security device which affects the property.

(9) If the answer to an inquiry states that the record owner of the property is any person other than the person who was in possession of it when it was seized, or states that any person holds any lien, encumbrance, security interest, other interest in the nature of a security interest, mortgage or deed of trust that affects the property, the record owner and also any lienholder, secured party, other person who holds an interest in the property in the nature of a security interest, or holder of an encumbrance, mortgage or deed of trust that affects the property is to be named in the petition of forfeiture and is to be served with process in the same manner as in civil cases.

(10) If the owner of the property cannot be found and served with a copy of the petition of forfeiture, or if no person was in possession of the property subject to forfeiture at the time that it was seized and the owner of the property is unknown, there shall be filed with the clerk of the court in which the proceeding is pending an affidavit to such effect, whereupon the clerk of the court shall publish notice of the hearing addressed to "the Unknown Owner of \_\_\_\_\_," filling in the blank space with a reasonably detailed description of the property subject to forfeiture. Service by publication shall contain the other requisites prescribed in Section 11-33-41, and shall be served as provided in Section 11-33-37, for publication of notice for attachments at law.

(11) No proceedings instituted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall proceed to hearing unless the judge conducting the hearing is satisfied that this section has been complied with. Any answer received from an inquiry required by this section shall be introduced into evidence at the hearing.

(12) (a) An owner of a property that has been seized shall file an answer within thirty (30) days after the completion of service of process. If an answer is not filed, the court shall hear evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture and forfeit the property to the seizing law enforcement agency. If an answer is filed, a time for hearing on forfeiture shall be set within thirty (30) days of filing the answer or at the succeeding term of court if court would not be in session within thirty (30) days after filing the answer. The court may postpone the forfeiture hearing to a date past the time any criminal action is pending against the owner upon request of any party.

(b) If the owner of the property has filed an answer denying that the property is subject to forfeiture, then the burden is on the petitioner to prove that the property is subject to forfeiture. However, if an answer has not been filed by the owner of the property, the petition for forfeiture may be introduced into evidence and is prima facie evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture. The burden of proof placed upon the

petitioner in regard to property forfeited under the provisions of this chapter shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

(c) At the hearing any claimant of any right, title or interest in the property may prove his lien, encumbrance, security interest, other interest in the nature of a security interest, mortgage or deed of trust to be bona fide and created without knowledge or consent that the property was to be used so as to cause the property to be subject to forfeiture.

(d) If it is found that the property is subject to forfeiture, then the judge shall forfeit the property. However, if proof at the hearing discloses that the interest of any bona fide lienholder, secured party, other person holding an interest in the property in the nature of a security interest, or any holder of a bona fide encumbrance, mortgage or deed of trust is greater than or equal to the present value of the property, the court shall order the property released to him. If the interest is less than the present value of the property and if the proof shows that the property is subject to forfeiture, the court shall order the property forfeited.

(13) Unless otherwise provided herein, all personal property which is forfeited under this section shall be liquidated and, after deduction of court costs and the expense of liquidation, the proceeds shall be divided as follows:

(a) If only one (1) law enforcement agency participates in the underlying criminal case out of which the forfeiture arises, fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the \* \* \* Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund, and fifty percent (50%) shall be deposited and credited to the budget of the participating law enforcement agency.

(b) If more than one (1) law enforcement agency participates in the underlying criminal case out of which the forfeiture arises, fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer and deposited in the \* \* \* Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund, twenty-five percent (25%) of the proceeds shall be deposited and credited to the budget of the law enforcement agency whose officers initiated the criminal case and twenty-five percent (25%) shall be divided equitably between or among the other participating law enforcement agencies, and shall be deposited and credited to the budgets of the participating law enforcement agencies. In the event that the other participating law enforcement agencies cannot agree on the division of their twenty-five percent (25%), a petition shall be filed by any one of them in the court in which the civil forfeiture case is brought and the court shall make an equitable division.

(14) All money forfeited under this section shall be divided, deposited and credited in the same manner as provided in subsection (13).

(15) All real estate forfeited under the provisions of this section shall be sold to the highest and best bidder at a public auction for cash, the auction to be conducted by the chief law enforcement officer of the initiating law enforcement agency, or his designee, at such place, on such notice and in accordance with the same procedure, as far as practicable, as is required in the case of sales of land under execution at law. The proceeds of the sale shall first be applied to the cost and expense in administering and conducting the sale, then to the satisfaction of all mortgages, deeds of trust, liens and encumbrances of record on the property. The remaining proceeds shall be divided, forwarded and deposited in the same manner as provided in subsection (13).

(16) (a) Any county or municipal law enforcement agency may maintain, repair, use and operate for official purposes all property described in subsection (1)(a)(i) of this section that has been forfeited to the agency if it is free from any interest of a bona fide lienholder, secured party or other party who holds an interest in the property in the nature of a security interest. The county or municipal law enforcement agency may purchase the interest of a bona fide lienholder, secured party or other party who holds an interest so that the property can be released for its use. If the property is a motor vehicle susceptible of titling under the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Title Law, the law enforcement agency shall be deemed to be the purchaser, and the certificate of title shall be issued to it as required by subsection (9) of this section.

(b) (i) If a vehicle is forfeited to or transferred to a sheriff's department, then the sheriff may transfer the vehicle to the county for official or governmental use as the board of supervisors may direct.

(ii) If a vehicle is forfeited to or transferred to a police department, then the police chief may transfer the vehicle to the municipality for official or governmental use as the governing authority of the municipality may direct.

(c) If a motor vehicle forfeited to a county or municipal law enforcement agency becomes obsolete or is no longer needed for official or governmental purposes, it may be disposed of in accordance with Section 19-7-5 or in the manner provided by law for disposing of municipal property.

(17) The forfeiture procedure set forth in this section is the sole remedy of any claimant, and no court shall have jurisdiction to interfere therewith by replevin, injunction, supersedeas or in any other manner.

SECTION 8. Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-54.9. Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator; duties.

(1) There is created the position of statewide human trafficking coordinator within the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Public Safety office. The duties of the coordinator shall be as follows:

(a) Coordinate the implementation of this act;

(b) Evaluate state efforts to combat human trafficking;

(c) Collect data on human trafficking activity within the state on an ongoing basis, including types of activities reported, efforts to combat human trafficking, and impact on victims and on the state;

(d) Exclude from publicly released portions of the data collected under subsection (1)(c) the identity of any victim and the victim's family;

(e) Promote public awareness about human trafficking, remedies and services for victims, and national hotline information;

(f) Create and maintain a website to publicize the coordinator's work;

(g) Submit to the Legislature an annual report of its evaluation under subsection (1)(b) and any other annual report required by law, including any recommendations, and summary of data collected under subsection (1)(c) and any other data otherwise required by law to be collected by the coordinator;

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(\*\*h) Assist in the creation and operations of local human trafficking task forces or working groups around the state, including serving on a task force or a multidisciplinary child protection team;

(\*\*i) Conduct other activities, including, but not limited to, applying for grants to enhance investigation and prosecution of trafficking offenses or to improve victim services to combat human trafficking within this state which are appropriate; and

(\*\*j) Perform any other duties specifically required by law for the coordinator.

(2) The coordinator shall be authorized to seek input and assistance from state agencies, nongovernmental agencies, service providers and other individuals in the performance of the foregoing duties.

(3) Each state agency, board and commission shall be required to fully cooperate with the coordinator in the performance of the duties of that position.

(4) Every investigation of an offense under this chapter shall be reported to the coordinator by the initiating law enforcement agency pursuant to guidelines established by the coordinator.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 43-21-261, disclosure by any state agency, nongovernmental agency, service provider or local or state law enforcement agency of nonidentifying information regarding a minor victim to the coordinator for the purposes of evaluating and collecting data regarding trafficking offenses in the state is specifically authorized.

SECTION 9. Section 97-3-54.8, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides for the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund, is repealed.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ENGAGING IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR WILLFULLY, INTENTIONALLY AND KNOWINGLY BENEFITTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT WHO ENGAGES IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR WHO WILLFULLY, INTENTIONALLY AND KNOWINGLY BENEFITS FROM PARTICIPATING IN A VENTURE THAT TRAFFICKS ANOTHER PERSON IS LIABLE TO THE PERSON TRAFFICKED FOR DAMAGES PROXIMATELY CAUSED BY THE TRAFFICKING OF THAT PERSON BY THE DEFENDANT OR VENTURE; TO PROVIDE FOR SHAREHOLDER OR MEMBER LIABILITY; TO CLARIFY THAT THE OCCURRENCE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON THE PROPERTY OF ONE NOT ENGAGED IN OR BENEFITTING FROM SUCH HUMAN TRAFFICKING SHALL NOT, IN AND OF ITSELF, SUBJECT THE PROPERTY OWNER TO LIABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 97-29-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE CRIME OF PROMOTION OF PROSTITUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-54.7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE WHERE THE PROCEEDS OF FORFEITED ASSETS FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING ARE DEPOSITED; TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-54.9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 97-3-54.8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE "RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING FUND"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Edward Blackmon, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Horan. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violations to the State Auditor.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2338: DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violations to the State Auditor.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jeremy England, Jason Barrett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Charles Jim Beckett, Donnie Bell

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Crudup, Huddleston. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2620: Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jeremy England

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Thomas U. Reynolds, Joey Hood

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bailey, Clark, Evans, B, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Currie, Haney, Huddleston, Reynolds, Watson. Total-6.

Present--Porter. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1005: Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 37-106-60, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-106-60. (1) This section shall be known as the Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program.

(2) There is created a forgivable loan program for study in nursing to become a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse, for advanced study in nursing by licensed registered nurses, or for study in respiratory therapy to become a respiratory therapist. Forgivable loans are established and shall be allocated to students who: (a) are accepted and enrolled in an accredited nursing program or respiratory therapy program approved by the board; (b) complete an application by the deadline established by the board; and



(c) enter into contract with the board, obligating themselves to pursue to completion the course of study agreed upon, and following the completion of the course of study, to practice nursing or respiratory therapy, as the case may be, in the State of Mississippi for not less than five (5) years.

(3) Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as outlined in Section 37-106-53, except that the following provisions shall apply instead of subsection (1)(b) of that section: In lieu of payment in full of both principal and interest, a loan recipient under this section may elect to repay by entry into service employment as provided in subsection (2)(c) of this section. Repayment under this option shall convert the loan to an interest-free scholarship and discharge the same, on the basis of one fifth (1/5) of the total loan amount for each full year of service, or the appropriate proportion of the total outstanding balance of principal and interest, all as established by rule and regulation of the board. If at any time before the repayment in full of the total obligation the recipient abandons or abrogates repayment by this service option, the provisions of Section 37-106-53(1)(c) shall apply.

(4) The board shall establish the rules and regulations as it deems necessary and proper to carry out the purposes and intent of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-106-60, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE NURSING AND RESPIRATORY THERAPY EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM IS FOR STUDY IN NURSING TO BECOME A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE OR A REGISTERED NURSE, FOR ADVANCED STUDY IN NURSING BY LICENSED REGISTERED NURSES, OR FOR STUDY IN RESPIRATORY THERAPY TO BECOME A RESPIRATORY THERAPIST; TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOANS MAY BE REPAYED BY PRACTICING NURSING OR RESPIRATORY THERAPY IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR NOT LESS THAN FIVE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COURSE OF STUDY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, John A. Polk, Nicole Boyd

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Home, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1509: COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this act, the following words and phrases have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Immunity passport" means a document, digital record, or software application indicating that a person has immunity to COVID-19, either through vaccination or infection and recovery.

(b) "COVID-19 vaccination status" means an indication of whether a person has received one or more doses of a vaccine for COVID-19.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, it is an unlawful discriminatory practice for:

(a) A state agency, public official, state institution of higher learning, public community or junior college, county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state to refuse, withhold from, or deny to a person any local or state services, goods, facilities, advantages, privileges, licensing, educational opportunities, health care access, or employment opportunities based on the person's COVID-19 vaccination status or whether the person has an immunity passport;

(b) A state agency, public official, state institution of higher learning, public community or junior college, county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state to refuse employment to a person, to bar a person from employment, or to discriminate against a person in compensation or in a term, condition, or privilege of employment based on the person's COVID-19 vaccination status or whether the person has an immunity passport; or

(c) A state agency, public official, state institution of higher learning, public community or junior college, county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state to exclude, limit, segregate, refuse to serve, or otherwise discriminate against a person based on the person's COVID-19 vaccination status or whether the person has an immunity passport.

(3) Children attending any school, kindergarten or similar type of facility intended for the instruction of children, either public or private, shall not be required to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 as a condition of attendance.

(4) (a) A state agency, public official, state institution of higher learning, public community or junior college, county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state does not unlawfully discriminate under this section if they recommend that an employee receive a vaccine for COVID-19.

(b) A health care facility does not unlawfully discriminate under this act if it:

(i) Asks an employee to volunteer the employee's COVID-19 vaccination status for the purpose of determining whether the health care facility should

implement reasonable accommodation measures to protect the safety and health of employees, patients, visitors, and other persons from COVID-19. A health care facility may consider an employee to be unvaccinated if the employee declines to provide the employee's COVID-19 vaccination status to the health care facility for purposes of determining whether reasonable accommodation measures should be implemented; or

(ii) Implements reasonable accommodation measures for employees, patients, visitors, and other persons who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 to protect the safety and health of employees, patients, visitors, and other persons from COVID-19.

(5) An employee of any public or private employer who has a sincerely held religious objection to receiving a vaccine for COVID-19 shall not be required to receive a vaccine for COVID-19.

SECTION 2. A health care facility is exempt from compliance with this act during any period of time that compliance with this act would result in a violation of regulations or guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SECTION 3. If a part of this act is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of this act is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY, PUBLIC OFFICIAL, STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING, PUBLIC COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE, COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FROM REFUSING SERVICES, HEALTH CARE ACCESS OR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO A PERSON, OR OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATE AGAINST A PERSON, BASED UPON HIS OR HER COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS OR POSSESSION OF A COVID-19 IMMUNITY PASSPORT; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "IMMUNITY PASSPORT" AND "COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS"; TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN EXEMPTION FOR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Fred Shanks, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dean Kirby, Nicole Boyd, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, B, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Denton, Evans, B, Faulkner, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Burnett, Foster, Yates. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2421: Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan (No Signature), David Parker, John Horhn  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Rob Roberson

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2820:** COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; create and require MDOH to establish and administer.

Rep. Mims moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2899: Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 83-9-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-9-39. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, all alternative delivery systems and all group health insurance policies, plans or programs regulated by the State of Mississippi shall provide covered benefits for the treatment of mental illness, except for policies which only provide coverage for specified diseases and other limited benefit health insurance policies and negotiated labor contracts.

(b) Health insurance policies, plans or programs of any employer of one hundred (100) or fewer eligible employees and all individual health insurance policies which are regulated by the State of Mississippi which do not currently offer benefits for treatment of mental illness shall offer covered benefits for the treatment of mental illness, which must include the treatment of mental illness by community mental health centers operated by a regional commission established under Section 41-19-33 or by a public or private entity under contract with a regional commission to operate the center, except for policies which only provide coverage for specified diseases and other limited benefit health insurance policies and negotiated labor contracts.

(c) Alternative delivery systems and group health insurance policies, plans or programs regulated by the State of Mississippi shall not deny any community mental health center or contract entity described in paragraph (b) of this section the right to participate as a contract provider if the community mental health center or contract entity agrees to provide the mental health services that meet the terms of requirements set forth by the insurer under the policy or plan and agrees to the terms of reimbursement set forth by the insurer. Certification/licensure of all mental health providers by the Board of Mental Health in accordance with Section 41-4-7(r) shall be recognized by the insurer and shall not be used as a reason to deny any mental health provider the right to participate as a contract provider.

(2) Covered benefits for inpatient treatment of mental illness in insurance policies and other contracts subject to Sections 83-9-37 through 83-9-43 shall be limited to inpatient services certified as necessary by a health service provider.

(3) Covered benefits for outpatient treatment of mental illness in insurance policies and other contracts subject to Sections 83-9-37 through 83-9-43 shall be limited to outpatient services certified as necessary by a health service provider.

(4) Before an insured party may qualify to receive benefits under Sections 83-9-37 through 83-9-43, a health service provider shall certify that the individual is suffering from mental illness and refer the individual for the appropriate treatment.

(5) All mental illness, treatment or services with respect to such treatment eligible for health insurance coverage shall be subject to professional utilization and peer review procedures.

(6) The provisions of this section shall apply only to alternative delivery systems and individual and group health insurance policies, plans or programs issued or renewed after July 1, 1991.

(7) The exclusion period for coverage of a preexisting mental condition shall be the same period of time as that for other medical illnesses covered under the same plan, program or contract.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-9-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES, PLANS OR PROGRAMS REGULATED BY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SHALL NOT DENY ANY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS A CONTRACT PROVIDER IF THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AGREES TO PROVIDE THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT MEET THE TERMS OF REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH BY THE INSURER UNDER THE POLICY OR PLAN AND AGREES TO THE TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT SET FORTH BY THE INSURER; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE OF ALL MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS BY THE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE INSURER AND SHALL NOT BE USED AS A REASON TO DENY ANY MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AS A CONTRACT PROVIDER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, David Parker, Chris Johnson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Becky Currie

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1029: Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Act."

SECTION 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Applicant" means an eligible broadband service provider that has authorization to do business in this state and has demonstrated that it has the technical, financial and managerial resources and experience to provide broadband services in the state to retail end users.

(b) "Broadband service" means a mass-market retail service by wire, cable, fiber, or radio provided to customers in the State of Mississippi that provides the capability to transmit data to, and receive data from, all or substantially all Internet endpoints, at speeds of at least one hundred (100) megabits per second downstream and twenty (20) megabits per second upstream, and including, but not limited to, any capabilities that are incidental to and enable the operation of communications service, but excluding dial-up Internet access service.

(c) "Office" means the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) within the Department of Finance and Administration created in Section 3 of this act.

(d) "Deployed" means, with respect to availability of broadband service at a location, when the person or entity has access regardless of whether a person or entity subscribes to the broadband service at the location.

(e) "Eligible broadband service provider" means any company, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership or association (i) that has been providing broadband service to at least one hundred (100) residences and businesses in Mississippi for at least three (3) consecutive years; (ii) is an electric power association's broadband affiliate operating pursuant to Section 77-17-1 et seq.; or (iii) that has demonstrated financial, technical, and operational capability in building and operating a broadband network.

(f) "Eligible project" means a discrete and specific project located in an unserved or underserved area of the state seeking to provide broadband services to residences, businesses, and community institutions not currently available for service in accordance with the applicable federal guidelines.

(g) "Shapefile" means a digital storage format containing geospatial or location-based data and attribute information regarding the availability of broadband Internet access service, and that can be viewed, edited, and mapped in geographic information system software.

SECTION 3. There is created an Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) within the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of making determinations and awards from applications for projects to provide broadband service in unserved or underserved areas using the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Fund created pursuant to this act. The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall hire a Director of BEAM to administer the office.

SECTION 4. (1) The Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) shall serve as the state broadband office to review applications and make determinations and awards for projects to provide broadband access in unserved or underserved areas using the BEAM Fund created pursuant to this act.

(2) It shall be the duty and responsibility of BEAM to:

(a) Coordinate all broadband expansion and accessibility efforts on behalf of the state to ensure an effective and efficient use of broadband grant funds;

(b) Develop the plan and application for federal grant programs and for sub-grantees to receive funds from said federal grants;

(c) Develop rules and procedures, if necessary and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, to implement a competitive statewide broadband grant program;

(d) Coordinate all information provided by broadband service providers, including all broadband mapping efforts for the state. All information provided by a broadband service provider pursuant to this act shall be presumed to be confidential, proprietary, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state and federal law and shall not be subject to disclosure except in the form of a map where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband service providers is not disclosed. Such provider-specific information shall not be released to any person without written permission of the submitting broadband service provider. In no instance shall a broadband service provider be required to provide any data beyond that which it is required to provide to the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 USC Section 641 et seq.; and

(e) Apply for and receive federal grants or funds, including, but not limited to, Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, and all other federal broadband grant programs and any state support grant programs.

(3) To effectuate the purposes of this act, any department, division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request of the Director of BEAM, provide the assistance, information and data needed to enable BEAM to carry out its duties.

(4) There is created within the State Treasury the "Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Fund" for the purposes of the expansion and accessibility of broadband in unserved and underserved areas. The fund shall consist of all monies designated, accepted or appropriated by the State of Mississippi for broadband deployment; all monies received from the federal government awarded to or allocated by the state for broadband deployment; and donations, gifts and monies received from any other source, including transfers from other funds or accounts. Disbursements from the fund shall be made by the Department of Finance and Administration upon appropriation by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of this act. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer in the same manner as monies in the State General Fund and interest earned on the investment of these monies shall be credited to the fund.

SECTION 5. In making determinations and awards, the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) shall consider the following:

(a) Funds for the grant programs shall only be used by applicants for projects that exclusively extend broadband service into unserved or underserved areas in this state; and

(b) Funds from federal broadband grant programs shall be spent in accordance with federal laws, rules, regulations and guidance, and federal laws, rules, regulations and guidance shall supersede in any instance where this act conflicts.

SECTION 6. The criteria for determining the awarding of funds shall include the following:

(a) The applicant's experience and financial wherewithal to deploy, operate and manage the proposed project and broadband service offerings, including evidence of the applicant's successful operations of broadband services to retail end users;

(b) The readiness to build, operate and maintain the project;

(c) Projects that will deploy broadband service to the most unserved or underserved areas;

(d) The scalability of the proposed project network to support the deployment of higher broadband speeds over time;

(e) The likelihood that the unserved or underserved area will not be served with broadband service without such state or federal grant funding;



(f) The applicant's ability to demonstrate the community's support for the project and a collaborated plan to leverage broadband services for community needs and economic development, such as rural development, education, tourism, new investment, or business attraction or retention;

(g) A preference for those applications seeking to deploy and provide broadband services to areas in which there is currently no fixed terrestrial Internet access service available;

(h) No discrimination or preference to applications on the basis of the type of technology proposed by any applicant to be used to provide broadband services so long as the technology proposed meets the federal guidelines;

(i) The size and scope of the unserved or underserved area to be deployed; and

(j) The broadband service speed thresholds proposed in the application and the scalability of the broadband service network infrastructure proposed to be deployed to provide broadband service to households and businesses.

SECTION 7. In accordance with federal laws, rules, regulations and guidance, the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) shall establish and publish on its website its criteria for competitively scoring applications.

SECTION 8. (1) An applicant for funding under this act shall provide the following information at a minimum on the application:

(a) The location of the project by use of a shapefile;

(b) The type and amount of broadband infrastructure to be deployed for the project, including the amount the applicant intends to invest in the project from private funds;

(c) Evidence regarding the unserved or underserved nature of the community in which the project is to be located;

(d) The number of households that will have access to broadband service as a result of the project, or whose Internet access service will be upgraded to broadband service as a result of the project;

(e) The significant community institutions that will benefit from the proposed project;

(f) Evidence of community support for the project with a narrative on the impact that the investment will have on community and economic development efforts in the area;

(g) The total cost of the project and a detailed budget and schedule for the project, including the submission of a business plan that provides for the use of funds provided under this act. Funds shall not be used to support the operational expenses of the network or to subsidize any other service provided by the applicant; and

(h) The broadband service provider's experience and financial capabilities.

(2) After scoring and considering all applications, the Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) shall make its preliminary determinations. Within thirty (30) days after the preliminary determinations have been made, BEAM shall publish on its website the applications, the proposed geographic broadband service area illustrated by a shapefile, and the proposed broadband service speeds for each application that receives a preliminary determination.

(3) Within thirty (30) days from the date the preliminary determinations are published on BEAM's website, BEAM shall accept comments or objections concerning each application and investigate each of them as appropriate. BEAM shall consider all comments and objections received and the investigative findings in determining whether an applicant is eligible for a final determination and award.

(4) BEAM shall not make a final determination and award to an applicant if verifiable information is made available that shows the proposed project includes an area where broadband services currently are deployed, or where construction of a network to deploy broadband service is underway by a provider other than the applicant, and the construction is scheduled to be completed within one (1) year after the date of the application.

(5) An applicant's or challenging party's trade secrets, financial information and proprietary information submitted under this act as part of an application or challenge are exempt from disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act, Section 25-61-1 et seq.

(6) Any contractor deploying broadband infrastructure for a project that has been awarded grant monies by BEAM is encouraged to use Mississippi employment to the fullest extent possible.

SECTION 9. (1) Before the distribution of any grant monies from the BEAM Fund, BEAM shall notify the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Legislative Budget Office of the planned distribution.

(2) BEAM may employ the services of such persons as the Director of BEAM considers necessary for the purposes of consultation or investigation and fix the salaries of or contract for the services of such legal, professional, technical and operational personnel and consultants, subject to applicable provisions of the State Personnel Board. Additional legal assistance may be retained in accordance with this subsection (2) only with the approval of the Attorney General.

(3) BEAM shall provide to the Legislature an annual detailed report on the status and details of all projects considered and approved under this act no later than December 15 of each year.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE BROADBAND EXPANSION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF MISSISSIPPI (BEAM) ACT; TO DEFINE TERMS USED IN THE ACT; TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF BROADBAND EXPANSION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF MISSISSIPPI WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICE AS THE STATE BROADBAND OFFICE TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS USING FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE SHALL CONSIDER CERTAIN FACTORS IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATIONS AND AWARDS; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE TO ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE ITS CRITERIA FOR COMPETITIVELY SCORING APPLICATIONS; TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION AT A MINIMUM ON THE APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATIONS, FINAL DETERMINATIONS AND AWARDS AFTER CERTAIN INVESTIGATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE TO ACCEPT COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS CONCERNING EACH PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AND INVESTIGATE THEM AS APPROPRIATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, De'Keither A. Stamps, John Read

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., Rita Potts Parks, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Read. Total-3.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; prohibit the transportation, importation and release of wild hogs.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1065: Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-31.5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-31.5. (1) The hunting, trapping and taking of nuisance animals shall be regulated by the commission. The commission may adopt regulations to regulate the hunting, trapping and taking of nuisance animals and to control the population of nuisance animals.

(2) (a) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their designated agents may take predatory and nuisance animals year-round on lands owned or leased by them.

(b) Landowners, agricultural leaseholders or their designated agents may take nuisance animals with any type of weapon and may take nuisance animals during the night after legal hunting hours on lands owned or leased by them with a permit issued by the department.

(c) No license is required for a resident landowner hunting or trapping nuisance animals on his own land. An agricultural leaseholder, designated agent and any other person must possess either an all-game hunting license or trapping license, unless otherwise exempt.

(d) No license is required for a recipient of the Purple Heart Medal for wounds suffered in combat, to hunt nuisance animals on private lands. Persons exempt from purchasing a hunting license under this paragraph shall have in their possession and on their person a copy of their DD-214 discharge form indicating the receipt of the Purple Heart Medal and any proof as may be required by the commission or the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, while engaged in such activities.

(3) The taking of any animal or animals other than nuisance animals by the use of a trap or traps is unlawful except during the time the season is open for the taking of fur-bearing animals.

(4) Nuisance animals may be run, chased or pursued with dogs, except as provided in Section 49-7-32, year-round by licensed hunters.

(5) Nuisance animals may be hunted with the aid of electronic calls.

(6) Nuisance animals may be hunted or trapped with the aid of bait and lures, on private lands, according to regulations adopted by the commission.

(7) Any part of a nuisance animal may be bought and sold year-round.

(8) (a) Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released into the wild at a location different from the location where the wild hog was caught or trapped, or otherwise transported live in the State of Mississippi.

(b) A violation of this subsection is a Class I violation and is punishable as provided under Section 49-7-141.

(9) When hunting wild hogs during any open gun season on deer, a hunter must wear in full view at least five hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange.

SECTION 2. Section 49-7-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-140. (1) No person may import into the state or release into the wild, any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar.

(2) No person may transport on public roads or off of the property of record where captured or relocate within the state any live feral hog, wild swine or Russian Boar \* \* \*.

(3) For the purposes of this section, "feral hogs, wild swine or Russian Boar" are defined as any hog that is not a domesticated pet or livestock.

(4) A violation of this section is a Class I violation punishable as provided in Section 49-7-141.

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(\* \* \*5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the lawful transport of domestic swine for customary and ordinary purposes of intrastate or interstate commerce, or agricultural practices.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-7-31.5 AND 49-7-140, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSPORTATION, IMPORTATION AND RELEASE OF WILD HOGS, AND IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR SUCH VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Angela Burks Hill (No Signature), David Parker

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Ford, J. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--98.

Nays--Anderson, B. Barnett, Bennett, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C. Criswell, Eubanks, Eure, Ford, K. Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McKnight, McLeod, Owen, Smith, Wallace, Zuber. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Huddleston, Karriem, Rushing. Total--4.

Present--Felsher. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Weathersby called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1343: Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 386, Laws of 2017, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 449, Laws of 2018, as last amended by Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 363, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

Section 3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to transfer and convey to the Marion County Economic Development District certain real property located at Columbia Training School in Marion County, Mississippi. The real property contains approximately 1,148.92 acres, more or less, and is more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1 Description:

Commencing at a found iron pin at the Northwest Corner of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 1,320.20 feet to the NE corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West and the point beginning, thence South 88 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 4,066.30 feet to the NE corner of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 242.83 feet along the East line of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 47 degrees 12 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of 4,789.95 feet along the north boundary of the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority property, thence South 44 degrees 56 minutes 53 seconds West a distance of 761.75 feet along the north boundary of the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority property to the center of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 4,125.33 feet to the NE corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West back to an iron pin and the point of beginning, Said parcel containing 202.11 acres, more or less.

Parcel 2 Description:

Commencing at a found pine stake at the Southeast Corner of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of

6,028.64 feet to a point on the East line of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 18

West to the point beginning, thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 4,068.43 feet to the SE corner of the N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 1,648.69 feet to the South boundary of Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property, thence North 62 degrees 00 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 181.98 feet along the South boundary of the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property, thence North 62 degrees 00 minutes 33 seconds East a distance of 1,448.60 feet along the South boundary of the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property, thence North 59 degrees 44 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 3,023.35 feet along the South boundary of the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property to a point on the East line of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 3,918.86 feet to a point on the east line of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 18 West back to the point of beginning, Said parcel containing 256.81 acres, more or less.

Parcel 3 Description:

Beginning at a found pine stake at the Southeast Corner of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 39 seconds West a distance of 1,323.60 feet to the NW corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4

North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 1,320.0 feet to the SW corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 662.10 feet to the NE

corner of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 1,320.0 feet to the SE corner of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence

South 89 degrees 42 minutes 37 seconds East a distance of 662.50 feet to the SE corner of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 114.57 feet to a point on the north right of way line of Old Highway 44,

thence South 84 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 2,278.91 feet along said north right of way, thence South 82 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds West a distance of 1,164.47 feet along said north right of way, thence South 73 degrees 56 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 1,400.42 feet along said north right of way, thence South 64 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 277.68 feet along said north right of way, thence South 38 degrees 11 minutes 49 seconds West a distance of 240.36 feet along said north right of way, thence South 38 degrees 11 minutes 49 seconds West a distance of 69.88 feet along said north right of way to the north line of the S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 127.05 feet to the NW corner of the S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 3,929.52 feet to the NW corner of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 47 seconds West a distance of 1,294.10 feet to the NE corner NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of

Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 38 seconds West a distance of 2,649.20 feet to the NE corner of the W ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 18 West. thence East a distance of 265.82 feet to the west right of way line of Airport Road, thence along said west right of way line as follows: thence South 42 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds East a distance of 107.03 feet, thence South 27 degrees 31 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 185.56 feet, thence South 21 degrees 40 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 1,482.37 feet, thence North 43 degrees 56 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 497.83 feet crossing Airport Road and running along the south boundary of Marion County Economic Development District property, thence continuing along said south boundary North 43 degrees 58 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 1,761.55 feet to the north line of Section 27 Township 4 North, Range 18 West. thence run East a distance of 4,097.68 feet to the NE corner of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 East, thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 2,684.70 feet along the east line of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West back to the point of beginning said parcel containing 690.0 acres, more or less.

(2) The State of Mississippi shall retain any mineral rights to the property transferred and conveyed under subsection (1) of this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall have the authority to correct any discrepancies in the property descriptions provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The parcels of property conveyed under this section must be conveyed to the Marion County Economic Development District without any assumption of liability or financial responsibility by the State of Mississippi for any known or unknown environmental defects contained thereon. Upon receipt of the deed of title to the property, the Marion County Economic Development District shall indemnify the State of Mississippi for any damage, injury or loss.

(4) Upon sale or conveyance of the parcels of property conveyed hereunder, the Marion County Economic Development District shall first be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses for development of the parcels of property for water, sewer, roads, bridges, and electrical, and any remaining funds from the sale or conveyance shall be divided equally between the Marion County Economic Development District and the state.

(5) The parcels of property conveyed hereunder shall be sold for not less than the fair market value as determined by the average of at least two (2) appraisals by qualified appraisers, one (1) of which shall be selected by the Department of Finance and Administration and both of whom shall be certified and licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

(6) The Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority and the Marion County Economic Development District shall provide the Mississippi Department of Human Services six (6) months to harvest and sell any timber located on the property transferred using a company of the department's preference prior to any improvement or development being made on the property by such entities, the revenue generated from which shall be deposited into the State Treasury and earmarked for use by the Department of Human Services for all administrative and program purposes deemed necessary by the executive director. Upon harvesting the timber on the property described in subsection (1) of this section within the time specified in this subsection (6), the Department of Human Services shall forfeit all future rights to any timber remaining on or regrown on the property, as well as any right of easement for accessing the property, and such rights shall then rest with the Marion County Economic Development District.

SECTION 2. Section 43-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-27-39. (1) The purpose of this section is to ensure that Mississippi's juvenile justice system is cost-efficient and effective at reducing juvenile crime and to create a continuum of options for Mississippi's youth court judges so that they are better equipped to protect our communities and to care for our children.

(2) The Columbia Training School shall no longer operate as a secure training school for juvenile delinquents. All youth, both male and female, committed to the custody of the Department of Human Services and adjudicated to training school shall be housed at the Oakley Youth Development Center. The Oakley Youth Development Center shall provide gender-specific treatment for youth who are adjudicated delinquent.

(3) Any portion of Columbia Training School property and facilities described in Section 1 of Chapter 553, Laws of 2012, may be conveyed or transferred to the Board of Supervisors of Marion County, Mississippi.

(4) Any portion of Columbia Training School property and facilities described in Section 2 of Chapter 386, Laws of 2017, may be conveyed or transferred to the Marion County Economic Development District for the purposes prescribed under that section.

(5) Any portion of Columbia Training School property and facilities described in Section 1 of this act may be conveyed or transferred to the Marion County Economic Development District.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 386, LAWS OF 2017, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 3, CHAPTER 449, LAWS OF 2018, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTIONS 1 AND 2, CHAPTER 363, LAWS OF 2019, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSFER AND CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT COLUMBIA TRAINING SCHOOL IN MARION COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE MARION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Tom Weathersby, Gregory Holloway, Sr., Ken Morgan  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Turner-Ford, Josh Harkins, Jason Barrett

On motion of Rep. Weathersby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Huddleston, Read. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:



We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1510: Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-15. \* \* \* (1) Upon receiving a completed voter registration application, the registrar shall enter the applicant into the Statewide Elections Management System. Said registration application shall be compared with the Department of Public Safety driver's license and identification information. If such information indicates that a particular applicant is not a citizen of the United States, the Statewide Elections Management System shall notify the registrar, or his or her designee, that the applicant may not be a citizen of the United States.

(2) After receiving the notice from the Statewide Elections Management System as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the registrar, or his or her designee, shall:

(a) Enter the applicant's information into the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) or its successor database for further inquiry; and

(b) If both the Department of Public Safety driver's license and identification information and the database in paragraph (a) of this subsection indicate that the applicant is not a citizen, send a notice by first-class mail to the applicant's mailing address provided on the voter registration application inquiring whether the individual is eligible to be registered to vote. The registrar may, in addition to first-class mail, contact the applicant by email or telephone.

(3) Any applicant who receives the notice under subsection (2)(b) of this section shall, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of such notice, provide proof of citizenship to the registrar or his or her designee.

(4) For purposes of this section, proof of citizenship includes, but is not limited to:

(a) The applicant's birth certificate or a legible photocopy of the birth certificate;

(b) A United States passport, or a legible photocopy of the pertinent pages of the passport, identifying the applicant and showing the passport number;

(c) The applicant's United States naturalization documentation, a legible photocopy of the naturalization documentation, or the number of the applicant's Certificate of Naturalization; except that any person who provides the number of the Certificate of Naturalization in lieu of the naturalization documentation shall not be deemed to have provided proof of citizenship until the number is verified with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Department of Homeland Security or its successor; or

(d) Any document or method of proof of citizenship established by the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Public Law 99-603, compiled in 8 USC Section 1101 et seq.

(5) If the applicant provides proof of citizenship and meets all other qualifications provided by law, the registrar shall register the applicant to vote.

(6) If the applicant does not reply to the notice or provide proof of citizenship, the registrar of the county, or his or her designee, where the person registered to vote

shall mark the applicant as "PENDING" in the Statewide Elections Management System until the next federal general election:

(a) A voter in pending status may cast an affidavit ballot. The affidavit ballot shall be considered if the voter provides the required documentation under subsection (4) of this section to the registrar within five (5) days of casting the affidavit ballot.

(b) If the applicant fails to respond to the notice or cast an affidavit ballot and provide the proof described in subsection (4) of this section by the next federal general election, the registrar shall mark the applicant as "REJECTED" in the Statewide Election Management System.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Elections Support Fund. Monies derived from annual report fees imposed upon limited liability companies under Section 79-29-1203 shall be deposited into the Elections Support Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be disbursed as provided in subsection (2) of this section. The expenditure of monies in the fund shall be under the direction of the Secretary of State as provided by subsection (2) of this section, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) (a) Monies in the fund shall be used as follows:

(i) \* \* \* Seventy percent (70%) of the monies in the special fund shall be distributed annually to the counties, upon appropriation of the Legislature, based on the proportion that the population of a county bears to the total population in all counties of the state population according to the most recent information from the United States Census Bureau, and held in a separate fund solely for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining or repairing voting equipment, systems and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems, employing such personnel to conduct an election, and training election officials; and

(ii) The remaining \* \* \* thirty percent (30%) of the monies in the special fund shall be deposited in the State General Fund.

(b) The Secretary of State shall create standard training guidelines to assist counties in training election officials with the funds authorized under subsection (2)(a)(ii) of this section. Any criteria established by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section shall be used in addition to any other training or coursework prescribed by the Secretary of State to train circuit clerks, poll managers and any other election officials participating in county elections.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no monies from the Elections Support Fund shall be used by the Secretary of State or any person associated with the Office of the Secretary of State to provide or otherwise support expert testimony in any manner for any hearing, trial or election contest.

(3) From and after July 1, 2017, none of the monies deposited in the Elections Support Fund may be used to reimburse or otherwise defray any costs that the Office of the Secretary of State may incur in administering the fund.

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

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRAR UPON RECEIVING A COMPLETED VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION TO ENTER AN APPLICANT INTO THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE REGISTRATION

APPLICATION SHALL BE COMPARED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE THE STATEWIDE ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRAR IF SUCH INFORMATION REFLECTS THAT THE APPLICANT IS NOT A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES; TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRAR TO NOTIFY CERTAIN APPLICANTS; TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT WHO RECEIVES NOTICE UNDER THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP TO THE REGISTRAR; TO PROVIDE THE DOCUMENTATION THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED AS PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP; TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRAR TO MARK THE APPLICANT AS REJECTED WHERE THE APPLICANT FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE OR TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; TO ESTABLISH AN APPEAL PROCEDURE; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MONIES THAT ARE DEPOSITED INTO THE ELECTIONS SUPPORT FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Jim Beckett, Dan Eubanks, Brent Powell  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, David Blount (No Signature), Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bailey, Clarke, Evans, B, Karriem, Watson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Huddleston, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2306: Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, David Blount, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Jim Beckett, Dan Eubanks, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize the state executive committee of a party to determine.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2358: Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-297, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-297. (1) All candidates, upon entering the race for party nominations for office, shall first pay to the proper officer as provided for in Section 23-15-299 for each primary election the following amounts:

(a) Candidates for Governor, the amount determined by the state executive committee of the party pursuant to subsection (2) of this section but no less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and no more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00.)

(b) Candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, State Highway Commissioner and State

Public Service Commissioner, the amount determined by the state executive committee of the party pursuant to subsection (2) of this section but no less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and no more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

(c) Candidates for State Senator and State Representative, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

(d) Candidates for district attorney, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

(e) Candidates for sheriff, chancery clerk, circuit clerk, tax assessor, tax collector, county attorney, county superintendent of education and board of supervisors, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(f) Candidates for county surveyor, county coroner, justice court judge and constable, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(g) Candidates for United States Senator, the amount determined by the state executive committee of the party pursuant to subsection (2) of this section but no less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and no more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

(h) Candidates for United States Representative, the amount determined by the state executive committee of the party pursuant to subsection (2) of this section but no less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and no more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

(2) (a) The state executive committee of a political party shall set the entry fee that a candidate is to pay upon entering the race for party nominations for the offices listed in paragraphs (a), (b), (g) and (h) of subsection (1) of this section and Section 23-15-1093(2)(a). The authority granted under this subsection shall not be exercised by any state executive committee of a political party for any individual office more than once every two (2) years, beginning from the effective date of this act.

(b) Each state executive committee of a political party shall report the entry fee determined for each office to the Secretary of State by October 1 of the year before the election is held for that office. If a state executive committee does not meet the deadline in this paragraph for any office, the minimum entry fee shall be assessed for the office in that party's primary election during that election cycle.

(3) All \* \* \* independent candidates and special election candidates entering the race for office shall pay to the proper officer as provided for in Section 23-15-299 the following amounts:

(a) Candidates for Governor, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(b) Candidates for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, State Highway Commissioner and State Public Service Commissioner, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(c) Candidates for district attorney, State Senator and State Representative, Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

(d) Candidates for sheriff, chancery clerk, circuit clerk, tax assessor, tax collector, county attorney, county superintendent of education and board of supervisors, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(e) Candidates for county surveyor, county coroner, justice court judge and constable, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

(f) Candidates for United States Senator, One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(g) Candidates for United States Representative, Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(4) The Secretary of State shall publish the fees listed in this section and Section 23-15-1093 no later than forty-five (45) days before the qualifying period begins for each office.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-1093, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-1093. (1) Any person desiring to have his name placed on the presidential preference primary ballot shall pay a qualifying fee and file the petition or petitions as described in this section.

(2) (a) For candidates entering the race for party nominations for office, the amount of the qualifying fee shall be the amount determined by the state executive committee of the party pursuant to Section 23-15-297(2) but no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) and no more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

(b) For independent candidates entering the race for office, the amount of the qualifying fee shall be Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

(c) Each independent candidate shall pay the qualifying fee to the Secretary of State. Each political party candidate shall pay the qualifying fee to the state executive committee of the appropriate political party.

(3) The secretaries of the proper executive committee shall hold the funds to be finally disposed of by order of their respective executive committees. The funds may be used or disbursed by the executive committee receiving same to pay all necessary traveling or other necessary expenses of the members of the executive committee incurred in discharging their duties as committee members, and of their secretary and may pay the secretary such salary as may be reasonable.

( \*\* \*4) A candidate shall file a petition or petitions in support of his candidacy with the state executive committee of the appropriate political party or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, after January 1 of the year in which the presidential preference primary is to be held and before January 15 of that same year. To comply with this section, a candidate may file a petition or petitions signed by a total of not less than five hundred (500) qualified electors of the state, or petitions signed by not less than one hundred (100) qualified electors of each congressional district of the state, in which case there shall be a separate petition for each congressional district. The petitions shall be in such form as prescribed by the state executive committee or Secretary of State, whichever is applicable; provided, that there shall be a space for the county of residence of each signer next to the space provided for his signature. No signature may be counted as valid unless the county of residence of the signer is provided. Each petition shall contain an affirmation under the penalties of perjury that each signer is a qualified elector in his congressional district or in the state, as appropriate.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-299, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-299. (1) (a) Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (1)(a), (b) \*\* \*, (c) and (d) of Section 23-15-297 shall be paid by each candidate who seeks a nomination in the political party election to the secretary of the state executive committee with which the candidate is affiliated by 5:00 p.m. on February 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held or on the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office, whichever is earlier; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. If February 1 or the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the assessments required to be paid by this paragraph (a) shall be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

(b) Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (3)(a), (b) and (c) of Section 23-15-297 shall be paid by each independent candidate or special election candidate to the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on February 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held or on the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office, whichever is earlier; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. If February 1 or the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the assessments required to be paid by this paragraph (b) shall be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

(2) (a) Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (1)( \*\* \*e) and ( \*\* \*f) of Section 23-15-297, shall be paid by each candidate who seeks a nomination in the political party election to the circuit clerk of that candidate's county of residence by 5:00 p.m. on February 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held or on the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office, whichever is earlier; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the

election for the office is held. If February 1 or the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the assessments required to be paid by this paragraph (a) shall be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The circuit clerk shall forward the fee and all necessary information to the secretary of the proper county executive committee within two (2) business days. No candidate may attempt to qualify with any political party that does not have a duly organized county executive committee, and the circuit clerk shall not accept any assessments paid for nonlegislative offices pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (1)(\*\*\*)e) and (\*\*\*)f) of Section 23-15-297 if the circuit clerk does not have contact information for the secretary of the county executive committee for that political party.

(b) Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (3)(d) and (e) of Section 23-15-297 shall be paid by each independent candidate or special election candidate to the circuit clerk of that candidate's county of residence by 5:00 p.m. on February 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held or on the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office, whichever is earlier; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. If February 1 or the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the assessments required to be paid by this paragraph (b) shall be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The circuit clerk shall forward the fee and all necessary information to the secretary of the proper county election commission within two (2) business days.

(3) (a) Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (1)(\*\*\*)g) and (\*\*\*)h) of Section 23-15-297 must be paid by each candidate who seeks a nomination in the political party election to the secretary of the state executive committee with which the candidate is affiliated by 5:00 p.m. sixty (60) days before the presidential preference primary in years in which a presidential preference primary is held; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (1)(\*\*\*)g) and (\*\*\*)h) of Section 23-15-297, in years when a presidential preference primary is not being held, shall be paid by each candidate who seeks a nomination in the political party election to the secretary of the state executive committee with which the candidate is affiliated by 5:00 p.m. on March 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. If sixty (60) days before the presidential preference primary in years in which a presidential preference primary is held, March 1, or the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the assessments required to be paid by this paragraph (a) shall be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

(b) Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (3)(f) and (g) of Section 23-15-297 must be paid by each independent candidate or special election candidate to the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. sixty (60) days before the presidential preference primary in years in which a presidential preference primary is held; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. Assessments made pursuant to \*\*\* subsection (3)(f) and (g) of Section 23-15-297, in years when a presidential preference primary is not being held, shall be paid by each independent candidate or special election candidate to the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on March 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held; however, no such assessments may be paid before January 1 of the year in which the primary election for the office is held. If sixty (60) days before the presidential preference primary in years in which a presidential preference primary is held, March 1, or the date of the qualifying deadline provided by statute for the office occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the assessments required to be paid by this paragraph (b) shall be paid by 5:00 p.m. on the business day immediately following the Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

(4) (a) The fees paid pursuant to subsections (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be accompanied by a written statement containing the name and address of the

candidate, the party with which he or she is affiliated, if applicable, the email address of the candidate, if any, and the office for which he or she is a candidate.

(b) The state executive committee shall transmit to the Secretary of State a copy of the written statements accompanying the fees paid pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) of this section. All copies must be received by the Office of the Secretary of State by not later than 6:00 p.m. on the date of the qualifying deadline; provided, however, the failure of the Office of the Secretary of State to receive such copies by 6:00 p.m. on the date of the qualifying deadline shall not affect the qualification of a person who pays the required fee and files the required statement by 5:00 p.m. on the date of the qualifying deadline. The name of any person who pays the required fee and files the required statement after 5:00 p.m. on the date of the qualifying deadline shall not be placed on the primary election ballot or the general election ballot.

(5) The Secretary of State or the secretary or circuit clerk to whom such payments are made shall promptly receipt for same stating the office for which the candidate making payment is running and the political party with which he or she is affiliated, if applicable, and he or she shall keep an itemized account in detail showing the exact time and date of the receipt of each payment received by him or her and, where applicable, the date of the postmark on the envelope containing the fee and from whom, and for what office the party paying same is a candidate.

(6) The secretaries of the proper executive committee shall hold the funds to be finally disposed of by order of their respective executive committees. The funds may be used or disbursed by the executive committee receiving same to pay all necessary traveling or other necessary expenses of the members of the executive committee incurred in discharging their duties as committee members, and of their secretary and may pay the secretary such salary as may be reasonable. The Secretary of State shall deposit any qualifying fees received from candidates into the Elections Support Fund established in Section 23-15-5.

(7) (a) Upon receipt of the proper fee and all necessary information, the proper executive committee or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall then determine at the time of the qualifying deadline, unless otherwise provided by law, whether each candidate is a qualified elector of the state, state district, county or county district which they seek to serve, and whether each candidate meets all other qualifications to hold the office he or she is seeking or presents absolute proof that he or she will, subject to no contingencies, meet all qualifications on or before the date of the general or special election at which he or she could be elected to office. The proper executive committee or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall determine whether the candidate has taken the steps necessary to qualify for more than one (1) office at the election. The committee or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, shall also determine whether any candidate has been convicted (i) of any felony in a court of this state, (ii) on or after December 8, 1992, of any offense in another state which is a felony under the laws of this state, (iii) of any felony in a federal court on or after December 8, 1992, or (iv) of any offense that involved the misuse or abuse of his or her office or money coming into his or her hands by virtue of the office. Excepted from the above are convictions of manslaughter and violations of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any violations of the tax laws of this state.

(b) If the proper executive committee or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, finds that a candidate either (i) is not a qualified elector, (ii) does not meet all qualifications to hold the office he or she seeks and fails to provide absolute proof, subject to no contingencies, that he or she will meet the qualifications on or before the date of the general or special election at which he or she could be elected, or (iii) has been convicted of a felony or other disqualifying offense as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, and not pardoned, then the executive committee shall notify the candidate and give the candidate an opportunity to be heard. The executive committee shall mail notice to the candidate at least three (3) business days before the hearing to the address provided by the candidate on the qualifying forms, and the committee shall attempt to contact the candidate by telephone, email and facsimile if the candidate provided this information on the forms. If the candidate fails to appear at the hearing or to prove that he or she meets all qualifications to hold the office subject to no contingencies, then the name of that candidate shall not be placed upon the ballot.



(c) If the proper executive committee or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, determines that the candidate has taken the steps necessary to qualify for more than one (1) office at the election, the action required by Section 23-15-905, shall be taken.

(d) Where there is but one (1) candidate for each office contested at the primary election, the proper executive committee or the Secretary of State, whichever is applicable, when the time has expired within which the names of candidates shall be furnished shall declare such candidates the nominees.

(8) No candidate may qualify by filing the information required by this section by using the internet.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-297, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY TO DETERMINE THE FILING FEE FOR ENTERING THE RACE FOR PARTY NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE FOR CERTAIN POLITICAL CANDIDATES; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PUBLISH THE FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-1093, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO USE OR DISBURSE FUNDS RECEIVED AS QUALIFYING FEES FOR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES; TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-299, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Joey Fillingane  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Jim Beckett, Dan Eubanks, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Karriem, McCray, Miles, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Stamps, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Young. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Sanford. Total-2.

Present--Brown, B, Gibbs, D, Hines, Holloway, Johnson. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Ladner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2076: Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 49-27-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-27-71. (1) Definitions. As used in the section, the following words and phrases have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

\* \* \*

(a) "Abandoned vessel" means a vessel left unattended for four (4) or more weeks after a hurricane, tropical storm or other natural event resulting in a declaration of emergency by the Governor, or, in the absence of a hurricane, tropical storm or other natural event resulting in a declaration of emergency by the Governor, any of the following:

(i) A vessel left unattended that is moored, anchored, or otherwise in the waters of the state or on public property for a period of more than ten (10) days.

(ii) A vessel that is moored, anchored, or otherwise on or attached to private property for a period of more than ten (10) days without the consent of the owner or lessee of the property or of the public trust tidelands.

Upon notification from the owner of the vessel outlining the circumstances following a hurricane, tropical storm or other natural event, the department may grant an exception to the time frames indicated above.

(b) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

(c) "Derelict vessel" means a vessel in the waters of the State of Mississippi that satisfies any of the following:

(i) Is aground without the ability to extricate itself absent mechanical assistance;

(ii) Is sunk or otherwise resting on the bottom of the waterway;

(iii) Is abandoned;

(iv) Is wrecked, junked, or in a substantially dismantled condition upon any waters of this state:

1. A vessel is "wrecked" if it is sunken or sinking; or remaining after a marine casualty, including, but not limited to, a boating accident, extreme weather, or fire.

2. A vessel is "junked" if it has been substantially stripped of vessel components, if vessel components have substantially degraded or been destroyed, or if the vessel has been discarded by the owner or operator. Attaching an outboard motor to a vessel that is otherwise junked will not cause the vessel to no longer be junked if such motor is not an effective means of propulsion.

3. A vessel is "substantially dismantled" if at least two (2) of the three (3) following vessel systems or components are missing, compromised, incomplete, inoperable, or broken:

- (A) The steering system;
- (B) The propulsion system; or
- (C) The exterior hull integrity.

Attaching an outboard motor to a vessel that is otherwise substantially dismantled will not cause the vessel to no longer be substantially dismantled if such motor is not an effective means of propulsion;

(v) Docked, grounded, or beached upon the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property;

(vi) Is obstructing a waterway or within one hundred (100) yards of the boundaries of any state, county or municipal port;

(vii) Is endangering life or property;

(viii) Has broken loose or is in danger of breaking loose from its anchor, mooring, or ties; or

(iv) A vessel that is otherwise not seaworthy.

(d) "Documented vessel" means a vessel documented under 46 USC, Chapter 121.

(e) "Effective means of propulsion" means a vessel, other than a barge, that is equipped with:

(i) A functioning motor, controls, and steering system; or

(ii) Rigging and sails that are present and in good working order, and a functioning steering system.

A vessel does not have an effective means of propulsion for safe navigation within seventy-two (72) hours after the vessel owner or operator received telephonic notice, in-person notice recorded on an agency-approved body camera, or written notice, which may be provided by facsimile, electronic mail, or other electronic means, stating such from a representative of the department, and the vessel owner or operator is unable to provide a receipt, proof of purchase, or other documentation of having ordered necessary parts for vessel repair. The department may adopt regulations to implement this paragraph.

(f) "Floating building or structure" means a floating entity, with or without accommodations built thereon, which is not primarily used as a means of transportation on water but which serves purposes or provides services typically associated with a structure or other improvement to real property. The term includes, but is not limited to, an entity used as a residence, place of business or office with public access; a hotel or motel; a restaurant or lounge; a clubhouse; a meeting facility; a storage or parking facility; or a mining platform, dredge, dragline, or similar facility or entity represented as such. Incidental movement upon water or resting partially or entirely on the bottom does not, in and of itself, preclude an entity from classification as a floating structure.

(g) "Gross negligence" means conduct so reckless or wanting in care that it constitutes a conscious disregard or indifference to the safety of the property to such conduct.

(h) "Moored" means a vessel that is anchored or affixed in some other way to the public trust tidelands, to leased tidelands, to private land, or within the riparian zone of a private or public landowner or leaseholder.

(i) "Registered" means a vessel documented under Section 59-21-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(j) "Unseaworthy" means a vessel that is not fit or safe for any normal perils of the sea or has no effective means of propulsion.

(k) "Vessel" means every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane, capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water. For the purposes of this section, vessels powered only by hand, foot, oars or paddles, are included. For the purposes of this section, floatable buildings and structures, whether or not they are used for navigation, are included.

(l) "Waters of the state" means any waters located within Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources as established pursuant to Section 49-15-23, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(m) "Willful misconduct" means conduct evidencing carelessness or negligence of such a degree or recurrence as to manifest culpability, wrongful intent, or evil design or to show an intentional and substantial disregard of the interests of the vessel owner.

(2) Jurisdiction. (a) (i) In the waters of Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties, a person \*, firm, corporation or other entity may not leave derelict or at risk of being derelict, any vessel on the coastal wetlands, marine waters, or on public or privately owned lands without the owner's permission.

(ii) The Department of Marine Resources has the authority to remove derelict vessels, whether located on private or public property.

(iii) Vessels located in ports and harbors are subject to the provisions outlined in Title 50, Mississippi Code of 1972, Ports, Harbors, Landings and Watercraft.

(iv) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (a) does not apply to vessels located in marinas, garages or repair shops for repairs, improvements or other work with knowledge of the owner and for which the costs for such services have been unpaid.

(v) Vessels deemed to be derelict pursuant to this chapter are exempt from the salvage provisions in Section 89-17-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

(b) (i) In all other waters of the State of Mississippi, a person, firm, corporation or other entity may not leave derelict or at risk of being derelict, any vessel in the wetlands, public waters or waterways or on public or privately owned lands without the owner's permission.

(ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b) does not apply to vessels located in public or private marinas, garages or repair shops for repairs, improvements or other work with knowledge of the owner and for which the costs for such services have been unpaid.

(iii) Vessels deemed to be derelict pursuant to this chapter are exempt from the salvage provisions of Section 89-17-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

(3) Penalties. Violations of this act will be subject to the penalties as provided in Section 49-15-63.

( \*\* \*4) Standing. \* \* \* A party with standing may initiate the derelict vessel procedures in this section. For purpose of this section, the following parties have standing:

(a) The owner of the property where the vessel came to rest or to which the vessel was made fast;

(b) Any harbor master, police department, municipality or agent of the state that agrees to accept or process a derelict vessel; or

(c) Any professional marine salvager when the salvager is engaged by a person with standing.

(5) Landowner permission may be revoked at any time. The landowner must provide the department sufficient proof that the vessel owner has been notified of the revocation of landowner's permission or proof that the landowner cannot locate the owner of the vessel.

When a vessel that is not otherwise leased to another party is moored upon public trust tidelands for a period of thirty (30) days or longer, permission must be granted by the Secretary of State's Office.

( \*\* \*6) Notice. Any party with standing, or his or her representative, may initiate the notice process by filing an application with the department to remove the derelict vessel \* \* \*. Upon receipt and review of the application, \* \* \* the department may initiate the following notice process:

(a) A department officer \* \* \* is authorized to board any vessel that has been reported to the department as being derelict or at risk of being derelict to determine the condition of the vessel and in an attempt to establish ownership of the vessel.

(b) A department officer shall post notice, which must comply with the following requirements:

(i) Be posted on the vessel in a prominent location, visible to an approaching person;

(ii) Require the vessel owner to submit a plan for removal to the department within seven (7) days of the notice; and

( \*\* \*iii) \* \* \* Include a space for the owner of the vessel to respond.

(c) If the registered owner responds with a signature in the space or otherwise provides a written response to the department requesting an extension of time,

then the registered owner will have an additional five (5) days to \* \* \* submit the plan for removal.

(d) \* \* \* The department will notify the respondent of the approval or denial of the removal plan within seven (7) business days.

(e) If the respondent fails to comply with the approved removal plan and fails to submit a satisfactory reason as to why the vessel cannot be moved as planned, the department may present the removal plan and evidence of the owner's noncompliance to the chancery court.

(f) Upon presentation of the required evidence, the chancery court will issue an order allowing the department or its representative to remove the vessel from its current location and make whatever disposition is deemed appropriate, including, but not limited to, immediate disposal, storage pending disposal, use for official purposes, transfer to another state agency or other disposition.

(g) If the vessel is located in an area of coastal wetlands where emergent vegetation is present or where the vessel is embedded in the ground, a wetlands permit may be required prior to removal.

(h) Any party who acts in good faith and without malicious intent in the processing, storing or moving any derelict vessel pursuant to this section is immune from liability for damages to the vessel.

(7) Determining ownership. (a) Upon receipt of an application for the removal of a derelict vessel where no removal plan has been submitted by the owner, the department must attempt to contact the registered owner of the vessel and any lien holders of record by other available means.

(b) The department must inquire of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) as to the status of the vessel in regard to the Mississippi Boating Law of 1960, Section 59-21-1 et seq., or the United States Coast Guard as to the status of the vessel in regard to documentation under 46 USC, Chapter 121.

(c) The inquiry must provide the description of the vessel, including the vessel registration number.

(d) The MDWFP is required to provide the requested information to the department within two (2) business days.

(e) The registered owner of a vessel must comply with Section 59-21-21 to change ownership. In the event a vessel owner fails to notify the MDWFP of a transfer of ownership and supply the new owner's contact information, the owner of the vessel according to MDWFP records is presumed to be the person to whom the vessel is registered.

(f) If there is no registered owner found, the department must make publication on the department's website and in a newspaper with general circulation for three (3) weeks, describing the vessel and the location.

(\* \* \*8) Derelict vessel removal. (a) After the initial notice period described in subsection (\* \* \*6) has lapsed \* \* \* and the department can show proof of inquiries to ascertain the vessel ownership under subsection (7) of this section, the department may obtain an order from the chancery court for the derelict vessel to be removed from its current location.

(b) \* \* \* The chancery court order may authorize the department to make whatever disposition is deemed appropriate, including, but not limited to, immediate disposal of the vessel, storage pending disposal, use for official purposes, transfer to another state agency or other disposition.

(c) \* \* \* If the vessel is located in an area of coastal wetlands where emergent vegetation is present or where the vessel is embedded in the ground, a wetlands permit may be required prior to removal.

(d) Any person who acts in good faith and without malicious intent in the processing, \* \* \* storing or \* \* \* moving of any derelict vessel pursuant to this section is immune from civil liability for damage to the vessel.

(\* \* \*9) Emergency removal. Any derelict vessel that is obstructing a waterway, is within any designated navigation channel or within one hundred (100) yards of the boundaries of any state, county or municipal port may be declared a hazard to

navigation and subject to immediate relocation, removal \*\*\* disposal, or other disposition by the department or other party with standing.

(a) Any derelict vessel that is leaking any hazardous substances, chemicals or fuels will be reported to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and may be declared an environmental hazard and subject to immediate relocation, removal \*\*\* disposal \*\*\* or other disposition by MDEQ, the department or other party with standing.

(b) The \*\*\* registered owner of a vessel removed in accordance with this subsection \*\*\* (9) is liable for the costs associated with the relocation, removal, salvage \*\*\* storage or disposal of the vessel and any damages to the flora and fauna within the affected area.

(c) Any funds derived from salvage or sale of a vessel pursuant to this section will be used to offset the costs to the department associated with the removal, salvage, storage or disposal of the vessel.

(d) Any funds derived from damages to the flora and fauna will be deposited into the Coastal Resource Management Fund if the Department of Marine Resources initiates the action.

\*\*\* (e) Any party who relocates or removes a vessel under this section is not liable for damages resulting from relocation or removal unless the damage results from gross negligence or willful misconduct.

( \*\*\*10) Cost recovery. (a) \*\*\* The department may seek full cost recovery from the registered owner of the derelict vessel for any expense incurred as a result of, or incidental to, removing the vessel. The registered owner of the vessel is liable for the costs of removal, storage, disposal, and restoration of affected lands \*\*\* , attorneys' fees, and all court costs \*\*\*.

(b) The owner of the vessel is also liable for \*\*\* an administrative penalty of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day. \*\*\* The penalty for emergency removal of vessels under subsection (9) of this section may be imposed by the Executive Director of the Department of Marine Resources upon the recommendation of the Advisory Commission on Marine Resources, under Section 49-15-401 et seq. The fines for removal of all other vessels may be imposed by the chancery court.

(c) Expenses incurred, including, but not limited to, fines, court costs, vessel removal, storage, disposal, restoration of affected lands, and attorneys' fees for derelict vessels will be imposed by the chancery court as outlined in subsection (11) of this section.

(d) If the registered owner should fail to pay fines imposed by the department in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subsection, an enforcement action will be filed with the chancery court which may result in the court issuing an order, including, but not limited to, the collection of fines, court costs, and/or any legal avenue the court finds appropriate to collect such funds.

(e) All proceeds from any activity initiated by the Department of Marine Resources related to the disposition of a vessel under this chapter will go into the Derelict Vessel Fund, a special fund within the Seafood Fund. However, any fines imposed for the damage to coastal wetlands will be placed in the Coastal Resource Management Fund.

( \*\*\*11) Court process. (a) The chancery court of the county in which the vessel is located has jurisdiction over all matters concerning derelict vessels under this section, including injunctions and demands for damages. If the vessel is allowed to float and/or is otherwise moved to another county after notice has been provided under subsection (6) of this section, the county in which the vessel was first provided notice shall have continuing jurisdiction.

(b) If there is no response to the publication attempts under subsection (7)(e) of this section, the chancery court will issue an order to the department allowing the department to take possession of the vessel and make such use or disposition of the vessel as deemed appropriate under the circumstances. If the department determines that the vessel may be used for official purposes or otherwise sold, the MDWFP will issue a vessel registration number or a hull identification number to the department after proof of publication has been submitted.

( \*\* \*c) The chancery court may, in its discretion, order damages up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day for every day the vessel was left abandoned or derelict, beginning on the day \*\* \* notice was posted on the vessel. \*\* \*

( \*\* \*d) If the department or a party with standing desires to require the registered owner to remove the vessel, then he or she may apply to the chancery court for a writ of mandatory injunction ordering the registered owner to remove the vessel. The chancery court must allow a reasonable time for removal and restoration of the affected lands. The chancery court may order further damages not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per day for each day that the violation exists beyond the date set by the court in an injunction for the removal of the vessel and restoration of the affected lands.

( \*\* \*e) Any court-ordered reimbursed costs or damages in excess of the actual costs of removal and restoration initiated by the Department of Marine Resources must be deposited in a special fund in the State Treasury known as the "Derelict Vessel Fund" \*\* \* within the Seafood Fund. Any funds deposited in the fund must be used to cover the administrative costs and removal costs incurred by the department for the removal of vessels. Any remaining funds must be used to cover the costs of removing additional derelict vessels. However, any fines imposed for the damage to coastal wetlands will be placed in the Coastal Resource Management Fund.

( \*\* \*12) Department authorities. (a) The department is authorized to enter into contracts with individuals, firms and corporations, or agreements with other state agencies for the removal and/or temporary storage of vessels prior to removal. The salvage value, if any, of the vessel may be used to offset the costs of the removal of the vessel and the restoration of the affected area. The department may enter into noncompetitive contracts or agreements with any state or federal entity for the removal of vessels.

(b) The \*\* \* department may \*\* \* enter into interstate or intrastate \*\* \* agreements toward this end, and may seek and utilize aid from all federal, state, and local sources in this endeavor.

(c) The Department of Marine Resources shall adopt rules and regulations necessary and appropriate to carry out this section for actions falling within its jurisdiction.

(d) The department may promulgate regulations to establish a derelict vessel prevention program to address vessels at risk of becoming derelict. Such program may, but is not required to, include:

(i) Removal, relocation, and destruction of vessels declared a public nuisance due to the lack of proper marine sanitation, derelict or at risk of becoming derelict, or lost or abandoned.

(ii) Creation of a vessel turn-in program allowing the owner of a vessel determined by the department to be at risk of becoming derelict, to turn the vessel and vessel title over to the department to be destroyed without penalty.

(iii) Providing for removal and destruction or other disposition of an abandoned vessel for which an owner cannot be identified or the owner of which is deceased and no heir is interested in acquiring the vessel.

(iv) Purchase of anchor line, anchors, and other equipment necessary for securing vessels at risk of becoming derelict.

(v) Creating or acquiring moorings designated for securing vessels at risk of becoming derelict.

( \*\* \*e) The State of Mississippi, the Commission on Marine Resources, the Department of Marine Resources, and their employees and representatives shall not be liable for any damages resulting from the removal, towing, storage, sale or disposal of any vessel \*\* \* that is derelict or hazardous under this section.

(f) The department or any party with standing does not incur liability for any resulting damage to the vessel or any damage the vessel may cause to any property or person during the time frame between posting notice and vessel removal. If any damages occur during the period of time between notice and removal of the vessel, the registered vessel owner, according to MDWFP records, is presumed liable for all damages.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-27-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS RELATING TO DERELICT VESSELS; TO PROVIDE FOR JURISDICTION IN ACTIONS TO REMOVE DERELICT VESSELS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF DERELICT VESSELS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NOTICE PROCESS FOR THE REMOVAL OF DERELICT VESSELS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING OWNERSHIP OF DERELICT VESSELS; TO PROVIDE FOR RECOVERY OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMOVING DERELICT VESSELS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Brice Wiggins, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Ladner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Huddleston. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2476: Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.



CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Mike Thompson, Jeremy England  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Felsher the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Criswell, Hopkins. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bain, Cockerham, Huddleston, Jackson, McCarty, Pigott, Read. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Felsher called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2511: Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Philip Moran, Mike Thompson, Jeremy England  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Timmy Ladner, Kevin Felsher, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Felsher the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2461: Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89—8-31. A landlord may commence proceedings to evict a tenant:

- (a) For breach of the rental agreement or for violation of this chapter pursuant to Section 89-8-13; or
- (b) For failing to vacate after the expiration of the rental agreement pursuant to Sections 89-8-17 and 89-8-19.

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-33, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-33. To commence an eviction under Section 89-8-31, the landlord shall file:

(a) A sworn affidavit or complaint, based upon the terms of the rental agreement, that:

- (i) States the facts requiring the removal of the tenant;
- (ii) Identifies the address of the dwelling unit and, if applicable, the amount of rent and any additional fees owed; and
- (b) (i) A copy of the written notice of breach delivered to the tenant pursuant to Section 89-8-13; or
- (ii) A copy of the written notice to terminate the tenancy delivered to the tenant pursuant to Sections 89-8-17 and 89-8-19.

SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-35, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-35. (1) Upon the filing of the sworn affidavit or complaint, a summons shall be issued for service upon the person in possession of the identified premises or

claiming possession thereof. The summons shall command such person to immediately vacate the premises or to show cause before the judge, on a day to be named in the summons, why possession of the premises should not be delivered to the applicant.

(2) In addition to the information required by subsection (1) of this section and the applicable Mississippi Rules of Court, the summons shall state:

"You are being sued for eviction. At the eviction hearing, the judge will determine if the landlord is entitled to possession of your rental unit.

If the landlord is granted possession of the rental unit, then you will have at least seven (7) days from the date of the judgment to move out, unless a shorter or longer period of time for vacating the premises is ordered because of an emergency or other compelling circumstances.

If the landlord seeks possession based on nonpayment of rent, you do not have to move out if you pay all the sums owed to the landlord either before the eviction hearing or, afterwards, by the court-ordered move-out date.

If you move out by the date ordered by the court, leaving personal property behind, then the landlord may dispose of such abandoned property without further notice.

If you do not move out by the date and time ordered by the court, the landlord can have you removed by law enforcement, after which you will have seventy-two (72) hours to remove your belongings.

After seventy-two (72) hours, the landlord may remove any personal property remaining on the premises to the curb, an area designated for garbage or some other location agreed to by you and the landlord. You may still retrieve your personal property, but the landlord will have no obligation to preserve the personal property upon removal."

(3) Service of summons shall be pursuant to applicable Mississippi Rules of Court.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-37, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-37. (1) In eviction actions, the court shall grant a default judgment to the landlord where:

- (a) The landlord complies with Section 89-8-33;
- (b) Issuance and service of summons is proper;
- (c) The tenant fails to appear; and
- (d) The landlord is otherwise entitled to a judgment under law.

(2) In eviction actions, the court shall grant judgment to the landlord where:

- (a) The landlord complies with Section 89-8-33;
- (b) The judge finds that the tenant failed to present a valid defense or counterclaim; and
- (c) The landlord is otherwise entitled to a judgment under law.

(3) In eviction actions, judgments granted by the court shall be signed and executed on the same business day that the judgment is granted.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-39, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-39. (1) If a judgment of possession is granted to the landlord, either after a hearing or by default judgment, then the judge shall order the tenant to vacate the premises in seven (7) days from the date of the judgment, unless the court finds that a shorter or longer period of time is justified because of an emergency or other compelling circumstances. Circumstances that justify setting the move-out date less than seven (7) days from the date of the judgment, include, but are not limited to:

- (a) The tenant has committed a substantial violation of the rental agreement or of this chapter that materially affects health or safety; or
- (b) The tenant poses an immediate and significant risk of damage to the premises or of harm or injury to persons on the premises.

Prior to the court-ordered move-out date, the tenant shall have the same access to the premises as previously allowed under the terms of the rental agreement. If the tenant moves out by the date ordered by the court, leaving personal property behind, then the landlord may dispose of such abandoned property without further notice.

(2) After the court-ordered move-out date, the landlord may request a warrant for removal. Upon such request and the payment of applicable fees, the judge shall, except as otherwise prohibited under subsection (4) of this section, immediately issue a

warrant to the sheriff or any constable of the county in which the premises, or some part thereof, are situated, immediately commanding the sheriff or constable to remove all persons from the premises, and to put the landlord into full possession thereof.

(3) After the warrant for removal has been executed, the landlord shall allow the tenant reasonable access to the premises for seventy-two (72) hours to enable the tenant to remove the tenant's personal property, including any manufactured home. If the tenant moves out within seventy-two (72) hours of the execution of the warrant of removal, leaving personal property behind, then the landlord may dispose of such abandoned property without further notice. After said seventy-two (72) hours, the landlord may remove any property remaining on the premises to the curb, an area designated for garbage or some other location agreed to by the tenant and the landlord.

(4) (a) In cases in which the possession judgment is based solely on the tenant's nonpayment of rent, the judge shall not issue a warrant for removal if:

(i) By the court-ordered move-out date, the tenant has paid in full all unpaid rent and other sums awarded to landlord in the judgment; or

(ii) After such date, the landlord has accepted payment of such amounts.

(b) A landlord has an obligation of good faith to accept full payment of all sums owed pursuant to the money judgment entered if so tendered on or before the court-ordered move-out date.

SECTION 6. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-41, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-41. (1) The court may, at the request of either party, adjourn a hearing under this chapter from time to time.

(2) A single adjournment shall not exceed ten (10) days, except by consent of both the landlord and tenant. When an adjournment is granted, the court may issue subpoenas and attachments to compel the attendance of witnesses.

(3) In hearings for the removal of the tenant from the premises under this chapter, no adjournment shall extend the entire hearing beyond thirty (30) days from the date the eviction action was filed.

SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-43, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-43. Appeals from final judgments under this chapter shall be pursuant to applicable Mississippi Rules of Court.

SECTION 8. The following shall be codified as Section 89-8-45, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-8-45. When a rental agreement with a definite term expires and the tenant fails or refuses to vacate the premises after being notified by the landlord to do so, then the landlord may, if not contradicted by the rental agreement, charge the tenant double the rent for the time that the tenant continues in possession of the premises following the date to vacate the premises specified in the notification.

SECTION 9. Section 89-8-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-11. (1) A landlord may, from time to time, adopt written rules or regulations, however described, concerning the tenant's use and occupancy of the premises. They are enforceable against the tenant only if:

(a) Their purpose is to promote the convenience, safety or welfare of the tenants in the premises, preserve the landlord's property from abuse, or make a fair distribution of services and facilities provided for the tenants generally;

(b) They are reasonably related to the purpose for which they are adopted;

(c) They apply to all tenants in the premises in a fair manner;

(d) They are sufficiently explicit in their prohibition, direction or limitation of the tenant's conduct to fairly inform what must or must not be done to comply;

(e) They are not for the purpose of evading the obligations of the landlord.

(2) A rule or regulation adopted or amended after the tenant enters into the rental agreement is enforceable against the tenant if reasonable notice of its adoption or

amendment is given to the tenant and it does not work a substantial modification of the rental agreement.

(3) If the dwelling unit is an apartment in a horizontal property regime, the tenant shall comply with the bylaws of the association of the apartment owners; and if the dwelling unit is an apartment in a cooperative housing corporation, the tenant shall comply with the bylaws of the corporation.

(4) Unless otherwise agreed, the tenant shall occupy the dwelling unit only as a dwelling unit.

SECTION 10. Section 89-8-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-13. (1) If there is a material noncompliance by the tenant with the rental agreement or the obligations imposed by Section 89-8-25, the landlord may terminate the tenancy as set \*\*\* forth herein or resort to any other remedy at law or in equity \*\*\* not prohibited by this chapter.

(2) If there is a material noncompliance by the landlord with the rental agreement or the obligations imposed by Section 89-8-23, the tenant may terminate the tenancy as set out in subsection (3) of this section or resort to any other remedy at law or in equity \*\*\* not prohibited by this chapter.

(3) The nonbreaching party may deliver a notice to the party in breach in writing, or by email or text message if the breaching party has agreed in writing to be notified by email or text message, specifying the acts and omissions constituting the breach and that the rental agreement will terminate upon a date not less than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the notice if the breach is not remedied within a reasonable time not in excess of fourteen (14) days; and the rental agreement shall terminate and the tenant shall surrender possession as provided in the notice subject to the following:

(a) If the breach is remediable by repairs, the payment of damages, or otherwise, and the breaching party adequately remedies the breach before the date specified in the notice, the rental agreement shall not terminate;

(b) In the absence of a showing of due care by the breaching party, if substantially the same act or omission which constituted a prior noncompliance of which notice was given recurs within six (6) months, the nonbreaching party may terminate the rental agreement upon at least fourteen (14) days' notice in writing, or by email or text message if the breaching party has agreed in writing to be notified by email or text message, specifying the breach and the date of termination of the rental agreement;

(c) \*\*\* A party may not terminate for a condition caused by \*\*\* that party's own deliberate or negligent act or omission or \*\*\* an act or omission by a family member \*\*\* or other person on the premises when done with \*\*\* the consent of the party.

(4) If the rental agreement is terminated, the landlord shall return all prepaid and unearned rent and security recoverable by the tenant under Section 89-8-21.

(5) (a) If the material noncompliance by the tenant is the nonpayment of rent pursuant to the rental agreement, \*\*\* the landlord may deliver a notice in writing or by email or text message if the breaching party has agreed in writing to be notified by email or text message, specifying the rental agreement will terminate if payment of such rent is not made within three (3) days.

(b) Any \*\*\* judge or other judge presiding over a hearing in which a landlord seeks to \*\*\* evict a tenant for the nonpayment of rent shall abide by the provisions of the rental agreement that was signed by the landlord and the defaulting tenant.

(6) \*\*\* The parties' obligations regarding a tenant's personal property, including any manufactured home, \*\*\* shall be governed by Section \*\*\* 89-8-39.

SECTION 11. Section 89-8-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-19. (1) Unless the rental agreement fixes a definite term a tenancy shall be week to week in case of a tenant who pays weekly rent, and in all other cases month to month.

(2) The landlord or the tenant may terminate a week-to-week tenancy by written notice given to the other at least seven (7) days prior to the termination date.

(3) The landlord or the tenant may terminate a month-to-month tenancy by a written notice given to the other at least thirty (30) days prior to the termination date.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, notice to terminate a tenancy shall not be required to be given when the landlord or tenant has committed a substantial violation of the rental agreement or this chapter that materially affects health \* \* \* or safety.

SECTION 12. Section 89-7-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-29. \* \* \* To commence a civil action under Section 89-7-27, the landlord shall file a sworn affidavit or complaint, based upon the terms of the rental agreement that:

(a) States the facts requiring the removal of the tenant;

(b) Identifies the address of, or otherwise describes, the premises and, if applicable, the amount of rent and any additional fees owed;

(c) Declares that the necessary notice has been given to terminate the tenancy; and

(d) Identifies any specific items of tenant property located at the premises as to which the landlord asserts a valid lien and has commenced, or is commencing, proceedings governed by Section 89-7-51 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. Section 89-7-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-27. A tenant or lessee at will or at sufferance, or for part of a year, or for one or more years, of \* \* \* premises or other lands not constituting a dwelling unit as defined in Section 89-8-7(b), and the assigns, undertenants, or legal representatives of such tenant or lessee, shall be removed from the premises by the justice court judge \* \* \*, county court judge or circuit court judge where the premises, or some part thereof, are situated, in the following cases, to wit:

First. Where such tenant shall hold over and continue in possession of the demised premises, or any part thereof, after the expiration of his possessory term, without the permission of the landlord.

Second. After any default in the payment of the rent pursuant to the agreement under which such premises are held, \* \* \* and three (3) days' notice, in writing, requiring the payment of such rent or the possession of the premises, shall have been served by the person entitled to the rent on the person who owes the rent. Notice of default by email or text message is proper if the tenant has agreed in writing to be notified by that means.

Third. If a written agreement between the landlord and tenant exists, any event calling for eviction in the rental agreement may trigger the eviction process under this section. Notice of default by email or text message is proper if the \* \* \* tenant has agreed in writing to be notified by that means.

SECTION 14. Section 89-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-31. (1) \* \* \* Upon the filing of the sworn affidavit or complaint, a summons shall be issued for service upon the person in possession of the identified premises or claiming possession thereof. The summons shall command such person to immediately vacate the premises or to show cause before the judge, on a day to be named in the summons, why possession of the premises should not be delivered to the applicant.

(2) In addition to \* \* \* the information required \* \* \* by subsection (1) of this section and the applicable Mississippi Rules of Court, the summons shall state:

" \* \* \* You are being sued for eviction. At the eviction hearing, the judge will determine if the landlord is entitled to possession of your rental unit.

If the landlord is granted possession of the rental unit, then you will have at least seven (7) days from the date of the judgment to move out, unless a shorter or longer period of time for vacating the premises is ordered because of an emergency or other compelling circumstances.

If the landlord seeks possession based on nonpayment of rent, you do not have to move out if you pay all the sums owed to the landlord either before the eviction hearing or, afterwards, by the court-ordered move-out date.

If you move out by the date ordered by the court, leaving property behind, then the landlord may dispose of such abandoned property without further notice.

If you do not move out by the date and time ordered by the court, the landlord can have you removed by law enforcement.

If the landlord has asserted a lien against certain specified items and has commenced proceedings against the items, your right to remove the specified items of property will be addressed by the court.

You will have seventy-two (72) hours after your removal by law enforcement to take your other property not subject to a lien proceeding.

After seventy-two (72) hours, the landlord may remove any personal property remaining on the premises to the curb, an area designated for garbage or some other location agreed to by you and the landlord. You may still retrieve your personal property, but the landlord will have no obligation to preserve the personal property upon removal."

SECTION 15. Section 89-7-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-33. \* \* \* Service of summons shall be pursuant to applicable Mississippi Rules of Court.

SECTION 16. The following shall be codified as Section 89-7-34, Mississippi Code of 1972:

89-7-34. (1) In eviction actions, the court shall grant a default judgment to the landlord where:

- (a) The landlord complies with Section 89-7-29;
- (b) Issuance and service of summons is proper;
- (c) The tenant fails to appear; and
- (d) The landlord is otherwise entitled to a judgment under law.

(2) In eviction actions, the court shall grant judgment to the landlord where:

- (a) The landlord complies with Section 89-7-29;
- (b) The judge finds that the tenant failed to present a valid defense

or counterclaim; and

- (c) The landlord is otherwise entitled to a judgment under law.

(3) In eviction actions, judgments granted by the court shall be signed and executed on the same business day that the judgment is granted.

SECTION 17. Section 89-7-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-35. (1) \* \* \* If a judgment of possession is granted to the landlord, either after a hearing or by default judgment, then the judge shall order the tenant to vacate the premises in seven (7) days from the date of the judgment, unless the court finds that a shorter or longer period of time is justified because of an emergency or other compelling circumstances.

(2) \* \* \* Prior to the court-ordered move-out date, the tenant shall have the same access to the premises as previously allowed under the terms of the rental agreement. Unless the judge has made some other finding regarding property at the premises, the tenant may remove its property during this time. If the tenant has vacated the premises by the court-ordered move-out date, then the landlord may dispose of any property, not addressed by the court, which the tenant leaves behind without further notice to the tenant.

(3) After the court-ordered move-out date, the landlord may request a warrant for removal. Upon such request and the payment of applicable fees, the judge shall, except as otherwise prohibited under subsection (5) of this section, immediately issue a warrant to the sheriff or any constable of the county in which the premises, or some part thereof, are situated, immediately commanding the sheriff or constable to remove all persons from the premises, and to put the landlord into full possession thereof.

(4) Unless the judge has made some other finding regarding property at the premises, the landlord shall allow the tenant reasonable access to the premises for seventy-two (72) hours after the warrant for removal has been executed to enable the tenant to remove the tenant's property, including any manufactured home. All property the tenant leaves on the premises seventy-two (72) hours after the execution of the warrant for removal shall be deemed abandoned and may be disposed of by the landlord without further notice or obligation to the tenant.

(5) In cases in which the possession judgment is based solely on the tenant's nonpayment of rent, the judge shall not issue a warrant for removal, on or before the court-

ordered move-out date, if the tenant has paid in full all unpaid rent and other sums owed pursuant to the judgment. A landlord has an obligation of good faith to accept full payment of all sums owed pursuant to the money judgment entered if so tendered on or before the court-ordered move-out date.

SECTION 18. Section 89-7-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-37. The \*\*\* tenant in possession of \*\*\* the premises, or any person claiming possession thereof, may, at or before the time appointed in the summons for showing cause, file an affidavit with \*\*\* the court, denying the facts upon which the summons was issued; and the matters thus controverted may be tried \*\*\*.

SECTION 19. Section 89-7-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-39. The court may, at the request of either party, adjourn \*\*\* a hearing from time to time \*\*\*. A single adjournment shall not \*\*\* exceed ten (10) days, except by consent of both the landlord and tenant. When an adjournment is granted, the court, \*\*\* may issue subpoenas and attachments to compel the attendance of witnesses. However, in hearings for eviction, no adjournment shall extend the entire hearing beyond forty-five (45) days from the date the eviction action was filed.

SECTION 20. Section 89-7-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-43. \*\*\* If a judgment of possession is not granted to the landlord, the judge shall assess costs against the landlord and issue execution therefor.

SECTION 21. Section 89-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-7-47. The \*\*\* judge before whom proceedings shall be had against a tenant holding over, shall keep a full record of \*\*\* the proceedings, and shall carefully preserve all papers in the cause \*\*\*. Appeals from final judgements under this chapter shall be pursuant to applicable Mississippi Rules of Court.

SECTION 22. Section 89-8-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-3. (1) This chapter shall apply to, regulate and determine rights, obligations and remedies under any rental agreement entered into after July 1, 1991, wherever made, for a dwelling unit located within this state. \*\*\* Any rights, obligations, or remedies at law or in equity not prohibited by this chapter remain available to residential landlords and tenants.

(2) The following arrangements are not governed by this chapter:

(a) Residence at an institution, public or private, if incidental to detention or the provision of medical, geriatric, educational, counseling, religious or similar service;

(b) Occupancy under a contract of sale of a dwelling unit or the property of which it is a part, if the occupant is the purchaser or a person who succeeds to \*\*\* the purchaser's interest;

(c) Occupancy by a member of a fraternal or social organization in the portion of a structure operated for the benefit of the organization;

(d) Transient occupancy in a hotel, motel or lodgings;

(e) Occupancy by an owner of a condominium unit or a holder of a proprietary lease in a cooperative; or

(f) Occupancy under a rental agreement covering premises used by the occupant primarily for agricultural purposes or when the occupant is performing agricultural labor for the owner and \*\*\* the premises are rented for less than fair rental value.

SECTION 23. Section 89-8-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-7. (1) \*\*\* As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed herein unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Building and housing codes" \*\*\* means any law, ordinance, or governmental regulation concerning fitness for habitation, construction, maintenance, operation, occupancy or use of any premises or dwelling unit \*\*\*.

(b) "Court" means a justice court, a county court or a circuit court.



( \*\* \*c) "Dwelling unit" means a structure or the part of a structure that is used as a home, residence or sleeping place by one (1) person who maintains a household or by two (2) or more persons who maintain a common household \* \* \*.

( \*\* \*d) "Good faith" means honesty in fact in the conduct of the transaction concerned and observation of reasonable community standards of fair dealing \* \* \*.

(e) "Judge" means a justice court judge, a county court judge or a circuit court judge.

( \*\* \*f) "Landlord" means the owner, lessor or sublessor of the dwelling unit or the building of which it is a part, or the agent representing such owner, lessor or sublessor \* \* \*.

( \*\* \*g) "Organization" \* \* \* means a corporation, government, governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, two (2) or more persons having a joint or common interest, and any other legal or commercial entity \* \* \*.

( \*\* \*h) "Owner" means one or more persons, jointly or severally, in whom is vested (i) all or part of the legal title to property or (ii) all or part of the beneficial ownership and a right to present use and enjoyment of the premises, and the term includes a mortgagee in possession \* \* \*.

( \*\* \*i) "Premises" means a dwelling unit and the structure of which it is a part, facilities and appurtenances therein, and grounds, areas and facilities held out for the use of tenants generally or whose use is promised to the tenant \* \* \*.

(j) "Possession judgment" means a judgment granting the landlord exclusive possession of the premises pursuant to this chapter.

( \*\* \*k) "Rent" means all payments to be made to the landlord under the rental agreement, including any late fees that are required to be paid under the rental agreement by a defaulting tenant \* \* \*.

( \*\* \*l) "Rental agreement" means all written or oral agreements \* \* \* for a dwelling unit \* \* \* located within this state that are subject to this chapter.

( \*\* \*m) "Tenant" means a person entitled under a rental agreement to occupy a dwelling unit to the exclusion of others \* \* \*.

( \*\* \*n) "Qualified tenant management organizations" means any organization incorporated under the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, a majority of the directors of which are tenants of the housing project to be managed under a contract authorized by this section and which is able to conform to standards set by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as capable of satisfactorily performing the operational and management functions delegated to it by the contract.

(2) For purposes of giving any notice required under this chapter, notice given to the agent of the landlord is equivalent to giving notice to the landlord. The landlord may contract with an agent to assume all the rights and duties of the landlord under this chapter; provided, however, that such a contract does not relieve the landlord of ultimate liability in regard to such rights and duties.

SECTION 24. Section 89-8-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-9. Every duty under this chapter and every act which must be performed as a condition precedent to the exercise of a right or remedy under this chapter, including the landlord's termination of a tenancy or the nonrenewal of a \* \* \* rental agreement or the removal of a tenant from the premises, imposes an obligation of good faith in its performance or enforcement.

SECTION 25. Section 89-8-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-15. (1) If, within thirty (30) days after written notice to the landlord of a specific and material defect which constitutes a breach of the terms of the rental agreement or of the obligation of the landlord under Section 89-8-23, the landlord fails to repair such defect, the tenant:

(a) May repair \* \* \* the defect \* \* \*; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, shall be entitled to reimbursement of the expenses of such repairs within forty-five (45) days after submission to the landlord of receipted bills for such work, provided that:

(i) The tenant has fulfilled \* \* \* the obligations required under Section 89-8-25;

(ii) The expenses incurred in making \* \* \* the repairs do not exceed an amount equal to one (1) month's rent;

(iii) The tenant has not exercised the remedy provided by this section in the six (6) months immediately preceding; and

(iv) The tenant is current in \* \* \* rental payments.

(2) A tenant shall not be entitled to be reimbursed for repairs made pursuant to this section in an amount greater than the usual and customary charge for such repairs.

(3) Before correcting a condition affecting facilities shared by more than one (1) dwelling unit, the tenant shall notify all other tenants sharing such facilities of \* \* \* the plans for the repairs and shall so arrange the work as to create the least practicable inconvenience to the other tenants.

(4) The cost of repairs made by a tenant pursuant to this section may be offset against future rent.

(5) No provision of this section shall be construed to grant a lien against the real property.

SECTION 26. Section 89-8-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-8-17. (1) A rental agreement that fixes a definite term expires on the date stated in the rental agreement.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 89-8-13, the landlord may, at any time after the expiration of a rental agreement, \* \* \* provide notice to the tenant in writing, or by email or text message, if the tenant has agreed to be notified by email or text message, specifying that the tenant is holding over after expiration of the rental agreement and that the landlord will commence eviction proceedings no earlier than three (3) days after such notice is provided. The landlord may also demand an increase in rent \* \* \* after the expiration of the rental agreement if such actions by the landlord did not have the dominant purpose of retaliation against the tenant for his actions authorized under this chapter and the landlord received written notice of each condition which was the subject of such actions of the tenant.

SECTION 27. Sections 89-7-41 and 89-7-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, which govern the disposition of tenant personal property and when a warrant of removal may issue, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE PROCEDURES AND PROTECTIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL EVICTIONS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROSCRIBE WHEN A LANDLORD MAY COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS TO EVICT A TENANT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROSCRIBE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED TO COMMENCE AN EVICTION; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DISCLOSURES TO BE MADE IN THE SUMMONS INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THE TENANT SHALL HAVE A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE EXECUTION OF A WARRANT OF REMOVAL TO REMOVE PERSONAL PROPERTY; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO GRANT A JUDGMENT TO THE LANDLORD WHERE THE LANDLORD IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO A JUDGMENT UNDER LAW AND EITHER THE TENANT FAILED TO APPEAR OR THE JUDGE FINDS THAT THE TENANT FAILED TO PRESENT A VALID DEFENSE OR COUNTERCLAIM; TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGMENTS GRANTED IN EVICTION ACTIONS SHALL BE SIGNED AND EXECUTED ON THE SAME BUSINESS DAY THAT THE JUDGMENT IS GRANTED; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE JUDGE TO ORDER THE TENANT TO VACATE THE PREMISES BY A CERTAIN DATE IF A JUDGMENT OF

POSSESSION IS GRANTED TO THE LANDLORD; TO PROVIDE THAT PRIOR TO THE DATE TO VACATE SET BY THE JUDGE THE TENANT SHALL HAVE THE SAME ACCESS TO THE PREMISES AS PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE LANDLORD TO REQUEST A WARRANT OF REMOVAL; TO REQUIRE THE LANDLORD TO PROVIDE THE TENANT WITH REASONABLE ACCESS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD TO THE DWELLING UNIT TO RETRIEVE PERSONAL PROPERTY AFTER THE EXECUTION OF THE WARRANT; TO PROVIDE THAT A JUDGE SHALL NOT ISSUE A WARRANT OF REMOVAL IF THE TENANT HAS PAID THE SUMS OWED TO THE LANDLORD IN CASES OF A JUDGMENT OF POSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUANCES; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS FROM A FINAL JUDGMENT SHALL BE PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE MISSISSIPPI RULES OF COURT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-8-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A LANDLORD MAY CHARGE THE TENANT DOUBLE THE RENT FOR THE TIME THAT THE TENANT CONTINUES IN POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES FOLLOWING THE DATE TO VACATE; TO AMEND SECTION 89-8-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE WRITTEN; TO AMEND SECTION 89-8-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD FOR A TENANT TO QUIT THE PREMISES IF THE MATERIAL NONCOMPLIANCE BY THE TENANT IS THE NONPAYMENT OF RENT PURSUANT TO THE RENTAL AGREEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 89-8-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT NOTICE TO TERMINATE THE TENANCY SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED WHEN THE LANDLORD OR TENANT HAS COMMITTED A SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION OF THE RENTAL AGREEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER THAT MATERIALLY AFFECTS HEALTH OR SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 89-7-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROSCRIBE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED TO COMMENCE AN EVICTION FOR PREMISES OR OTHER LANDS THAT ARE NOT DWELLING UNITS; TO REQUIRE THE LANDLORD TO IDENTIFY ANY ITEMS OF TENANT PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE PREMISES AS TO WHICH THE LANDLORD ASSERTS A VALID LIEN; TO AMEND SECTIONS 89-7-27, 89-7-31 AND 89-7-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 89-7-34, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO GRANT A JUDGMENT TO THE LANDLORD WHERE THE LANDLORD IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO A JUDGMENT UNDER LAW AND EITHER THE TENANT FAILED TO APPEAR OR THE JUDGE FINDS THAT THE TENANT FAILED TO PRESENT A VALID DEFENSE OR COUNTERCLAIM; TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGMENTS GRANTED IN EVICTION ACTIONS SHALL BE SIGNED AND EXECUTED ON THE SAME BUSINESS DAY THAT THE JUDGMENT IS GRANTED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 89-7-35, 89-7-37, 89-7-39, 89-7-43, 89-7-47, 89-8-3, 89-8-7, 89-8-9, 89-8-15 AND 89-8-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 89-7-41 AND 89-7-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH GOVERN THE DISPOSITION OF TENANT PERSONAL PROPERTY AND WHEN A WARRANT OF REMOVAL MAY ISSUE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jason Barrett, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Kevin Felsher, Clay Deweese

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens,

Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bain called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2545:** Scrap metal; revise provisions of and prescribe certain conditions for the purchase of detached catalytic converters.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2545: Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 97-17-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-17-71. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section:

(a) "Railroad materials" means any materials, equipment and parts used in the construction, operation, protection and maintenance of a railroad.

(b) "Copper materials" means any copper wire, bars, rods or tubing, including copper wire or cable or coaxial cable of the type used by public utilities, common carriers or communication services providers, whether wireless or wire line, copper air conditioner evaporator coil or condenser, aluminum copper radiators not attached to a motor vehicle, or any combination of these.

(c) "Aluminum materials" means any aluminum cable, bars, rods or tubing of the type used to construct utility, communication or broadcasting towers, aluminum utility wire and aluminum irrigation pipes or tubing. "Aluminum materials" does not include aluminum cans that have served their original economic purpose.

(d) "Dealer-to-dealer transaction(s)" means any transaction of regulated metals, regardless of compensation, between registered scrap metal dealers.

( \* \* \*e) "Law enforcement officer" means any person appointed or employed full time by the state or any political subdivision thereof, or by the state military department as provided in Section 33-1-33, who is duly sworn and vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests, and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime, the apprehension of criminals and the enforcement of the criminal traffic laws of this state or the ordinances of any political subdivision thereof.

( \*\* \*f) "Metal property" means materials as defined in this section as railroad track materials, copper materials and aluminum materials and electrical, communications or utility brass, metal covers for service access and entrances to sewers and storm drains, metal bridge pilings, irrigation wiring and other metal property attached to or part of center pivots, grain bins, stainless steel sinks, catalytic converters not attached to a motor vehicle and metal beer kegs. Metal property does not include ferrous materials not listed in this section.

( \*\* \*g) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture, trust, limited liability company, association or any other legal or commercial entity.

( \*\* \*h) "Personal identification card" means any government issued photographic identification card including a valid identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe that contains a color photograph of the card holder and the card holder's legal name, residence address and date of birth.

( \*\* \*i) "Photograph" or "photographically" means a still photographic image, including images captured in digital format, that are of such quality that the persons and objects depicted are clearly identifiable.

( \*\* \*j) "Purchase transaction" means a transaction in which \*\* metal property is acquired whether the person acquiring the metal property gives consideration for the metal property or not. For purposes of this act, the words "purchase" and "purchased" mean a purchase transaction.

( \*\* \*k) "Purchaser" means a person who \*\* acquires metal property, whether the person gives consideration for the metal property or not.

( \*\* \*l) "Record" or "records" means a paper, electronic or other method of storing information.

(m) "Registered business entity" means a business entity created by statute, registered and in good standing with its state of incorporation or formation, and having a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). This term does not include any sole proprietorship, fictitious business name, or nonstatutory general partnership.

(n) "Scrap metal" means any metal property that is acquired by a scrap metal dealer in a purchase transaction.

( \*\* \*o) "Scrap metal dealer" means any person who is engaged, from a fixed location or otherwise, \*\* acquiring by purchase transaction, metal property that has served its original economic purpose, whether or not the person is engaged in the business of performing the manufacturing process by which metals are converted into raw material products consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential economic value. Any person who falls under this definition must register as a scrap metal dealer pursuant to this act and its rules.

(2) Every scrap metal dealer or other purchaser shall keep an accurate and legible record in which he shall enter the following information for each purchase transaction:

(a) The name, address and age of the person from whom the metal property is purchased as obtained from the seller's personal identification card;

(i) If a person other than the seller delivers the metal property to the purchaser, the purchaser shall enter the name, address, and age of the person who delivers the metal property, as obtained from the personal identification card of the person delivering the metal property. If the person delivering the metal property is the employee of the scrap metal dealer acting in his official capacity and at the direction of the scrap metal dealer, the purchaser is not required to enter the name, address, and age of the person who delivers the metal property.

(ii) If the seller is a registered business entity, and a person other than the seller delivers the metal property to the purchaser, in addition to the information required by this paragraph (a), the purchaser shall enter the name, principal business address, state of incorporation or formation of the entity, the federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) of the entity, and the name and telephone number of a contact person for the seller;

(b) The date and place of each acquisition of the metal property;

(c) The weight, quantity or volume and a general physical description of the type of metal property, such as wire, tubing, extrusions or casting, \*\* acquired in a purchase transaction;

(d) The amount of consideration given in a purchase transaction for the metal property. If no consideration is given, a record of the origin of the regulated metal;

(e) The vehicle license tag number, state of issue and the make and type of the vehicle used to deliver the metal property to the purchaser;  
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( \* \* \*f) A signed statement from the person receiving consideration in the purchase transaction stating that he or she is the rightful owner of the metal property or is entitled to sell the metal property being sold. Signed statements as required by this section may be collected and recorded on paper, by photographic copy, or other alternative formats as set forth in the rules promulgated by the Secretary of State;

( \* \* \*g) \* \* \* A scanned copy or a photocopy of the personal identification card of the person receiving consideration, or delivering the metal property in the purchase transaction; \* \* \* and  
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( \* \* \*h) A photograph, videotape or similar likeness of the person receiving consideration or any person other than the seller who delivers the metal property to the purchaser in which the person's facial features are clearly visible and in which the metal property the person is selling or delivering is clearly visible.

Such records shall be maintained by the scrap metal dealer or purchaser for not less than two (2) years from the date of the purchase transaction, and such records shall be made available to any law enforcement officer or Secretary of State examiner during usual and customary business hours.

(3) \* \* \* The purchaser shall \* \* \* photographically capture the metal property \* \* \* as it exists when it is acquired by the purchaser. The time and date shall be digitally recorded on the photograph, and the identity of the person taking the photograph shall be recorded. The purchaser shall permit any law enforcement officer or Secretary of State examiner to make an inspection of the metal property \* \* \*, if the metal property is still in the purchaser's possession, and of all photographs of the metal property. Any photograph of metal property taken and maintained pursuant to this subsection shall be admissible in any civil or criminal proceeding.

(4) During the usual and customary business hours of a scrap metal dealer \* \* \*, a law enforcement officer or Secretary of State examiner, after proper identification as a law enforcement officer or Secretary of State examiner, shall have the right to inspect all purchased metal property and all records pertaining to the purchase of regulated metals in the possession of the scrap metal dealer or purchaser.

(5) (a) Whenever a law enforcement officer has reasonable cause to believe that any item of metal property in the possession of a scrap metal dealer \* \* \* has been stolen, a law enforcement officer who has an affidavit from the alleged rightful owner of the property identifying the property with specificity, including any identifying markings, may issue and deliver a written hold notice to the scrap metal dealer \* \* \*. The hold notice shall specifically identify those items of metal property that are believed to have been stolen and that are subject to the hold notice. Upon receipt of the notice, the scrap metal dealer \* \* \* may not process or remove the metal property identified in the notice from the place of business of the scrap metal dealer \* \* \* for fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the notice, unless sooner released by a law enforcement officer.

(b) No later than the expiration of the fifteen-day period, a law enforcement officer, after receiving additional substantive evidence beyond the initial affidavit, may issue and deliver a second written hold notice, which shall be an extended hold notice. The extended hold notice shall specifically identify those items of metal property that are believed to have been stolen and that are subject to the extended hold notice. Upon receipt of the extended hold notice, the scrap metal dealer \* \* \* may not process or remove the items of metal property identified in the notice from the place of business of the scrap metal dealer \* \* \* for fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the extended hold notice, unless sooner released by a law enforcement officer.

(c) At the expiration of the hold period or, if extended in accordance with this subsection, at the expiration of the extended hold period, the hold is automatically released, then the scrap metal dealer \* \* \* may dispose of the metal property unless other disposition has been ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) If the scrap metal dealer \*\*\* contests the identification or ownership of the metal property, the party other than the scrap metal dealer \*\*\* claiming ownership of any metal property in the possession of a scrap metal dealer \*\*\*, provided that a timely report of the theft of the metal property was made to the proper authorities, may bring a civil action in the circuit court of the county in which the scrap metal dealer or purchaser is located. The petition for the action shall include the means of identification of the metal property utilized by the petitioner to determine ownership of the metal property in the possession of the scrap metal dealer \*\*\*.

(e) When a lawful owner recovers stolen metal property from a scrap metal dealer \*\*\* who has complied with this section, and the person who sold the metal property to the scrap metal dealer \*\*\* is convicted of a violation of this section, or theft by receiving stolen property under Section 97-17-70, the court shall order the convicted person to make full restitution to the scrap metal dealer \*\*\*, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, court costs and other expenses.

(6) \*\*\* For dealer-to-dealer transactions, records required to be kept include:

(a) \*\*\* Name and address of selling dealer;

(b) \*\*\* Date and place of each acquisition of the metal property;

(c) \*\*\* The weight, quantity, or volume and a general description of the type of metal property; and

(d) \*\*\* The amount or type of consideration given for the metal property by the purchasing dealer.

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Such records shall be maintained by the scrap metal dealer for not less than two (2) years from the date of the purchase transaction, and such records shall be made available to any law enforcement officer or Secretary of State examiner during usual and customary business hours.

(7) It shall be unlawful for any person to give a false statement of ownership or to give a false or altered identification or vehicle tag number and receive money or other consideration from a scrap metal dealer or other purchaser in return for metal property.

(8) A scrap metal dealer or other purchaser shall not enter into any cash transactions in payment for the purchase of metal property. Payment shall be made by check issued to the seller of the metal property \*\*\* or by electronic funds transfer. \*\*\*

(9) If a person acquiring metal property fails to maintain the records or to hold such materials \*\*\* as requested by a law enforcement officer under this act, such failure shall be prima facie evidence that the person receiving the metal property received it knowing it to be stolen in violation of Section 97-17-70.

(10) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport or cause to be transported for himself or another from any point within this state to any point outside this state any metal property, unless the person or entity first reports to the sheriff of the county from which he departs this state transporting such materials the same information that a purchaser in this state would be required to obtain and keep in a record as set forth in subsection (2) of this section. In such a case the sheriff receiving the report shall keep the information in records maintained in his office as a public record available for inspection by any person at all reasonable times. This section shall not apply to a public utility, as that term is defined in Section 77-3-3, engaged in carrying on utility operations; to a railroad, as that term is defined in Section 77-9-5; to a communications service provider, whether wireless or wire line; to a scrap metal dealer; or to a person identified in subsection (6) as being exempt from the provisions of this section.

(11) It shall be unlawful for a scrap metal dealer or other purchaser to knowingly purchase or possess a metal beer keg, or a metal syrup tank generally used by the soft drink industry, whether damaged or undamaged, or any reasonably recognizable part thereof, on any premises that the dealer uses to buy, sell, store, shred, melt, cut or otherwise alter scrap metal. However, it shall not be unlawful to purchase or possess a metal syrup tank generally used by the soft drink industry if the scrap metal dealer or other purchaser obtains a bill of sale at the time of purchase from a seller if the seller is a manufacturer of such tanks, a soft drink company or a soft drink distributor.

(12) It shall be unlawful to sell to a scrap metal dealer any bronze vase and/or marker, memorial, statue, plaque, or other bronze object used at a cemetery or other location where deceased persons are interred or memorialized, or for any such dealer to

purchase those objects, unless the source of the bronze is known and notice is provided to the municipal or county law enforcement agency where the dealer is located. The notice shall identify all names, letters, dates and symbols on the bronze and a photograph of the bronze shall be attached thereto. Written permission from the cemetery and the appropriate law enforcement agency must be received before any type of bronze described in this subsection may be purchased, processed, sold or melted.

(13) (a) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer to purchase any manhole cover and other similar types of utility access covers, including storm drain covers, or any metal property clearly identified as belonging to a political subdivision of the state or a municipality, unless that metal property is purchased from the political subdivision, the municipal utility or the manufacturer of the metal. Any purchaser who purchases metal property in bulk shall be allowed twenty-four (24) hours to determine if any metal property prohibited by this subsection is included in a bulk purchase. If such prohibited metal property is included in a bulk purchase, the purchaser shall notify law enforcement no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the purchase.

(b) It shall be unlawful for a person to sell, or any scrap metal dealer to purchase, any copper telecommunication wire in any form or any metal property clearly identified as belonging to a telecommunications company, unless that metal property is purchased from (i) an electrician or contractor to whom either a license has been issued by a municipality or county in this state or a current certificate of responsibility has been issued by the State Board of Public Contractors; or (ii) a person who holds a demolition permit issued by a municipality or county in this state. It shall be unlawful for a person to sell, or a scrap metal dealer to purchase, copper telecommunication wire that has been burned to remove the insulation, unless the seller provides certification, on a form as issued by the Secretary of State and signed by a firefighter who is currently in compliance with the certification requirements of the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board or a certified law enforcement officer, that the source of the copper telecommunication wire was from a building destroyed by fire.

(14) It shall be unlawful for a scrap metal dealer or other purchaser to purchase metal property from a person younger than eighteen (18) years of age.

(15) Metal property may not be purchased, acquired or collected between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(16) Except as provided in this subsection, any person willfully or knowingly violating the provisions of this \* \* \* act shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per offense, unless the purchase transaction or transactions related to the violation, in addition to any costs which are, or would be, incurred in repairing or in the attempt to recover any property damaged in the theft of or removal of the metal property, including replacement costs of the metal property, are in aggregate an amount which exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) but less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), in which case the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed five (5) years, fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both. Any person found guilty of stealing metal property or receiving metal property, knowing it to be stolen in violation of Section 97-17-70, shall be ordered to make full restitution to the victim, including, without limitation, restitution for property damage that resulted from the theft of the property.

(17) If the purchase transaction or transactions related to the violation, in addition to any costs which are, or would be, incurred in repairing or in the attempt to recover any property damaged in the theft of or removal of the metal property, including replacement costs of the metal property, are in aggregate an amount which exceeds Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not less than one (1) year, but not to exceed ten (10) years, fined not more than \* \* \* Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), or both.

(18) If the purchase transaction or transactions related to the violation, in addition to any costs which are, or would be, incurred in repairing or in the attempt to recover any property damaged in the theft of or removal of the metal property, including replacement costs of the metal property, are in aggregate an amount which exceeds



Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not less than three (3) years, but not to exceed twenty (20) years, fined not more than \* \* \* Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(19) This section shall not be construed to repeal other criminal laws. Whenever conduct proscribed by any provision of this section is also proscribed by any other provision of law, the provision which carries the more serious penalty shall be applied.

(20) This section shall apply to all businesses regulated under this section without regard to the location within the State of Mississippi.

(21) This \* \* \* act shall take precedence over any and all local ordinances governing purchase transactions of metal property. If any municipal or county ordinance, rule or regulation conflicts with the provisions of this act, the provisions of this act shall preempt the municipal or county ordinance, rule or regulation.

(22) This section shall be fully applicable to the requirements for the purchase and sale of detached catalytic converters provided in Section 97-17-71.3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 2. Section 97-17-71.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-17-71.1. (1) (a) From and after August 7, 2008, it shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer or any person who purchases scrap metal, deals in scrap metal, or otherwise engages in the scrap metal business to fail to register with the Secretary of State. All registrations under this section shall expire two (2) years from the date of the registration or the renewal thereof.

(b) The Secretary of State may promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this section and establish such registration and renewal fees as are adequate to cover the administrative costs associated with the registration program.

(c) The Secretary of State may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any registration following notice to the applicant or registrant in accordance with the promulgated rules and an opportunity for a hearing for any failure to comply with this section, or for other good cause.

(2) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) but not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first offense. Any person who shall be guilty of any subsequent violations of this section requiring registration shall be guilty of a felony offense and shall be imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed three (3) years, fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(3) (a) To register or renew registration, the registrant must declare, under penalty of perjury, whether such registrant has ever been convicted of \* \* \* any felony offense, or any misdemeanor offense involving fraud, dishonesty, or deceit within five (5) years preceding the date of application. If the registrant is a business entity, the registrant shall make the same declarations on behalf of every owner of the business who participates in the operation or management of the business.

(b) (i) An applicant who has been convicted of an \* \* \* offense as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be prohibited from registering under this section for five (5) years from the date of conviction.

(ii) Any false statement submitted to the Secretary of State for the purpose of unlawfully registering under this section shall be punished as perjury in the manner provided in Section 97-9-61, and a person so convicted shall be disqualified for life from registering as a scrap metal dealer under this section.

(4) The Secretary of State shall immediately report any suspected criminal violation accompanied by all relevant records to the Office of Attorney General and the appropriate district attorney for further proceedings.

(5) It is unlawful for a person to make or cause to be made, in a record or statement that is used or obtained in an examination, action, proceeding, or filed under this chapter, a statement that, at the time and in light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or misleading in a material respect, or, in connection with the statement,

to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, not false or misleading.

( \*\* \*6) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to:

(a) Conduct and carry out criminal background history verification of the information provided by the applicant or registrant and to require the submission of information and forms from the applicant or registrant in order to accomplish the registration duties imposed by this section;

(b) Require or permit a person to testify, file a statement, or produce a record, under oath or otherwise, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning a matter to be investigated or about which an action or proceeding is to be instituted;

( \*\* \*c) Issue a cease and desist order, with a prior hearing, against the scrap metal dealer or other purchaser alleged to be in violation of this section, directing the person or persons to cease and desist from further illegal activity. When an immediate cease and desist order is issued, the Secretary of State shall hold an administrative hearing on the alleged violations within fifteen (15) business days;

( \*\* \*d) (i) Issue an order against any scrap metal dealer or other purchaser for any violation of this section, imposing an administrative penalty up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense. Each violation shall be considered a separate offense in a single proceeding or a series of related proceedings. Any administrative penalty, plus reimbursement for all costs and expenses incurred in the investigation of the violation and any administrative proceedings, shall be paid to the Secretary of State;

(ii) For the purpose of determining the amount or extent of a sanction, if any, to be imposed under paragraph (c)(i) of this subsection, the Secretary of State shall consider, among other factors, the frequency, persistence and willfulness of the conduct constituting a violation of this section or any rule or order hereunder; the number of persons adversely affected by the conduct; and the resources of the person committing the violation;

( \*\* \*e) Bring an action in chancery court to enjoin the acts or practices complained of to enforce compliance with this section or any rule promulgated or order entered hereunder. Upon a proper showing, a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or writ of mandamus shall be granted and a receiver or conservator may be appointed for the defendant or the defendant's assets. In addition, upon a proper showing by the Secretary of State, the court may enter an order of rescission or restitution directed to any person who has engaged in any act constituting a violation of any provision of this section or any rule or order hereunder, or the court may impose a civil penalty up to a maximum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each offense, provided that each violation shall be considered as a separate offense in a single proceeding or a series of related proceedings. The court may not require the Secretary of State to post a bond.

( \*\* \*7) Any person aggrieved by a final order of the Secretary of State may obtain a review of the order in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, by filing in the court, within thirty (30) days after the entry of the order, a written petition praying that the order be modified or set aside, in whole or in part. A copy of the petition shall be forthwith served upon the Secretary of State and thereupon the Secretary of State shall certify and file in court a copy of the filing and evidence upon which the order was entered. When these have been filed, the court has exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, enforce or set aside the order, in whole or in part.

SECTION 3. Section 97-17-71.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-17-71.2. (1) It is an offense for a scrap metal dealer \* \* \* to pay cash to a person who presents an air conditioner evaporator coil or condenser, in whole or in part, for sale as scrap \* \* \*.

(2) Scrap metal described in subsection (1) may only be sold for scrap by an authorized agent, representative or employee of one (1) of the following:

(a) A licensed HVAC contractor who acquired the evaporator coil or condenser in the performance as a contractor as defined in Section 31-3-1;

(b) A company meeting all local or municipal requirements to obtain a permit from that jurisdiction to repair, replace and install HVAC units containing copper evaporator coils or condensers;

(c) Where the jurisdiction does not require a permit to repair, replace and install HVAC units containing copper evaporator coils or condensers, by a company holding a privilege license indicating the business as that of an HVAC installer or repairer; or

(d) A company holding a privilege license indicating the business as that of an HVAC installer or repairer.

(3) The person offering an air conditioner evaporator coil or condenser for sale as scrap on behalf of a company listed in subsection (2) shall have in the person's possession documentation that the company for whom it is being sold is a company described in subsection (2), and that the person selling the evaporator coil or condenser is an authorized agent, representative or employee of that company.

(4) Payment for scrap metal described in subsection (1) must be made by check or money order, \* \* \* and the name of the company or the individual meeting the requirements of subsection (2) of this section must be the payee on the check.

(5) (a) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per offense.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude a person violating this section from also being prosecuted for any other applicable criminal offense.

(6) Any purchase of any air conditioner evaporator coil or condenser, as described in this section, in whole or in part, is subject to the record keeping requirements required by this section.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 97-17-71.3, Mississippi Code of 1972:

97-17-71.3. (1) It is unlawful for any person to purchase or otherwise acquire, a used, detached catalytic converter, or any nonferrous part thereof, unless all of the following apply:

(a) The purchaser is registered as a scrap metal dealer under Section 97-17-71;

(b) The sale, transfer, purchase or acquisition occurs at the fixed business address of a scrap metal dealer that is a party to the transaction. For purposes of this subsection, the fixed business address of the scrap metal dealer is the address of the business that is registered pursuant to Section 97-17-71;

(c) The purchaser has maintained all of the information required under Section 97-17-71;

(d) One or more of the following apply:

(i) The used, detached catalytic converter or nonferrous part thereof was obtained by the seller thereof as part of a vehicle;

(ii) The catalytic converter or nonferrous part thereof was purchased in a dealer-to-dealer transaction or from any of the following bona fide entities: a new or used motor vehicle dealer, an automotive repair service, a motor vehicle manufacturer, a vehicle demolisher or a distributor of catalytic converters; or

(iii) The seller of the catalytic converter or nonferrous part thereof provides the purchaser with all of the following information for the motor vehicle from which the catalytic converter or part thereof was taken:

1. The name of the person who removed the catalytic converter;

2. The name of the person for whom the removal was completed;

3. The make and model of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed;

4. The vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed; and

5. A copy of the driver's license or nondriver identification card of the seller of the catalytic converter.

(e) Before each purchase or acquisition of a used, detached catalytic converter or part thereof, the scrap metal dealer, including an agent, employee, or

representative thereof, shall retain the necessary records and information to comply with this act.

(2) It is unlawful for a seller of a used, detached catalytic converter, or any nonferrous part of a catalytic converter, to provide any false, fraudulent, altered or counterfeit information or documentation as required by this section.

(3) Each catalytic converter that is purchased, possessed, obtained, transported or otherwise acquired in violation of this section is a separate violation of this section.

(4) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor or a felony for subsequent violations as specifically prescribed under Sections 97-17-71 and 97-17-71.1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(5) For purposes of this section, a used, detached catalytic converter does not include a catalytic converter that has been tested, certified and labeled for reuse in accordance with applicable U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Air Act regulations.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS FOR SCRAP METAL; TO REVISE DEFINITIONS BY ADDING CERTAIN TERMS; TO REQUIRE RECORD KEEPING FOR DEALER TO DEALER TRANSACTIONS; TO REGULATE DELIVERY OF METAL PROPERTY BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE SELLER WHO DELIVERS METAL PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SALE OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION WIRE SHALL BE UNLAWFUL; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER LOCAL ORDINANCES GOVERNING PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS OF METAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-71.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A REGISTRANT TO DECLARE WHETHER THE REGISTRANT HAS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY FELONY OFFENSE OR ANY MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE INVOLVING FRAUD, DISHONESTY, OR DECEIT WITHIN FIVE YEARS PRECEDING THE DATE OF APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A REGISTRANT CONVICTED OF SUCH AN OFFENSE MAY BE PROHIBITED FROM REGISTERING FOR FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO MAKE CERTAIN FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO COMPEL OR ALLOW A PERSON TO TESTIFY OR PRODUCE A RECORD UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO HOLD AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING WITHIN A CERTAIN NUMBER OF BUSINESS DAYS OF ISSUING AN IMMEDIATE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER; TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-71.2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PURCHASE OF ANY AIR CONDITIONER EVAPORATOR COIL IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-17-71.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN CATALYTIC CONVERTERS NOT ATTACHED TO A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRANSFER OR PURCHASE A USED, DETACHED CATALYTIC CONVERTER WITHOUT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Mike Thompson, Neil S. Whaley

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Kevin Felsner

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B,

Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, McLeod. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Huddleston, McGee. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise how MS Works funds may be spent by and certain collaborations with.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2723: Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-5-353. (1) (a) Each employer shall pay unemployment insurance contributions equal to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) of taxable wages paid by him each calendar year, except as may be otherwise provided in Section 71-5-361 and except that each newly subject employer shall pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate of one percent (1%) of taxable wages, for his first year of liability, one and one-tenth percent (1.1%) of taxable wages for his second year of liability, and one and two-tenths percent (1.2%) of taxable wages for his third and subsequent years of liability unless the employer's experience-rating record has been chargeable throughout at least the twelve (12) consecutive calendar months ending on the most recent computation date at the time the rate for a year is determined; thereafter the employer's contribution rate shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-355.

(b) Notwithstanding the newly subject employer contribution rate provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the contribution rate of all newly subject employers shall be reduced by seven one-hundredths of one percent (.07%) for calendar year 2013 only. The contribution rate of all newly subject employers shall be reduced by three one-hundredths of one percent (.03%) for calendar year 2014 only. For purposes

of this chapter, "newly subject employers" means employers whose unemployment insurance experience-rating record has not been chargeable throughout at least the twelve (12) consecutive calendar months ending on the most recent computation date at the time the contribution rate for a year is determined.

(2) (a) (i) There is hereby created in the Treasury of the State of Mississippi special funds to be known as the "Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund" and the "Mississippi Works Fund" which consist of funds collected pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(ii) Funds collected shall initially be deposited into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections and subsequently appropriate amounts shall be transferred to the Mississippi Workforce Investment and Training Fund Holding Account described in Section 71-5-453. In the event any employer pays an amount insufficient to cover the total contributions due, the amounts due shall be satisfied in the following order:

1. Unemployment contributions;
2. Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, State Workforce Investment contributions and the Mississippi Works contributions, known collectively as the Mississippi Workforce Investment and Training contributions, on a pro rata basis;
3. Interest and damages; then
4. Legal and processing costs.

The amount of unemployment insurance contributions due for any period will be the amount due according to the actual computations unless the employer is participating in the MLPP. In that event, the amount due is the MLPP amount computed by the department.

Cost of collection and administration of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contribution, the State Workforce Investment contribution and the Mississippi Works contribution shall be allocated based on a plan approved by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL). The Mississippi Community College Board shall pay the cost of collecting the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, the State Workforce Investment Board shall pay the cost of collecting the State Workforce Investment contributions and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall pay the cost of collecting the Mississippi Works contributions. Payments shall be made semiannually with the cost allocated to each based on a USDOL approved plan on a pro rata basis, for periods ending in June and December of each year. Payment shall be made by each organization to the department no later than sixty (60) days after the billing date. Cost shall be allocated under the USDOL's approved plan and in the same ratio as each contribution type represents to the total authorized by subparagraph (ii)2 of this paragraph to be collected for the period.

(b) Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions and State Workforce Investment contributions shall be distributed as follows:

(i) For calendar year 2014, ninety-four and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (94.75%) shall be distributed to the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and the remainder shall be distributed to the State Workforce Investment Board bank account;

(ii) For calendar years subsequent to calendar year 2014, ninety-three and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (93.75%) shall be distributed to the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and the remainder shall be distributed to the State Workforce Investment Board bank account;

(iii) Workforce Enhancement Training contributions and State Workforce Investment contributions for calendar years 2014 and 2015 shall be distributed as provided in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph regardless of when the contributions were collected.

(c) All contributions collected for the State Workforce Enhancement Training Fund, the State Workforce Investment Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund will be initially deposited into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections and subsequently transferred to the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account and will be held by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in such account for a period of not less than thirty

(30) days. After such period, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions shall be transferred to the Mississippi Community College Board Treasury Account, with oversight provided by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, the State Workforce Investment contributions and the Mississippi Works contributions shall be transferred to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Mississippi Works Treasury Account in the same ratio as each contribution type represents to the total authorized by paragraph (a)(ii)2 of this subsection to be collected for the period and within the time frame determined by the department; however, except in cases of extraordinary circumstances, these funds shall be transferred within fifteen (15) days. Interest earnings or interest credits on deposit amounts in the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account shall be retained in the account to pay the banking costs of the account. If after the period of twelve (12) months interest earnings less banking costs exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), such excess amounts shall be transferred to the respective accounts within thirty (30) days following the end of each calendar year on the basis described in paragraph (b) of this subsection. Interest earnings and/or interest credits for the State Workforce Investments funds shall be used for the payment of banking costs and excess amounts shall be used in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Workforce Investment Board expenditure policies.

(d) All enforcement procedures for the collection of delinquent unemployment contributions contained in Sections 71-5-363 through 71-5-383 shall be applicable in all respects for collections of delinquent unemployment insurance contributions designated for the Unemployment Compensation Fund, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund, the State Workforce Investment Board Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund.

(e) (i) Except as otherwise provided for in this subparagraph (i), all monies deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund Treasury Account shall be directed by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, in collaboration with the Mississippi Community College Board, in accordance with the Workforce Training Act of 1994 (Section 37-153-1 et seq.) and under policies approved by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development for the following purposes: to provide training in collaboration with the Mississippi Community College Board and individual community and junior colleges to employers and employees in order to enhance employee productivity. Such training may be subject to a minimal administrative fee to be paid from the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund as established by the Office of Workforce Development. The initial priority of these funds shall be for the benefit of existing businesses located within the state. Employers may request training for existing employees and/or newly hired employees from the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development. The office, in consultation with the Mississippi Community College Board, will be responsible for approving the training. A portion of the funds collected for the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall be used for the development of performance measures to measure the effectiveness of the use of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund dollars. These performance measures shall be uniform for all training projects and shall be reported to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the Legislature. Nothing in this section or elsewhere in law shall be interpreted as giving the Office of Workforce Development or State Workforce Investment Board authority to direct the Mississippi Community College Board or individual community or junior colleges on how to expend other funds, aside from funds appropriated to the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and Mississippi Works Fund, appropriated or received for workforce training. The Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, Mississippi Community College Board, individual community or junior colleges, State Workforce Investment Board and other agencies implementing or coordinating state-funded workforce development programs under state law shall cooperate with each other to promote effective workforce training in Mississippi, under the direction of the office. Any subsequent changes to these performance measures shall also be reported to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the Legislature. A performance report for each training project and community college, based upon these measures, shall be submitted annually to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and members of the Legislature.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (e), all funds deposited into the State Workforce Investment Board bank account shall be used for administration of State Workforce Investment Board business, the Office of Workforce Development, grants related to training, and other projects as determined appropriate by the State Workforce Investment Board and shall be nonexpiring. Policies for grants and other projects shall be approved through a majority vote of the State Workforce Investment Board.

(iii) All funds deposited into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security Mississippi Works Fund shall be disbursed exclusively by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Office of Workforce Development in support of workforce training activities approved by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development in support of economic development activities. Funds allocated by the executive director under this subparagraph (iii) shall only be utilized for the training of unemployed persons, for immediate training needs for the net new jobs created by an employer, for the retention of jobs, to create a work-ready applicant pool of Mississippians with credentials and/or postsecondary education in accordance with the state's Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act plan, or for the support of local economic and community development activities related to workforce development in the state. \* \* \* The Mississippi Office of Workforce Development, in collaboration with the Mississippi Public Community College System and its partners, shall be the primary entity to facilitate training. \* \* \* Training conducted utilizing these Mississippi Works funds may be subject to a minimal administrative fee to be paid from the Mississippi Works Fund as authorized by the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development. All costs associated with the administration of these funds shall be reimbursed to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the Mississippi Works Fund.

(iv) 1. The Department of Employment Security shall be the fiscal agent for the receipt and disbursement of all funds in the State Workforce Investment Board bank account, subject to the administrative oversight of the Office of Workforce Development.

2. In managing the State Workforce Investment Board bank account, the Office of Workforce Development, in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security as fiscal agent, shall ensure that any funds expended for contractual services rendered to the Office of Workforce Development over Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be paid only to service providers who have been selected on a competitive basis. Any contract for services entered into using funds from the Workforce Investment Fund bank account shall \* \* \* meet the requirements for state contracts set out in Section 31-7-1 et seq.

3. Any commodities procured for the office shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section 31-7-13.

(v) In addition to other expenditures, the Office of Workforce Development shall expend from the State Workforce Investment Board bank account for the use and benefit of the Office of Workforce Development, such funds as are necessary to prepare and develop a study of workforce development needs that will consist of the following:

1. An identification of the state's workforce development needs through a well-documented quantitative and qualitative analysis of:

a. The current and projected workforce training needs of existing and identified potential Mississippi industries, with priority given to assessing the needs of existing in-state industry and business. Where possible, the analysis should include a verification and expansion of existing information previously developed by workforce training and service providers, as well as analysis of existing workforce data, such as the data collected through the Statewide Longitudinal Data System \* \* \*;

b. The needs of the state's workers and residents requiring additional workforce training to improve their work skills in order to compete for better employment opportunities, including a priority-based analysis of the critical factors currently limiting the state's ability to provide a trained and ready workforce \* \* \*; and



c. The needs of workforce service and training providers in improving their ability to offer industry-relevant training, including an assessment of the practical limits of keeping training programs on the leading edge and eliminating those programs with marginal workforce relevance.

2. An assessment of Mississippi's current workforce development service delivery structure relative to the needs quantified in this subparagraph, including:

a. Development of a list of strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats (SWOT) of the current workforce development delivery system relative to the identified needs;

b. Identification of strategic options for workforce development services based on the results of the SWOT analysis; and

c. Development of results-oriented measures for each option that can be baselined and, if implemented, tracked over time, with quantifiable milestones and goals.

3. Preparation of a report presenting all subjects set out in this subparagraph to be delivered to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee no later than February 1, 2015.

4. Following the preparation of the report, the State Workforce Investment Board shall make a recommendation to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on future uses of funds deposited to the State Workforce Investment Fund account. Such future uses may include:

a. The development of promotion strategies for workforce development programs;

b. Initiatives designed to reduce the state's dropout rate, including the development of a statewide career awareness program;

c. The long-term monitoring of the state's workforce development programs to determine whether they are addressing the needs of business, industry, and the workers of the state; and

d. The study of the potential restructuring of the state's workforce programs and delivery systems.

(3) (a) (i) Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions and State Workforce Investment contributions shall be collected at the following rates:

1. For calendar year 2014 only, the rate of nineteen one-hundredths of one percent (.19%) based upon taxable wages of which eighteen one-hundredths of one percent (.18%) shall be the Workforce Enhancement Training contribution and one-hundredths of one percent (.01%) shall be the State Workforce Investment contribution; and

2. For calendar year 2015 only, the rate of sixteen one-hundredths of one percent (.16%), based upon taxable wages of which fifteen one-hundredths of one percent (.15%) shall be the Workforce Enhancement Training contribution and one-hundredths of one percent (.01%) shall be the State Workforce Investment contribution.

(ii) Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, State Workforce Investment contributions and Mississippi Works contributions shall be collected at the following rates:

1. For calendar year 2016 only, at a rate of twenty-four one-hundredths percent (.24%), based upon taxable wages, of which fifteen one-hundredths percent (.15%) shall be the Workforce Enhancement Training contribution, one-hundredths of one percent (.01%) shall be the State Workforce Investment contribution and eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) shall be the Mississippi Works contribution.

2. For calendar years subsequent to calendar year 2016, at a rate of twenty one-hundredths percent (.20%), based upon taxable wages, of which fifteen one-hundredths percent (.15%) shall be the Workforce Enhancement Training contribution, one-hundredths of one percent (.01%) shall be the State Workforce Investment contribution and four one-hundredths percent (.04%) shall be the Mississippi Works contribution. The Mississippi Works contribution shall be collected for calendar

years in which the general experience ratio, adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%), results in a general experience rate of less than two-tenths percent (.2%). In all other years the Mississippi Works contribution shall not be in effect.

(iii) The Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund contribution, the State Workforce Investment contribution and the Mississippi Works contribution shall be in addition to the general experience rate plus the individual experience rate of all employers but shall not be charged to reimbursing or rate-paying political subdivisions or institutions of higher learning, or reimbursing nonprofit organizations, as described in Sections 71-5-357 and 71-5-359.

(b) All Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contributions, State Workforce Investment contributions and Mississippi Works contributions collected shall be deposited initially into the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections and shall within two (2) business days be transferred to the Workforce Investment and Training Holding Account. Any Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and/or State Workforce Investment Board bank account and/or Mississippi Works Fund transactions from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections that are deposited into the Workforce Investment and Training Fund Holding Account and are not honored by a financial institution will be transferred back to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security bank account for clearing contribution collections out of funds in the Mississippi Workforce Investment and Training Fund Holding Account.

(c) Suspension of the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund contributions required pursuant to this chapter shall occur if the insured unemployment rate exceeds an average of five and five-tenths percent (5.5%) for the three (3) consecutive months immediately preceding the effective date of the new rate year following such occurrence and shall remain suspended throughout the duration of that rate year. Such suspension shall continue until such time as the three (3) consecutive months immediately preceding the effective date of the next rate year that has an insured unemployment rate of less than an average of four and five-tenths percent (4.5%). Upon such occurrence, reactivation shall be effective upon the first day of the rate year following the event that lifts suspension and shall be in effect for that year and shall continue until such time as a subsequent suspension event as described in this chapter occurs.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, contribution collections for the State Workforce Investment Fund, Mississippi Works Fund and Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall not be suspended, under any circumstances, for tax rate year 2021, and the resulting contribution rate of twenty one-hundredths percent (.20%) shall be added to the employer's general and individual experience rate to obtain the total unemployment insurance rate for 2021.

(4) All collections due or accrued prior to any suspension of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund will be collected based upon the law at the time the contributions accrued, regardless of when they are actually collected.

SECTION 2. Section 71-5-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-5-355. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Tax year" means any period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of a year.

(b) "Computation date" means June 30 of any calendar year immediately preceding the tax year during which the particular contribution rates are effective.

(c) "Effective date" means January 1 of the tax year.

(d) Except as hereinafter provided, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H, plus the total of all remuneration paid by such employer excluded from the definition of wages by Section 71-5-351. For the computation of modified rates, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H.

(e) For the computation of modified rates, "eligible employer" means an employer whose experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, except that any employer who has not been subject to the Mississippi Employment Security Law for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement shall be an eligible employer if his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable throughout not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date. No employer shall be considered eligible for a contribution rate less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) with respect to any tax year, who has failed to file any two (2) quarterly reports within the qualifying period by September 30 following the computation date. No employer or employing unit shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which the employing unit is found by the department to be in violation of Section 71-5-19(2) or (3) and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years. No representative of such employing unit who was a party to a violation as described in Section 71-5-19(2) or (3), if such representative was or is an employing unit in this state, shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which such violation was detected by the department and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

(f) With respect to any tax year, "reserve ratio" means the ratio which the total amount available for the payment of benefits in the Unemployment Compensation Fund, excluding any amount which has been credited to the account of this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and which has been appropriated for the expenses of administration pursuant to Section 71-5-457 whether or not withdrawn from such account, on October 31 (close of business) of each calendar year bears to the aggregate of the taxable payrolls of all employers for the twelve (12) calendar months ending on June 30 next preceding.

(g) "Modified rates" means the rates of employer unemployment insurance contributions determined under the provisions of this chapter and the rates of newly subject employers, as provided in Section 71-5-353.

(h) For the computation of modified rates, "qualifying period" means a period of not less than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date throughout which an employer's experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits; except that with respect to any eligible employer who has not been subject to this article for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement, "qualifying period" means the period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, but in no event less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been so chargeable.

(i) The "exposure criterion" (EC) is defined as the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits as of November 16 of each calendar year or the next working day if November 16 falls on a holiday or a weekend, divided by the total wages, exclusive of wages paid by all state agencies, all political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt public service employment, for the twelve-month period ending June 30 immediately preceding such date. The EC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and rounded up if any fraction remains. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the date for determining the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 shall be December 31.

(j) The "cost rate criterion" (CRC) is defined as follows: Beginning with January 1974, the benefits paid for the twelve-month period ending December 1974 are summed and divided by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on June 30, 1975. Similar ratios are computed by subtracting the earliest month's benefit payments and adding the benefits of the next month in the sequence and dividing each sum of twelve (12) months' benefits by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on the June 30 which is nearest to the final month of the period used to compute the numerator. If December is the final month of the period used to compute the numerator,

then the twelve-month period ending the following June 30 will be used for the denominator. Benefits and total wages used in the computation of the cost rate criterion shall exclude all benefits and total wages applicable to state agencies, political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt PSE employment.

The CRC shall be computed as the average for the highest monthly value of the cost rate criterion computations during each of the economic cycles since the calendar year 1974 as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The CRC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and any remainder shall be rounded up.

The CRC shall be adjusted only through annual computations and additions of future economic cycles.

(k) "Size of fund index" (SOFI) is defined as the ratio of the exposure criterion (EC) to the cost rate criterion (CRC). The target size of fund index will be fixed at 1.0. If the insured unemployment rate (IUR) exceeds a four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) average for the most recent completed July to June period, the target SOFI will be .8 and will remain at that level until the computed SOFI (the average exposure criterion of the current year and the preceding year divided by the average cost rate criterion) equals 1.0 or the average IUR falls to four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) or less for any period July to June. However, if the IUR falls below two and five-tenths percent (2.5%) for any period July to June the target SOFI shall be 1.2 until such time as the computed SOFI is equal to or greater than 1.0 or the IUR is equal to or greater than two and five-tenths percent (2.5%), at which point the target SOFI shall return to 1.0.

(l) No employer's unemployment contribution general experience rate plus individual unemployment experience rate shall exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). Accrual rules shall apply for purposes of computing contribution rates including associated functions.

(m) The term "general experience rate" has the same meaning as the minimum tax rate.

(2) Modified rates:

(a) For any tax year, when the reserve ratio on the preceding November 16, in the case of any tax year, equals or exceeds three percent (3%), the modified rates, as hereinafter prescribed, shall be in effect. In computation of this reserve ratio, any remainder shall be rounded down.

(b) Modified rates shall be determined for the tax year for each eligible employer on the basis of his or her experience-rating record in the following manner:

(i) The department shall maintain an experience-rating record for each employer. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals performing services for him or her any prior claim or rights to the amounts paid by the employer into the fund.

(ii) Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the experience-rating record of his or her base period employers in the proportion to which the wages paid by each base period employer bears to the total wages paid to the individual by all the base period employers, provided that benefits shall not be charged to an employer's experience-rating record if the department finds that the individual:

1. Voluntarily left the employ of such employer without good cause attributable to the employer or to accept other work;

2. Was discharged by such employer for misconduct connected with his or her work;

3. Refused an offer of suitable work by such employer without good cause, and the department further finds that such benefits are based on wages for employment for such employer prior to such voluntary leaving, discharge or refusal of suitable work, as the case may be;

4. Had base period wages which included wages for previously uncovered services as defined in Section 71-5-511(e) to the extent that the Unemployment Compensation Fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to Section 121 of Public Law 94-566;

5. Extended benefits paid under the provisions of Section 71-5-541 which are not reimbursable from federal funds shall be charged to the experience-rating record of base period employers;

6. Is still working for such employer on a regular part-time basis under the same employment conditions as hired. Provided, however, that benefits shall be charged against an employer if an eligible individual is paid benefits who is still working for such employer on a part-time "as-needed" basis;

7. Was hired to replace a United States serviceman or servicewoman called into active duty and was laid off upon the return to work by that serviceman or servicewoman, unless such employer is a state agency or other political subdivision or instrumentality of the state;

8. Was paid benefits during any week while in training with the approval of the department, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513B, or for any week while in training approved under Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513C;

9. Is not required to serve the one-week waiting period as described in Section 71-5-505(2). In that event, only the benefits paid in lieu of the waiting period week may be noncharged; or

10. Was paid benefits as a result of a fraudulent claim, provided notification was made to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in writing or by email by the employer, within ten (10) days of the mailing of the notice of claim filed to the employer's last-known address.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, an employer shall not be noncharged when the department finds that the employer or the employer's agent of record was at fault for failing to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information relating to an unemployment claim that was subsequently determined to be improperly paid, unless the employer or the employer's agent of record shows good cause for having failed to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information. For purposes of this subparagraph "good cause" means an event that prevents the employer or employer's agent of record from timely responding, and includes a natural disaster, emergency or similar event, or an illness on the part of the employer, the employer's agent of record, or their staff charged with responding to such inquiries when there is no other individual who has the knowledge or ability to respond. Any agency error that resulted in a delay in, or the failure to deliver notice to, the employer or the employer's agent of record shall also be considered good cause for purposes of this subparagraph.

(iv) The department shall compute a benefit ratio for each eligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to his or her experience-rating record during the period his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable, but not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period nor more than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date. Such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of a percent (.1%), rounding any remainder to the next higher tenth.

(v) 1. The unemployment insurance contribution rate for each eligible employer shall be the sum of two (2) rates: his or her individual experience rate in the range from zero percent (0%) to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), plus a general experience rate. In no event shall the resulting unemployment insurance rate be in excess of five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), however, it is the intent of this section to provide the ability for employers to have a tax rate, the general experience rate plus the individual experience rate, of up to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

2. The employer's individual experience rate shall be equal to his or her benefit ratio as computed under paragraph (b)(iv) of this subsection (2).

3. The general experience rate shall be determined in the following manner: The department shall determine annually, for the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, the amount of benefits which were not charged to the record of any employer and of benefits which were ineffectively charged to the employer's experience-rating record. For the purposes of this item 3, the term "ineffectively charged benefits" shall include:

a. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all eligible employers which caused their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%);

b. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all ineligible employers which would cause their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) if they were eligible employers; and

c. The total of the amounts of benefits charged or chargeable to the experience-rating record of any employer who has discontinued his or her business or whose coverage has been terminated within such period; provided, that solely for the purposes of determining the amounts of ineffectively charged benefits as herein defined, a "benefit ratio" shall be computed for each ineligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to his or her experience-rating record throughout the period ending on the computation date, during which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date; and provided further, that such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of one percent (.1%) and any remainder shall be rounded to the next higher tenth.

The ratio of the sum of these amounts (subsection (2)(b)(v)3a, b and c) to the taxable wages paid during the same period divided by all eligible employers whose benefit ratio did not exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), computed to the next higher tenth of one percent (.1%), shall be the general experience rate; however, the general experience rate for rate year 2014 shall be two tenths of one percent (.2%) and to that will be added the employer's individual experience rate for the total unemployment insurance rate.

4. a. Except as otherwise provided in this item 4, the general experience rate shall be adjusted by use of the size of fund index factor. This factor may be positive or negative, and shall be determined as follows: From the target SOFI, as defined in subsection (1)(k) of this section, subtract the simple average of the current and preceding years' exposure criterions divided by the cost rate criterion, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section. The result is then multiplied by the product of the CRC, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section, and total wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30 divided by the taxable wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30. This is the percentage positive or negative added to the general experience rate. The sum of the general experience rate and the trust fund adjustment factor shall be multiplied by fifty percent (50%) and this product shall be computed to one (1) decimal place, and rounded to the next higher tenth.

b. Notwithstanding the minimum rate provisions as set forth in subsection (1)(l) of this section, the general experience rate of all employers shall be reduced by seven one-hundredths of one percent (.07%) for calendar year 2013 only.

5. The general experience rate shall be zero percent (0%) unless the general experience ratio for any tax year as computed and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%) is an amount equal to or greater than two-tenths of one percent (.2%), then the general experience rate shall be the computed general experience ratio and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%); however, in no case shall the sum of the general experience plus the individual experience unemployment insurance rate exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). For rate years subsequent to 2014, Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contribution rate, and/or State Workforce Investment contribution rate, and/or Mississippi Works contribution rate, when in effect, shall be added to the unemployment contribution rate, regardless of whether the addition of this contribution rate causes the total contribution rate for the employer to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

6. The department shall include in its annual rate notice to employers a brief explanation of the elements of the general experience rate, and shall include in its regular publications an annual analysis of benefits not charged

to the record of any employer, and of the benefit experience of employers by industry group whose benefit ratio exceeds four percent (4%), and of any other factors which may affect the size of the general experience rate.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the general experience rate for calendar year 2021 shall be zero percent (0%). Charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period March 8, 2020, through June 30, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2021 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years. Moreover, charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2022 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years.

(vi) When any employing unit in any manner succeeds to or acquires the organization, trade, business or substantially all the assets thereof of an employer, excepting any assets retained by such employer incident to the liquidation of his or her obligations, whether or not such acquiring employing unit was an employer within the meaning of Section 71-5-11, subsection H, prior to such acquisition, and continues such organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessor employer shall be transferred as of the date of acquisition to the successor employer for the purpose of rate determination.

(vii) When any employing unit succeeds to or acquires a distinct and severable portion of an organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of such portion, if separately identifiable, shall be transferred to the successor upon:

1. The mutual consent of the predecessor and the successor;
2. Approval of the department;
3. Continued operation of the transferred portion by the successor after transfer; and
4. The execution and the filing with the department by the predecessor employer of a waiver relinquishing all rights to have the experience-rating and payroll records of the transferred portion used for the purpose of determining modified rates of contribution for such predecessor.

(viii) If the successor was an employer subject to this chapter prior to the date of acquisition, it shall continue to pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to it from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date of acquisition, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to the predecessor or, if more than one (1) predecessor and the same rate is applicable to both, the rate applicable to the predecessor or predecessors, from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date the acquisition occurred and simultaneously acquires the businesses of two (2) or more employers to whom different rates of unemployment insurance contributions are applicable, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions from the date of the acquisition until the end of the current tax year at a rate computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessors as of the computation date for such tax year. In all cases the rate of unemployment insurance contributions applicable to such successor for each succeeding tax year shall be computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the successor and the predecessor or predecessors.

(ix) The department shall notify each employer quarterly of the benefits paid and charged to his or her experience-rating record; and such notification, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. A redetermination, made after notice and opportunity for a fair hearing, by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; and the finding of fact in connection therewith may be introduced into any subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the

determination of the rate of unemployment insurance contributions of any employer for any tax year, and shall be entitled to the same finality as is provided in this subsection with respect to the findings of fact in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rate of an employer.

(x) The department shall notify each employer of his or her rate of contribution as determined for any tax year as soon as reasonably possible after September 1 of the preceding year. Such determination shall be final, conclusive and binding upon such employer unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice to his or her last-known address, the employer files with the department an application for review and redetermination of his or her contribution rate, setting forth his or her reasons therefor. If the department grants such review, the employer shall be promptly notified thereof and shall be afforded an opportunity for a fair hearing by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; but no employer shall be allowed, in any proceeding involving his or her rate of unemployment insurance contributions or contribution liability, to contest the chargeability to his or her account of any benefits paid in accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to Sections 71-5-515 through 71-5-533 except upon the ground that the services on the basis of which such benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for him or her, and then only in the event that he or she was not a party to such determination, redetermination, decision or to any other proceedings provided in this chapter in which the character of such services was determined. The employer shall be promptly notified of the denial of this application or of the redetermination, both of which shall become final unless, within ten (10) days after the date of notice thereof, there shall be an appeal to the department itself. Any such appeal shall be on the record before said designated hearing officer, and the decision of said department shall become final unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of notice thereof to the employer's last-known address, there shall be an appeal to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of law with respect to review of civil causes by certiorari.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following shall apply regarding assignment of rates and transfers of experience:

(a) (i) If an employer transfers its trade or business, or a portion thereof, to another employer and, at the time of the transfer, there is substantially common ownership, management or control of the two (2) employers, then the unemployment experience attributable to the transferred trade or business shall be transferred to the employer to whom such business is so transferred. The rates of both employers shall be recalculated and made effective on January 1 of the year following the year the transfer occurred.

(ii) If, following a transfer of experience under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (a), the department determines that a substantial purpose of the transfer of trade or business was to obtain a reduced liability of unemployment insurance contributions, then the experience-rating accounts of the employers involved shall be combined into a single account and a single rate assigned to such account.

(b) Whenever a person who is not an employer or an employing unit under this chapter at the time it acquires the trade or business of an employer, the unemployment experience of the acquired business shall not be transferred to such person if the department finds that such person acquired the business solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions. Instead, such person shall be assigned the new employer rate under Section 71-5-353, unless assignment of the new employer rate results in an increase of less than two percent (2%), in which case such person would be assigned the new employer rate plus an additional two percent (2%) penalty for the rate year. In determining whether the business was acquired solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions, the department shall use objective factors which may include the cost of acquiring the business, whether the person continued the business enterprise of the acquired business, how long such business enterprise was continued, or whether a substantial number of new employees were hired for performance of duties unrelated to the business activity conducted prior to acquisition.



(c) (i) If a person knowingly violates or attempts to violate paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection or any other provision of this chapter related to determining the assignment of a contribution rate, or if a person knowingly advises another person in a way that results in a violation of such provision, the person shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. If the person is an employer, then such employer shall be assigned the highest rate assignable under this chapter for the rate year during which such violation or attempted violation occurred and the three (3) rate years immediately following this rate year. However, if the person's business is already at such highest rate for any year, or if the amount of increase in the person's rate would be less than two percent (2%) for such year, then the person's tax rate shall be increased by two percent (2%) for such year. The penalty rate will apply to the successor business as well as the related entity from which the employees were transferred in an effort to obtain a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions.

2. If the person is not an employer, such person shall be subject to a civil money penalty of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Each such transaction for which advice was given and each occurrence or reoccurrence after notification being given by the department shall be a separate offense and punishable by a separate penalty. Any such fine shall be deposited in the penalty and interest account established under Section 71-5-114.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "knowingly" means having actual knowledge of or acting with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for the prohibition involved.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "violates or attempts to violate" includes, but is not limited to, intent to evade, misrepresentation or willful nondisclosure.

(iv) In addition to the penalty imposed by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (c), any violation of this subsection may be punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. This subsection shall prohibit prosecution under any other criminal statute of this state.

(d) The department shall establish procedures to identify the transfer or acquisition of a business for purposes of this subsection.

(e) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Person" has the meaning given such term by Section 7701(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(ii) "Employing unit" has the meaning as set forth in Section 71-5-11.

(f) This subsection shall be interpreted and applied in such a manner as to meet the minimum requirements contained in any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 3. Section 43-17-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-17-1. (1) The State of Mississippi hereby accepts all of the mandatory provisions and benefits, with the exception of those provisions under which the state may exercise its options, of Title I of an act passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, entitled: "The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-193)," and known as the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program.

(2) The Department of Human Services shall have all necessary authority to cooperate with the federal government in the administration of Public Law 104-193 and all subsequent federal amendments thereto, to administer any legislation pursuant thereto enacted by the State of Mississippi, and to administer the funds provided by the federal government and the State of Mississippi under the provisions of Section 43-17-1 et seq., for providing temporary assistance for needy families with minor children. The Department of Human Services shall have full authority to formulate state plans consistent with state law as necessary to administer and operate federal grant funds which provide temporary assistance for needy families with minor children under Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act. The Department of Human Services shall identify in any state plan

submitted to implement the TANF program those requirements or restrictions, including persons excluded from program participation which are required under federal law, and those program requirements or restrictions which the federal law authorizes but does not require.

(3) Any funds received by the State of Mississippi under the provisions of Public Law 104-193 shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature and consistent with the terms and conditions required under such appropriation.

(4) The purpose of the Mississippi Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program shall be to:

(a) Provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives when such care is beneficial and may be monitored on a random basis by the Department of Human Services or the State Department of Health;

(b) End the dependence of needy families on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage through, among other things, job placement, job training and job retention;

(c) Prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies;

(d) Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families; and

(e) Prevent program fraud and abuse.

(5) The Department of Human Services shall develop outcome and output indicators for each program established under the authority of this section. These measures shall provide legislators and administrators with information which measures the success or failure of the department in implementing the programs implemented under the authority of this section. The department shall annually report to the Legislature the outputs and outcomes of these programs, with the first report due by December 15, 1997. Such reports shall include recommendations for making programs more effective or efficient which can be effected in accordance with federal law.

(6) Assistance may be granted under this chapter to any dependent child and a caretaker relative who are living in a suitable family home meeting the standards of care and health and work requirements fixed by the laws of this state, and the rules and regulations of the State Department of Human Services.

(7) The Department of Human Services shall collaborate with the Office of Workforce Development on TANF programs related to job placement, job training and job retention.

SECTION 4. Section 47-5-541, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-541. (1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall be composed of the following eleven (11) members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate: one (1) representative of the manufacturing industry, one (1) representative of the agriculture industry, one (1) representative of the banking and finance industry, one (1) representative of the labor industry, one (1) representative from the marketing industry and six (6) members from the state at large. In addition, the State Commissioner of Corrections and the President of Mississippi Delta Community College shall be ex officio members of the board of directors with full voting privileges. In making initial appointments, three (3) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years; and four (4) members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years; to be designated by the Governor at the time of appointment; and all succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. Initial appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after passage of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be selected by the members of the board. However, the Commissioner of Corrections and the President of Mississippi Delta Community College shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the corporation.

(2) The board of directors shall select and employ a chief executive officer of the corporation who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall set the compensation of the chief executive officer. The chief executive officer shall be responsible for the general business and entire operations of the corporation, and shall be responsible for operating the corporation in compliance with the bylaws of the corporation and in compliance with any provision of law. The board shall be authorized and empowered to do only those acts provided by law and by the bylaws of the corporation. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, such board shall have the authority to establish prison industries, to cease the operation of any industry which it deems unsuitable or unprofitable, to enter into any lease or contract for the corporation and it shall have the full authority to establish prices for any industry good.

(3) No member of the board of directors shall vote on any matter that comes before the board that could result in pecuniary benefit for himself or for any entity in which such member has an interest.

(4) In addition to the board of directors, an advisory board may be set up for the benefit of each industry which is established pursuant to the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575. Such boards shall be advisory only, and may be set up in the discretion of the board of directors of the corporation.

(5) Each member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day or fraction thereof spent in actual discharge of his official duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties in accordance with the requirements of Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(6) The board of directors shall make and publish policies, rules and regulations governing all business functions, including but not limited to accounting, marketing, purchasing and personnel, not inconsistent with the terms of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, as may be necessary for the efficient administration and operation of the corporation.

(7) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall:

(a) Employ all necessary employees of the corporation and dismiss them as is necessary;

(b) Administer the daily operations of the corporation, including establishing education, training and workforce development programs in collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development and other relevant state and federal agencies;

(c) Upon approval of the board of directors, execute any contracts on behalf of the corporation; and

(d) Take any further actions which are necessary and proper toward the achievement of the corporation purposes.

(8) A member of the board of directors of the corporation shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury or property damage caused to a person as a result of any acts or omissions committed in good faith in the exercise of their duties as members of the board of directors of the corporation, except where a member of the board engages in acts or omissions which are intentional, willful, wanton, reckless or grossly negligent.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-353, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE WAY IN WHICH MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI WORKS FUND MAY BE SPENT; TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM OF \$5,000.00 FOR APPLICABILITY OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT FUNDS EXPENDED FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES RENDERED TO THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BE PAID ONLY TO SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS; TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES ENTERED INTO USING FUNDS FROM THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FUND BANK ACCOUNT; TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "EXPOSURE CRITERION" BY DESIGNATING DECEMBER 31 AS THE

DATE FOR DETERMINING THE CASH BALANCE OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FUND AVAILABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF BENEFITS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2020 AND 2021; TO AMEND SECTION 43-17-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO COLLABORATE WITH THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ON TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAMS RELATED TO JOB PLACEMENT, JOB TRAINING AND JOB RETENTION; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-541, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION FORMED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES ACT OF 1990 TO ESTABLISH EDUCATION, TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Jeremy England, Chuck Younger  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Jeff Hale, Jason White (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Bell (21st) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise how MS Works funds may be spent by and certain collaborations with.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by JSU Development Foundation.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the  
Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1757:** Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Evans, B, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barton moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1767:** Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Brown, C, Currie, Eubanks, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3202:** City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3202.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Hopkins, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3206:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to Byhalia Area Arts Council.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3206.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Horne, Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing, Sanford. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3208:** Rankin County; authorize certain road project contracts extending more than 30 days after term of current board.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3208.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3211:** Meridian Public School District; authorize transfer of former school property to Meridian Housing Authority.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3211.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

## POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Steverson as follows:

The conference report for House Bill No. 1747 is not germane to the bill, because the bill is a single purpose bill. The original purpose of the bill is to do one thing, which is to authorize the City of Clinton to impose a 2% tourism tax to promote tourism, parks and recreation. The bill contains only one item or subject, and the conference report would add another item or subject to the single and only purpose of the bill, so it is not germane.

The conference report was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

On request of Rep. Scoggin, unanimous consent was granted to make the following corrections to conference report for **S. B. No. 2690**:

Section 1 of the bill which amends Section 37-97-103. We request to make the following correction to subsection (1)(f) on line 72 by changing the term "publicity" to "publicity right".

Also, in Section 3 of the bill that amends Section 37-97-107, we request unanimous consent to make the following correction to subsection (13) on line 263, by striking the comma following the three asterisks which denote deleted text.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVE Steverson. The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

The question recurred on the motion to recommit the conference report on **H. B. No. 1747**, which motion prevailed.

At 3:05 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:56 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 470: Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Dean Kirby, Jason Barrett



On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 474: Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendments 1 and 3.
2. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 2.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 606: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Act."

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

(b) "Conservation land" means land and water, or interests therein, that are in their undeveloped, natural states or that have been developed only to the extent consistent with, or are restored to be consistent with, at least one (1) of the following environmental values or conservation benefits:

(i) Water quality protection for wetlands, rivers, streams or lakes;

(ii) Protection of wildlife habitat;

(iii) Protection of cultural sites and archeological and historic resources;

(iv) Protection of land around Mississippi's military installations to ensure that missions are compatible with surrounding communities and that encroachment on military installations does not impair future missions;

(v) Support of economic development through conservation projects;

(vi) Provision for recreation in the form of archery, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, running, jogging, biking, walking, shooting or similar outdoor activities; or

(vii) Recruiting or retention of recreation in the form of archery, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, running, jogging, biking, walking, shooting or similar outdoor activities.

(c) "Nongovernmental entity" means a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) status that is primarily concerned with the protection and conservation of land and natural resources, as evidenced by its organizational documents.

(d) "Permanently protected conservation areas" means those resources:

(i) Owned by the federal government and dedicated for recreation or conservation or as a natural resource;

(ii) Owned by the State of Mississippi, or a county or municipality in Mississippi, and dedicated for recreation or conservation or as a natural resource;

(iii) Owned by the State of Mississippi, or a county or municipality in Mississippi, and subject to:

1. A conservation easement ensuring that the property will be maintained in a manner consistent with conservation land;

2. Contractual arrangements ensuring that, if the protected status is discontinued on a parcel, such property will be replaced by other conservation land which at the time of such replacement is of equal or greater monetary and resource protection value; or

3. A permanent restrictive covenant as provided in state law; or

(iv) Owned by any person or entity and subject to a conservation easement ensuring that the property will be maintained in a manner consistent with conservation land.

(e) "Project proposal" means any application seeking monies from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

(f) "Special fund" means the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund created in Section 4 of this act.

(g) "State agency" means any agency, department, commission or institution of the State of Mississippi.

(h) "Working agricultural land" means land area that is either arable, under permanent crops or under permanent pastures. Arable land includes land under temporary crops such as cereals, temporary meadows for mowing or for pasture, land under market or kitchen gardens, and land temporarily fallow.

SECTION 3. (1) There is established the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, which shall consist of the following members:

(a) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor, one (1) from each of the congressional districts existing on July 1, 2022;

(b) Three (3) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one (1) from each of the State Supreme Court districts existing on July 1, 2022;

(c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(f) The Secretary of State, as an ex officio, nonvoting member; and

(g) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, as an ex officio, nonvoting member.

One (1) of the members to be appointed by the Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Governor. One (1) of the members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Lieutenant Governor.

(2) The members of the board appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed from the following private sectors: forestry, conservation,

agriculture, business, marine resources, hunting or fishing. Such members shall be and shall remain Mississippi residents during their tenure on the board and shall possess a demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to public lands, land conservation and outdoor recreation. These seven (7) appointments shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Mississippi State Senate.

(3) (a) Two (2) persons initially appointed by the Governor and two (2) persons initially appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms ending June 30, 2025. The other two (2) persons initially appointed by the Governor and the remaining person initially appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms ending June 30, 2026.

After the expiration of the initial terms, each such appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years from the expiration of the previous term.

(b) A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings, and all actions of the board shall require a majority vote of the voting members of the board.

(c) The board shall annually elect one (1) voting member to serve as chairman and one (1) voting member to serve as vice chairman. The vice chairman shall act as chairman in the absence or disability of the chairman, or if there is a vacancy in the office of chairman.

(4) The members of the board appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall receive a per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69, plus travel and necessary expenses incidental to the attendance at each board meeting, including mileage, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

(5) No board member shall use his official position to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for himself other than that compensation provided for by law, or to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for any relative or any business with which he is associated, as provided in Section 25-4-105.

(6) The board shall not approve any funding to any entity of which a voting member of the board is an executive, member or employee.

(7) The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide the office space, staff and other support necessary for the board to perform its duties.

SECTION 4. (1) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund." The special fund shall consist of monies appropriated by the Legislature. Monies shall be accounted for in such a manner to be termed unobligated funds or obligated funds. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund; however, any unobligated monies in excess of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), excluding federal funds, remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year that have not been appropriated shall lapse into the State General Fund. Monies in the special fund may be used upon selection by the board. The board and the Department of Finance and Administration may use not more than two percent (2%) of monies in the special fund to defray the board's expenses in carrying out its duties under this act.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this act, monies in the special fund may be used and expended by the board to provide funds for grants to counties, municipalities, state agencies and nongovernmental entities for:

(i) Improvement of state park outdoor recreation features and trails;

(ii) Acquisition and improvement of parks and trails by counties and municipalities, if such parks and trails lie within the jurisdiction of such counties and municipalities;

(iii) Restoration or enhancement projects to create or improve access to public waters and lands for public outdoor recreation, conservation education, or the safe use and enjoyment of permanently protected conservation land;

(iv) Restoration or enhancement on privately owned working agricultural lands and forests that support conservation of soil, water, habitat of fish and wildlife resources;

(v) Restoration or enhancement of wetlands, native forests, native grasslands and other unique habitats important for Mississippi's fish and wildlife; and

(vi) Acquisition of critical areas for the provision or protection of clean water, wildlife, hunting, fishing, military installation buffering or natural resource-based outdoor recreation. Real property may only be acquired under this subparagraph (vi) when the property:

1. Is, at the time of acquisition, being leased by the state as a wildlife management area;
2. Adjoins or is in close proximity to state or federal wildlife management areas or state parks, or would provide better public access to such areas;
3. Is identified in a wildlife action plan developed by a state agency;
4. Constitutes riparian lands, and its acquisition is for the purpose of protecting any drinking water supply; or
5. Surrounds a military base or military installation.

Acquisition of land under this subparagraph (vi) may not be made through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or any condemnation proceeding.

(c) Unless otherwise authorized by the board, a county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity receiving funds for a project under this section must expend the funds for the project within two (2) years after receipt of the funds in order to be eligible to apply for additional funds for the project under this section. If a county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity receiving funds for a project does not expend the funds within two (2) years after receipt of the funds, then the county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity must provide an accounting of such unused funds and the reason for failure to expend the funds. If the board determines that the project will not be completed in a timely manner, the county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity must then return any unexpended funds.

(d) Monies in the special fund may not be used, expended or transferred for any other purpose other than authorized in this act.

(2) (a) The board shall accept applications from counties, municipalities, state agencies and nongovernmental entities for project proposals eligible for funding under this section. The board shall evaluate the proposals received in accordance with this act.

(b) A county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity desiring assistance under this section must submit a complete application to the board. The application must include a description of the purpose for which assistance is requested, the type and amount of assistance requested and any other information required by the board.

(c) The board shall require annual independent audits of all expenditures from the special fund and present those findings to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees.

(d) To be eligible for funding, any nongovernmental entity applicant must submit its most recent audit, disclose any audit deficiencies in the previous five (5) years, submit its certificate of good standing from the Mississippi Secretary of State, and submit a current list of its board members for purposes of conflicts of interest.

(e) For funds to be spent on private land, the applicant must show demonstrably that the project will benefit the public.

(f) Projects that acquire property shall not be considered for approval until after July 1, 2024.

(3) The board, at its first meeting of each calendar year, shall prepare a list of priorities and criteria to guide the selection of projects. The board shall give increased priority to projects:

- (a) Supporting the public recreation and conservation efforts of state agencies, counties and municipalities;

(b) Leveraging or matching other nonfederal or federal funds available for similar purposes;

(c) Supporting and promoting recreation in the form of archery, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, running, jogging, biking, walking, shooting or similar outdoor activities;

(d) Contributing to the improvement of the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater; or

(e) Contributing to the conservation of soil, water, and fish and wildlife resources on privately owned working agricultural lands or forests.

(4) Upon approval of the total list of projects by the board, the list of projects shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees. If federal funds or guidelines become available and are certified by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Executive Director of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Fund, the board shall be authorized to expend funds from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and shall notify the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees, Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees, and Legislative Budget Office of such expenditures prior to their distribution to certain projects approved by the board.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND; TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE SPECIAL FUND MAY BE USED AND EXPENDED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, STATE AGENCIES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR VARIOUS OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FROM COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, STATE AGENCIES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING; TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO REQUIRE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS OF ALL EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AND TO PRESENT THOSE FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE; TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR GUIDING ITS SELECTION OF PROJECTS FOR FUNDING; TO REQUIRE THAT THE LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD, BEFORE DISTRIBUTING FUNDS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND TO APPROVED PROJECTS, TO NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE OF SUCH EXPENDITURES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Shane Barnett, Bill Kinkade

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins, Ladner. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McLean. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 842: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 17-23-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

17-23-1. (1) There is established the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program to be administered by the Department of Insurance for the purpose of assisting counties and municipalities in the acquisition of fire trucks.

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Rural Fire Truck Fund." The Legislature may appropriate that amount necessary to fulfill the obligations created under this section by the Department of Insurance, from the State General Fund to such special fund, which sum shall be added to the remainder of the money transferred on July 1, 1995, and during the 1996 Regular Session to the Rural Fire Truck Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Unobligated amounts remaining in the Rural Fire Truck Fund, Fund No. 3507, or in any fund created for funds appropriated or otherwise made available for this program, may be used as matching funds by any county with remaining eligibility as provided herein. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Insurance continue to accept applications from the counties for fire trucks as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) (a) A county that meets the requirements provided herein may receive an amount not to exceed \* \* \* One Million Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,010,000.00) as provided in subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi), (xii) \* \* \* and (xiii) \* \* \*

of this paragraph, and such amount shall be divided as follows: an amount of not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per fire truck for the first six (6) trucks and not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per fire truck for the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh trucks, and not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per fire truck for the twelfth, thirteenth \* \* \*, fourteenth and fifteenth truck. Monies distributed under this chapter shall be expended only for the purchase of new or used fire trucks and such trucks must meet the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards in the 1900 series and be approved by the Rural Fire Truck Review Committee.

(i) Any county that has not applied for a fire truck under this section is eligible to submit applications for \* \* \* fifteen (15) fire trucks as follows: six (6) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of \* \* \* One Million Ten Thousand Dollars (\$1,010,000.00).

(ii) Any county that has received one (1) fire truck under this section is eligible to submit applications for \* \* \* fourteen (14) fire trucks as follows: five (5) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of \* \* \* Nine Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$960,000.00).

(iii) Any county that has received two (2) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* thirteen (13) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \* Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$910,000.00).

(iv) Any county that has received three (3) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* twelve (12) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \* Eight Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$860,000.00).

(v) Any county that has received four (4) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* eleven (11) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \* Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$810,000.00).

(vi) Any county that has received five (5) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* ten (10) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per truck and five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \* Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$760,000.00).

(vii) Any county that has received six (6) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* nine (9) fire trucks as follows: five (5) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \* Seven Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$710,000.00).

(viii) Any county that has received seven (7) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* eight (8) fire trucks as follows: four (4) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \* \* \* Six Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$640,000.00).

(ix) Any county that has received eight (8) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \* \* \* seven (7) fire trucks as follows: three (3) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \* \* \* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per



truck or a total of not more than \*\*\* Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$570,000.00).

(x) Any county that has received nine (9) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \*\*\* six (6) fire trucks as follows: two (2) fire trucks at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \*\*\* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \*\*\* Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

(xi) Any county that has received ten (10) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \*\*\* five (5) fire trucks as follows: one (1) fire truck at not more than Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) per truck, and \*\*\* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck or a total of not more than \*\*\* Four Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$430,000.00).

(xii) Any county that has received eleven (11) fire trucks under this section is eligible to submit an application for \*\*\* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck.

(xiii) Any county may apply for \*\*\* four (4) fire trucks at not more than Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00) per truck as provided in subparagraph (xii), provided that the county agrees to forego any previous fire truck under subparagraphs (i) through (xi) for which the county has not previously applied, and that the county has received approval from the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program Committee to apply for and receive a truck under subparagraph (xii).

(b) The board of supervisors of the county shall submit its request for the receipt of monies to the Department of Insurance. A committee composed of the Commissioner of Insurance, the State Fire Coordinator, the Director of the Rating Bureau and the Director of the State Fire Academy shall review the requests by the boards of supervisors and shall determine whether the county or municipality for which the board of supervisors has requested a truck meets the requirements of eligibility under this chapter.

(c) To be eligible to receive monies under this chapter:

(i) A county or municipality must pledge to set aside or dedicate each year as matching funds, for a period not to extend over ten (10) years, local funds in an amount equal to or not less than one-tenth (1/10) of the amount of monies for which it is requesting distribution from the Rural Fire Truck Fund, which pledged monies may be derived from local ad valorem tax authorized by law or from any other funds available to the county or municipality, except for those funds received by municipalities or counties from the Municipal Fire Protection Fund or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund, as defined in Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39.

(ii) A municipality must provide adequate documentation of its contract with the county that requires the municipality to provide fire protection in rural areas. The term "rural areas" means any area within the county located outside the boundaries of an incorporated municipality or any incorporated municipality with a population of two thousand five hundred (2,500) or less.

(d) The Department of Insurance shall maintain an accurate record of all monies distributed to counties and municipalities and the number of fire trucks purchased and the cost for each fire truck, such records to be kept separate from other records of the Department of Insurance; notify counties and municipalities of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program and the requirements for them to become eligible to participate; adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and desirable to implement the provisions of this chapter; and file with the Legislature a report detailing how monies made available under this chapter were distributed and spent during the preceding portion of the fiscal year in each county and municipality, the number of fire trucks purchased, the counties and municipalities making such purchases, and the cost of each fire truck purchased.

(4) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated by the Legislature from the State General Fund or any other special source fund. The Department of Insurance shall use the funds for matching assistance to counties and municipalities with remaining eligibility in accordance with the provisions of subsection (5) of this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of

a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(5) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the Department of Insurance may provide funds to counties and municipalities out of the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund in an amount exceeding the amount authorized in subsection (3) of this section. However, the total amount of funds allowed under this subsection combined with the funds provided in subsection (3) of this section shall not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the purchase price of the rural fire truck. A county or municipality is eligible for such matching assistance upon meeting the following criteria:

(a) The county or municipality's application is approved for funding in accordance with the criteria in subsection (3) of this section;

(b) The department determines that the county or municipality does not have sufficient funds available for the purchase of a rural fire truck with the funds authorized in subsection (3) of this section; and

(c) The county has received funding for no more than eight (8) rounds from the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-23-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL ROUND OF FIRE TRUCKS FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED THE "RURAL FIRE TRUCK MATCHING ASSISTANCE FUND" WHICH SHALL BE USED TO ASSIST COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH REMAINING ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MATCHING ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED 80% OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MAY PROVIDE SUCH MATCHING ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES UPON MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Lester Carpenter, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1031: Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) "Governing authorities" means the governing Authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(c) "Project" or "projects" means construction, reconstruction, repairs, upgrades and improvements to the City of Jackson's water and sewer systems and related facilities.

(2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, to be designated as the "Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. However, any unexpended amounts remaining in the fund on January 1, 2027, shall lapse into the State General Fund.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (b), monies in the fund shall be used by the department, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of providing funds to assist the City of Jackson in paying costs associated with projects. An amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of the monies deposited into the fund may be used, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to reimburse the department for reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the department in performing its duties under this section.

(3) (a) If the governing authorities desire assistance under this section, the governing authorities must establish a plan for the project or projects for which the governing authorities desire assistance and submit the plan and an application for assistance to the department. The plan shall include at least the following:

(i) A description of the project or projects for which the assistance is requested, including the projected cost of the project or projects;

(ii) The projected starting date and completion date for the project or projects;

(iii) A description of any funds from other sources that may be available to the City of Jackson to assist with paying the costs of the project or projects; and

(iv) Any other information required by the department.

(b) The department shall review the application and determine whether to approve the assistance requested, and if approved, whether to provide the assistance in whole or in part. In addition to using assistance received under this section to fully fund a project or projects, the governing authorities may use the assistance to fund a portion of a project or projects in cases in which other funds are available for the project or projects and may be used as leverage or matching funds for the project or projects. If the department provides assistance for a project or projects under this section, the governing authorities shall provide quarterly reports to the department describing the receipt and expenditure of such assistance, the status of the project or projects and any other information required by the department.

(4) The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the provisions of this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) This section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE CAPITAL CITY WATER/SEWER PROJECTS FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY OF JACKSON'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS AND RELATED FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CITY OF JACKSON DESIRES ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT, THE CITY MUST ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR THE PROJECT OR PROJECTS FOR WHICH IT DESIRES ASSISTANCE AND SUBMIT THE PLAN AND AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF JACKSON UNDER THIS ACT, THE CITY SHALL PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DESCRIBING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE, THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT OR PROJECTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Shane Aguirre, Nick Bain, Shanda Yates

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel  
(No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb,

Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bongar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Huddleston. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1162: Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 27-7-22.7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

27-7-22.7. (1) As used in this section, the term "port" means a state, county or municipal port or harbor established pursuant to Sections 59-5-1 through 59-5-69, Sections 59-7-1 through 59-7-519, Sections 59-9-1 through 59-9-85 or Sections 59-11-1 through 59-11-7.

(2) For any income taxpayer utilizing the port facilities at any port for the export of cargo that is loaded on a carrier calling at any such port, a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be allowed in the amounts provided in this section.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (5) of this section, the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this section shall be the total of the following charges on export cargo paid by the corporation:

- (a) Receiving into the port;
- (b) Handling to a vessel; and
- (c) Wharfage.

(4) The credit provided for in this section shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the amount of tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to such taxpayer under this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for the succeeding five (5) years. The maximum cumulative credit that may be claimed by a taxpayer pursuant to this section and for the period of time beginning on January 1, 1994, and ending on December 31, 2005, is limited to One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00).

(5) To obtain the credit provided for in this section, a taxpayer must provide to the Department of Revenue a statement from the governing authority of the port certifying the amount of charges paid by the taxpayer for which a credit is claimed and any other information required by the Department of Revenue.

(6) The purpose of the tax credit provided for in this section is to promote the increased use of ports and related facilities in this state, particularly by those taxpayers which would not otherwise use such ports and related facilities without the benefit of such tax credit, and increase the number of port related jobs and other economic development benefits associated with the increased use of such ports and related facilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that in determining whether or not such tax credit will be continued in future years, the attainment of the purposes set forth in this subsection must be demonstrated by the material contained in the reports prepared by the Mississippi Development Authority under Section 27-7-22.9.

SECTION 2. Section 27-7-22.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

27-7-22.9. The Mississippi Development Authority shall report annually to the Legislature regarding the impact of the credit granted in Section 27-7-22.7 on shipping and economic growth. Each report shall show the overall annual increase on shipping at each port for the most recent year for which data is available and for each of the previous five (5) years. Each report shall estimate the number of jobs created or retained at each port and in businesses related to port activity at each port since January 1, 1994, as compared to the number of similar jobs created during the ten (10) years preceding January 1, 1994. Each report shall state the net economic impact on the state as a result of the tax credit provided for in Section 27-7-22.7. The Mississippi Development Authority shall file a copy of the report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee of the Legislature on May 1 of each year. The Department of Revenue and all state, county and municipal ports shall cooperate with the Mississippi Development Authority in providing the information required in the annual reports.

SECTION 3. Section 4, Chapter 492, Laws of 1994, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 548, Laws of 1998, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 537, Laws of 2002, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 457, Laws of 2005, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 322, Laws of 2009, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 377, Laws of 2012, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 335, Laws of 2016, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 321, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

Section 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1994, and shall stand repealed from and after December 31, \* \* \* 2025.

SECTION 4. Section 27-7-22.25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

27-7-22.25. (1) As used in this section, the term "airport" means an airport established pursuant to Chapters 3 and 5, Title 61, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, for any income taxpayer utilizing the facilities at any airport for the export or import of cargo that is unloaded from a carrier at any such airport, a credit against the taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be allowed in the amounts provided in this section. In order to be eligible for the credit authorized under this section, a taxpayer must locate its United States headquarters in Mississippi on or after July 1, 2005, employ at least five (5) new permanent full-time employees who actually work at such headquarters and, after July 1, 2005, invest a minimum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), in the aggregate, in real property and/or personal property in Mississippi. For the purposes of this section, "full-time employee" shall mean an employee who works at least thirty-five (35) hours per week.

(3) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (4) of this section, the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this section shall be the total of the following charges on import or export of cargo paid by the corporation:

- (a) Receiving into the airport;
- (b) Aircraft marshalling or handling fees; and
- (c) Aircraft landing fees.

(4) The credit provided for in this section shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the amount of tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to such taxpayer under this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for the succeeding five (5) years. The maximum cumulative credit that

may be claimed by a taxpayer under this section is limited to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) if the taxpayer employs at least five (5), but not more than twenty-five (25) permanent full-time employees at its headquarters in Mississippi; Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) if the taxpayer employs more than twenty-five (25), but not more than one hundred (100) permanent full-time employees at its headquarters in Mississippi; Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) if the taxpayer employs more than one hundred (100), but not more than two hundred (200) permanent full-time employees at its headquarters in Mississippi; and Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) if the taxpayer employs more than two hundred (200) permanent full-time employees at its headquarters in Mississippi.

(5) To obtain the credit provided for in this section, a taxpayer must provide to the Department of Revenue a statement from the governing authority of the airport certifying the amount of charges paid by the taxpayer for which a credit is claimed and any other information required by the Department of Revenue.

(6) Any taxpayer who is eligible, before July 1, \*\*\* 2025, for the credit provided for in this section, shall remain eligible for such credit after July 1, \*\*\* 2025, notwithstanding the repeal of this section.

SECTION 5. Section 27-7-22.26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

27-7-22.26. The Mississippi Development Authority shall report annually to the Legislature regarding the impact of the credit granted in Section 27-7-22.25 on shipping and economic growth. Each report shall show the overall annual increase in shipping at each airport for the most recent year for which data is available and for each of the previous five (5) years. Each report shall estimate the number of jobs created or retained at each airport and in businesses related to airport activity at each airport since January 1, 2006, as compared to the number of similar jobs created during the ten (10) years preceding January 1, 2006. Each report shall state the net economic impact on the state as a result of the tax credit provided for in Section 27-7-22.25. The Mississippi Development Authority shall file a copy of the report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee of the Legislature on May 1 of each year. The Department of Revenue and all state, regional, county and municipal airports shall cooperate with the Mississippi Development Authority in providing the information required in the annual reports.

SECTION 6. Section 3, Chapter 442, Laws of 2005, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 519, Laws of 2007, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 323, Laws of 2009, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 377, Laws of 2012, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 335, Laws of 2016, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 321, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall stand repealed from and after July 1, \*\*\* 2025.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 27-7-22.7 AND 27-7-22.9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR INCOME TAXPAYERS THAT USE PORT FACILITIES AT STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PORTS FOR THE EXPORT OF CARGO AND REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE IMPACT OF SUCH TAX CREDIT; TO AMEND SECTION 4, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 1994, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 3, CHAPTER 321, LAWS OF 2019, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON SECTIONS 27-7-22.7 AND 27-7-22.9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; TO REENACT SECTION 27-7-22.25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS THAT USE THE AIRPORT FACILITIES AT PUBLIC AIRPORTS FOR CERTAIN CHARGES PAID BY THE TAXPAYER ON THE EXPORT OR IMPORT OF CARGO; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 27-7-22.25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF

1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THAT SECTION; TO REENACT SECTION 27-7-22.26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH REQUIRES THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING THE IMPACT OF SUCH INCOME TAX CREDIT; TO AMEND SECTION 3, CHAPTER 442, LAWS OF 2005, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 6, CHAPTER 321, LAWS OF 2019, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON SECTIONS 27-7-22.25 AND 27-7-22.26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, David Parker, David Blount

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, McLeod, Rosebud, Wallace. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1430: Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:



(a) "Beneficiary designation" means the designation by an owner of a motor vehicle of a beneficiary of the vehicle as provided by Section 6 of this act.

(b) "Designated beneficiary" means a person designated as a beneficiary of an owner's interest in a motor vehicle under Section 6 of this act.

(c) "Joint owner with right of survivorship" or "joint owner" means a person who owns a motor vehicle concurrently with one or more other persons with a right of survivorship.

(d) "Motor vehicle" shall have the same meaning as the term as defined in Section 63-21-5(l).

SECTION 2. (1) An owner of a motor vehicle may transfer the owner's interest in the motor vehicle to a sole beneficiary effective on the owner's death by designating a beneficiary as provided by Section 6 of this act.

(2) A beneficiary designation is:

(a) Subject to Section 3 of this act, revocable and may be changed at any time without the consent of the designated beneficiary as provided by Section 6 of this act;

(b) A nontestamentary instrument; and

(c) Effective without:

(A) Notice or delivery to or acceptance by the designated beneficiary during the owner's life; or

(B) Consideration.

(3) A will may not revoke or supersede a beneficiary designation, regardless of when the will is made.

(4) A designated beneficiary may disclaim the designated beneficiary's interest in the motor vehicle as provided by applicable law.

SECTION 3. (1) If a motor vehicle that is the subject of a beneficiary designation is owned by joint owners with right of survivorship, the beneficiary designation must be made by all of the joint owners.

(2) A beneficiary designation made by joint owners with right of survivorship:

(a) May be revoked or changed as provided by Section 6 of this act, only if it is revoked or changed by all of the joint owners; and

(b) May be revoked or changed by the last surviving joint owner as provided by Section 6 of this act.

SECTION 4. During a motor vehicle owner's life, a beneficiary designation does not:

(a) Affect an interest or right of the owner or owners making the designation, including the right to transfer or encumber the motor vehicle that is the subject of the designation;

(b) Create a legal or equitable interest in favor of the designated beneficiary in the motor vehicle that is the subject of the designation, even if the beneficiary has actual or constructive notice of the designation;

(c) Affect an interest or right of a secured or unsecured creditor or future creditor of the owner or owners making the designation, even if the creditor has actual or constructive notice of the designation; or

(d) Affect an owner's or the designated beneficiary's eligibility for any form of public assistance, subject to applicable federal law.

SECTION 5. (1) On the death of the owner of a motor vehicle that is the subject of a beneficiary designation, the following rules apply to an interest in the motor vehicle:

(a) If the designated beneficiary survives the owner making the designation by one hundred twenty (120) hours, the interest in the motor vehicle is transferred to the designated beneficiary; and

(b) If the designated beneficiary fails to survive the owner making the designation by one hundred twenty (120) hours, the share of the designated beneficiary lapses and is subject to and passes as if the beneficiary designation were a devise made in a will.

(2) If an owner is a joint owner with right of survivorship who is survived by one or more other joint owners, the motor vehicle that is the subject of the beneficiary designation belongs to the surviving joint owner or owners. If an owner is a joint owner

with right of survivorship who is the last surviving joint owner, the beneficiary designation is effective.

(3) A designated beneficiary takes the motor vehicle subject to all encumbrances, assignments, contracts, liens and other interests to which the vehicle is subject at the owner's or last surviving owner's death, as applicable. The transfer to the designated beneficiary does not affect the ability of a lienholder to pursue an existing means of debt collection permitted under the laws of this state.

(4) The transfer to the designated beneficiary upon death is not a taxable event, regardless of the designated beneficiary's relationship to the deceased owner of the motor vehicle.

SECTION 6. (1) The owner of a motor vehicle may designate a sole beneficiary to whom the owner's interest in the vehicle transfers on the owner's death as provided by Sections 1 through 5 of this act, by submitting an application for title with the designation. To be effective, the designation must state that the transfer of an interest in the vehicle to the designated beneficiary is to occur at the transferor's death.

(2) The legal name of a beneficiary designated under this section must be included on the title.

(3) The department shall transfer title of a motor vehicle to a beneficiary designated under this section for the vehicle if the beneficiary submits:

(a) An application for title not later than the 180th day after the date of the owner's death or, if the vehicle is owned by joint owners, the last surviving owner's death, as applicable; and

(b) Satisfactory proof of the death of the owner or owners, as applicable.

(4) A beneficiary designation may be changed or revoked by submitting a new application for title.

(5) A beneficiary designation or a change or revocation of a beneficiary designation made on an application for title of a motor vehicle that has not been submitted to the department before the death of a vehicle's owner or owners who made, changed, or revoked the designation, as applicable, is invalid.

(6) The Department of Revenue may adopt rules to administer this section.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION THAT TRANSFERS A MOTOR VEHICLE AT THE OWNER'S DEATH; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENT OF THE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION; TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR JOINT OWNERS; TO MAKE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AUTHORIZE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, John Horhn (No Signature)

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster,

Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permit.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

On request of Rep. Horan, unanimous consent was granted to make the following correction for conference report **S. B. No. 2273**:

Amend on line 131 by deleting the phrase ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022".

At 4:08 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:52 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**H. C. R. No. 89:** Legislature; extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--80

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Representative Boyd entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; prohibit the transportation, importation and release of wild hogs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. R. No. 116:** Bishop C. James King, Jr.; commend ministerial service.

**H. R. No. 120:** Lyniece Fleming; commend upon the occasion of her retirement.

**H. R. No. 121:** Copiah Academy High School Colonels Boys Soccer Team; commend and congratulate on winning the 2021-2022 State Championship.

**H. R. No. 122:** Dr. Thomas Dobbs; commend for his service to Mississippi during his time as State Health Officer.

**H. R. No. 123:** Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1671:** Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax.

**H. B. No. 1694:** City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission.

**H. B. No. 1762:** Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 61:** Hunter Luis Melendez; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 62:** Cooper Conner; commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 63:** Tere Turner; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year.

**H. C. R. No. 64:** Laura Bivins; commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science.

**H. C. R. No. 65:** Madeline Zimmerman; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 66:** Jo Anne Daniels; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 67:** Monica Donohue; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County Campus of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 68:** Mandy Withrow; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 69:** Darlene Bush; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of MGCCC.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 70:** Angela Butler; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC.

**H. C. R. No. 71:** International Women's Month; designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance.

**H. C. R. No. 73:** John Girard Guthrie; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

**H. C. R. No. 74:** Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness.

**H. C. R. No. 75:** Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of.

**H. C. R. No. 76:** Mississippi High School Activities Association; commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 78:** Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building -  
FY22.

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management  
District.

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Burchfield, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Ford (73rd) and Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carol Ann Shamblin Oakman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Huff, Otto Mack Johnson, Patricia Odom Davis, Mary Sue Hammons, Mildred Ross Goodman, C. L. Derrick, Robert Turnage, Paulette Butler, and Michael "Mike" Noel, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Gene Talley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Busby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ilone Green, and Thomas "Tommy" Crawford, which motion prevailed.

Representative Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jason Stone, Elijah Brooks, Anna Nibbs, Robert Domio, Willie Murrill, Oren Parker, Edna Davis, Roni-Marzetta Jones, Charles Bowser, Byrain Johnson, Rebecca Dickerson, Carolyn Patterson Rushing, Wenoka Griggs, Howard Bryant, Eric Lymuel, Roberta Hatcher, Baby Carter, Rosetta Flowers, Aadianna Lee, Johnny Martin, Thomas Hamer, Lonnie Boykin, Rose Dedeaux, Patricia Parker, Earnest Bradley, Gary Bent, Keith Hawthorne, Baby Vaughan, Donna Mayberry, Perry Hartmann, Rufus Nance, Colleen Overton, Baby Girl McLaurin, Gladys Jenkins, Betty Dent, Cleveland Williams, Maud Rucker, Malinda Watts, Jane Johnson, David Jackson, Theresa Young, Richard Dismukes, and Joseph Hilbun, which motion prevailed.

At 5:06 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 30, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

(EIGHTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lee Yancey.

Rep. Yancey led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, March 30, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 530:** The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create. Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. C. R. No. 588:** Suspend rules for further consideration of SB No. 2033, 2022 RS; extend postpartum coverage of Medicaid recipients to 12 months.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2246:** Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2341:** Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2430:** State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**J. R. No. 202:** Mississippi Senate; reapportion.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.



**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on.

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

**H. B. No. 679:** Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment.

**H. B. No. 906:** Corrections omnibus bill; enact.

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit.

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

Adopted: 03/29/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create.

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

Adopted: 03/29/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2335: State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 45-11-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-11-7. (1) There is hereby created a State Fire Academy for the training and education of persons engaged in municipal, county and industrial fire protection. The Commissioner of Insurance shall appoint an Executive Director of the State Fire Academy who, along with his employees, shall be designated as a division of the Insurance Department. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Insurance. The State Fire Academy shall be under the supervision and direction of the Executive Director of the State Fire Academy. State Fire Academy training programs for fire personnel shall be conducted at the academy with seminars to be conducted in other sections of the state as and when the State Fire Academy Advisory Board considers it necessary and advisable.

The Commissioner of Insurance may establish and charge reasonable fees for the training programs and other services provided by the academy. A record of all funds received pursuant to this paragraph shall be maintained as is required for other monies pursuant to Section 45-11-5.

The Executive Director of the State Fire Academy is authorized and empowered to purchase, operate and maintain mobile firefighting equipment as he may find necessary and proper for the operation of the academy subject to approval of the Commissioner of Insurance. The equipment may be utilized wherever training sessions may be held at the discretion of the State Fire Academy Advisory Board.

(2) The Commissioner of Insurance shall be authorized to undertake appropriate action to accomplish and fulfill the purposes of the State Fire Academy, including the hiring of instructors and personnel, the lease and purchase of appropriate training equipment and to lease, purchase or construct suitable premises and quarters for conducting annual school and seminars, as the State Fire Academy Advisory Board may deem necessary and required for such purposes. Any contract entered into under and by virtue of the provisions of this section shall first be submitted to and approved by the Public Procurement Review Board, and construction pursuant to the contract shall be under the supervision of the Governor's Office of General Services.

(3) Vouchers for operating expense for the State Fire Academy shall be signed by the Executive Director of the State Fire Academy and payment thereof shall be made from such funds to be derived from a special allocation from the State Fire Academy Fund as provided in Section 45-11-5.

(4) The State Fire Academy is hereby officially designated as the agency of this state to conduct training for fire personnel on a statewide basis in which members of all duly constituted fire departments may participate. This subsection shall not be construed to affect the authority of any fire department to conduct training for its own personnel.

(5) Each state agency, private agency or federal agency which provides training for the fire service shall coordinate such efforts with the State Fire Academy to prevent duplication of cost and to \* \* \* ensure standardization of training.

(6) The State Fire Academy shall present an appropriate certificate signifying the successful completion of its prescribed courses.

(7) National firefighter standards approved by the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board shall be used as the basis for classroom instruction at the fire academy.

(8) The Commissioner of Insurance, Executive Director of the State Fire Academy, and the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board shall coordinate all state programs related to fire department operations.

(9) The Commissioner of Insurance is hereby authorized and empowered to establish standard guidelines for the use of, and accountability for, municipal and county fire protection funds distributed pursuant to the provisions of Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39, Mississippi Code of 1972. Such guidelines shall include requirements for the establishment of record keeping and reports to the Commissioner of Insurance by municipalities and counties relating to the receipt and expenditure of fire protection funds, the training of fire department personnel and the submission to the Commissioner of Insurance of other data reasonably related to local fire protection responsibilities which the Commissioner of Insurance deems necessary for the performance of the duties of the State Fire Academy Advisory Board.

(10) In order that the Commissioner of Insurance may more effectively execute the duties imposed upon him by subsection (9) of this section, there is hereby created within the State Fire Academy a Division of Fire Services Development. The division shall be staffed by a Fire Services Development Coordinator, appointed by the executive director of the academy from his current staff and by such other personnel as deemed by the Commissioner of Insurance. The division shall work with municipal and county fire coordinators to ensure effective implementation of guidelines established pursuant to subsection (9) of this section and shall serve in an advisory capacity for all aspects of fire service improvement. The Fire Service Coordinator shall annually notify the Department of Finance and Administration of those municipalities and counties which are not eligible to receive a portion of fire protection fund distributions because of failure to comply with requirements imposed in Sections 83-1-37 and 83-1-39 as a prerequisite to receipt of such funds.

(11) There is created in the State Treasury a separate account to be known as the "State Fire Academy Construction Fund." The State Treasurer shall transfer on July 1, 1997, the sum of Six Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) and on July 1, 1998, the sum of Six Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) from the State Fire Academy Fund 3502 into the separate account created in this subsection. Monies in such account shall be expended solely, upon legislative appropriations, to defray expenses related to the construction of capital improvements project known as "Fire Safety and Education Building" and parking areas at the State Fire Academy by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services and to pay any indebtedness incurred to accomplish such construction. Funds not used after the completion of this capital improvements project shall be transferred back into State Fund 3502.

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

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

(14) The State Fire Academy is designated as an authorized training program for Emergency Medical Response and Emergency Medical Technician, and is authorized to provide initial and national continued competency program training, including Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced. The State Fire Academy shall be limited to a total of one hundred twenty (120) students per year for \* \* \* Emergency Medical Technician-Basic and Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced training; however, no limitation shall apply to the number of Emergency Medical Responder students. The training program established by the State Fire Academy shall meet or exceed the requirements of the most current training program national standard curriculum as developed by the United States Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and shall also meet the minimum testing and certification requirements established by the State Board of Health. Successful graduates of the State Fire Academy Emergency Medical Response and Emergency Medical Technician training shall be eligible for certification by the State Board of Health for the training level achieved, provided that their training meets or exceeds the minimum testing and certification requirements established by the State Board of Health for these respective skills, and such certification may be obtained in coordination with the State Board of Health pursuant to Chapters 59 and 60, Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 2. Section 83-1-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-1-37. (1) The Department of Revenue shall pay for credit to a fund known as the "Municipal Fire Protection Fund," the sum of Four Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,850,000.00) annually out of the insurance premium tax collected annually from the taxes levied on the gross premiums on fire insurance policies written on properties in this state, under Sections 27-15-103 through 27-15-127. The State Treasurer shall credit this amount to the Municipal Fire Protection Fund. This fund shall

be set aside and earmarked for payment to municipalities in this state, as hereinafter provided.

(2) Using 1990 as a base year, the Department of Revenue shall pay over annually to the State Treasurer, for credit to the "Municipal Fire Protection Fund," an amount representing one-half of ten percent (1/2 of 10%) of any growth after 1990 of the insurance premium tax collected annually from the taxes levied on the gross premium on fire insurance policies written on properties in this state, under Sections 27-15-103 through 27-15-127.

(3) The fund hereby created and denominated "Municipal Fire Protection Fund" shall be apportioned and paid over by the Department of Insurance to the incorporated municipalities certified as eligible to participate in the fund by the Commissioner of Insurance, and shall be distributed \*\*\* in the following manner annually: each municipality shall be paid Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), with the remainder of the monies to be paid on a population basis, to be determined by the most recent federal census \*\*\*. Municipalities receiving these funds shall earmark such monies for fire protection services.

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(\*\*\*4) The amount paid under subsections (1) and (2) of this section to a municipality shall be used and expended in accordance with the guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance authorized by Section 45-11-7, \*\*\* for the training of municipal personnel as needed for the adoption of and compliance with the minimum building codes as established and promulgated by the Mississippi Building Codes Council, \*\*\* for windstorm mitigation programs as approved by the Commissioner of Insurance, and for emergency medical service training and equipment as provided by municipal fire protection services. A municipality may provide reasonable remuneration to municipal volunteer firefighters in accordance with the guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance authorized by Section 45-11-7.

(\*\*\*5) Each municipality shall levy a tax of not less than one-fourth (1/4) mill on all property of the municipality or appropriate the avails of not less than one-fourth (1/4) mill from the municipality's general fund for fire protection purposes. Municipalities may allow such millage to be collected by the county. Each municipality shall annually provide the Commissioner of Insurance and the State Fire Coordinator on a form provided by the State Fire Coordinator a report stating whether the municipality is levied the one-fourth (1/4) mill hereby required or in lieu thereof is allowing such millage to be collected by the county.

(6) The Commissioner of Insurance may promulgate rules and regulations to establish guidelines for the use of fire rebate funds.

SECTION 3. Section 83-1-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-1-39. (1) The Department of Revenue shall pay over to the State Treasurer, to be credited to a fund entitled "County Volunteer Fire Department Fund," the sum of Four Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,850,000.00) annually out of the insurance premium tax in addition to the amount collected by it under the provisions of Section 27-15-103 et seq. Such funds, hereinafter referred to as insurance rebate monies, are hereby earmarked for payment to the various counties of the state and shall be paid over to the counties by the Department of Insurance in the following manner: each county shall be paid Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), with the remainder of the monies to be paid on the basis of the population of each county as it compares to the population of participating counties, not counting residents of any municipality. Such insurance rebate monies shall only be distributed to those counties which are in compliance with subsections (5) and (6) of this section. \*\*\*

(2) Using 1990 as a base year, the Department of Revenue shall pay to the State Treasurer, to be credited to the "County Volunteer Fire Department Fund," an amount representing one-half of ten percent (1/2 of 10%) of any growth after 1990 of the insurance premium tax collected annually from the taxes levied on the gross premium on fire insurance policies written on properties in this state, in addition to the amount collected by it under Section 27-15-103 et seq.

(3) Insurance rebate monies shall be expended by the board of supervisors for fire protection purposes of each county for the following categories:

(a) For training expenses, including emergency medical services training;

(b) Purchase of equipment, purchase of fire trucks, repair and refurbishing of fire trucks and firefighting equipment, for emergency medical services equipment, and capital construction anywhere in the county or pledging as security for a period of not more than ten (10) years for such purchases;

(c) Purchase of insurance on county-owned firefighting or emergency medical services equipment;

(d) Fire protection service contracts, including, but not limited to, municipalities, legal fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations providing or coordinating fire service or emergency medical services in or out of the county;

(e) Appropriations to legal fire protection districts located in counties subject to all restrictions applicable to the use of insurance rebate monies; \* \* \*

(f) Training of any county personnel as needed for the adoption of and compliance with the codes established and promulgated by the Mississippi Building Codes Council or for windstorm mitigation programs as approved by the Commissioner of Insurance \* \* \*;

(g) Any county-owned equipment or other property, at the option of the board of supervisors, may be used by any legally created fire department \* \* \*;

(h) At the option of the board of supervisors, a county may provide reasonable remuneration to volunteer firefighters in accordance with the guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance authorized by Section 45-11-7; or

(i) For any use allowed in accordance with the guidelines as established by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(4) Insurance rebate monies not expended in a given fiscal year for fire protection purposes shall be placed in a special fund with a written plan approved by the Commissioner of Insurance for disposition and expenditure of such monies. After the contracts for fire protection services have been approved and accepted by the board of supervisors, the monies shall be released to be expended in such manner as provided by this section.

(5) No county shall receive payments pursuant to this section after July 1, 1988, unless such county:

(a) Designates a county fire service coordinator who is responsible for seeing that standard guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to Section 45-11-7(9), Mississippi Code of 1972, are followed. The county fire coordinator must demonstrate that he possesses fire-related knowledge and experience;

(b) Designates one (1) member of the sheriff's department to be the county fire investigator and, from and after July 1, 2008, requires the designated member of the sheriff's department to attend the State Fire Academy to be trained in arson investigation; however, in the event of a loss of the county fire investigator due to illness, death, resignation, discharge or other legitimate cause, notice shall be immediately given to the Commissioner of Insurance and the county may continue to receive payments on an interim basis for a period not to exceed one (1) year;

(c) Adheres to the standard guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance pursuant to Section 45-11-7(9); and

(d) Counties shall levy a tax of not less than one-fourth (1/4) mill on all property of the county or appropriate avails of not less than one-fourth (1/4) mill from the county's general fund for fire protection purposes. Municipalities making a written declaration to the county that they fund and provide their own fire services shall be exempted from this levy. This levy shall be used for fire protection purposes which include, but are not limited to, contracting with any provider of fire protection services.

(6) (a) No funds shall be paid by the county to any provider of fire protection services except in accordance with a written contract entered into in accordance with guidelines established by the Commissioner of Insurance and properly approved by the board of supervisors and Commissioner of Insurance. No county shall distribute funds to any fire service provider which has not met the reporting requirements required by the Commissioner of Insurance. At such time that a fire protection services provider, particularly a county volunteer fire department, a municipality or a fire protection district, has fulfilled the obligations of the written contract and has met the reporting requirements

provided for in this subsection and the board of supervisors has received the insurance rebate monies, the board of supervisors shall disburse the appropriate amount to the fire protection services provider within a reasonable time, not to exceed six (6) weeks, from the time such requirements are met. Insurance rebate monies used for the purposes of contracting shall be expended by the fire service provider for capital construction, training expenses, purchase of firefighting equipment, including payments on any loans made for the purpose of purchasing firefighting equipment; \* \* \* purchase of insurance for any fire equipment owned or operated by the provider, and for training and equipment of emergency medical services as provided by fire protection services.

(b) If the Commissioner of Insurance believes that a county is using the funds in a manner not consistent with subsections (5) and (6) of this section, the commissioner shall request the State Auditor to conduct an investigation pursuant to Section 7-7-211(e).

(7) The board of supervisors of any county may contribute funds directly to any provider of fire protection services serving such county. Such contributions must be used for fire protection purposes as may be reasonably established by the Commissioner of Insurance.

(8) Any municipal, county or local water association or other utility district supplying water may, upon adoption of a resolution authorizing such action, contribute free of charge to a volunteer fire department or fire protection district serving such local government, political subdivision or utility district such water as is necessary for firefighting or training activities of such volunteer fire department or fire protection district.

(9) The board of supervisors of any county may, in its discretion, grade, gravel, shell and/or maintain real property of a county volunteer fire department, including roads or driveways thereof, as necessary for the effective and safe operation of such county volunteer fire department. Any action taken by the board of supervisors under the authority of this subsection shall be spread upon the minutes of the board of supervisors when the work is authorized.

(10) For the purpose of this section, "fire protection district" means a district organized under Section 19-5-151 et seq., or pursuant to any other code section or by any local and private act authorizing the establishment of a fire protection district, unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(11) The Commissioner of Insurance may promulgate rules and regulations to establish guidelines for the use of fire rebate funds.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-11-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER STUDENTS THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY MAY TRAIN PER YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 83-1-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION FUND TO ALLOW USE OF FIRE REBATE MONIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 83-1-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE PROTECTION FUND TO ALLOW USE OF FIRE REBATE MONIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Scott DeLano, John Horhn  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

On request of Rep. Bell (21st), unanimous consent was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2371**:

On Line 124, insert "not" after the word "shall".

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2371: Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2806 and Senate Bill No. 2818, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be



construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \* \* \* \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than \* \* \* Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community/junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under \* \* \* Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \* \* \* \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than \* \* \* Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges \* \* \*. The Public Procurement Review Board must

approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of \* \* \* Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique Internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique Internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall

be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope

as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also

be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no

acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting

next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from

other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information



distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any

municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; provided, however, that state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and/or the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2023.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as

purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than \* \* \* Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive

bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2806 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2818, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR BID REQUIREMENT UNDER THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT REVERSE AUCTIONS SHALL ONLY BE REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHEN PURCHASING COPYRIGHTED EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AND SOFTWARE AS A SERVICE PRODUCT; TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO AUTHORIZE A PURCHASING ENTITY IN ITS JURISDICTION TO USE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS WHICH PROMOTES OPEN COMPETITION AND MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF PURCHASING AND TRAVEL FOR SUCH PURCHASES; TO CLARIFY THAT A PURCHASING ENTITY MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, USE REVERSE AUCTION FOR TERM CONTRACT PURCHASES; TO CLARIFY UNDER THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAW THAT REVERSE AUCTION SHALL NOT BE USED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT,

REPAIR OR REMODELING OF ANY PUBLIC FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT OR GOODS FOR SAME; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PURCHASES MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT TO BE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Albert Butler, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Jason White, Kent McCarty

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Brown, C, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, Huddleston, Turner. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bain called up the conference report #2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provisions related to.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2543: Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-2. (1) The Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall establish the organizational structure of the Department of Public Safety, which shall include the creation of any units necessary to implement the duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific requirements of law including, but not limited to:

- (a) Office of Public Safety Planning;
- (b) Office of Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol;
- (c) Office of Mississippi Bureau of Investigation (to be directed by a Lieutenant Colonel of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol);
- (d) Office of \* \* \* Forensic Laboratories, which includes the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner;
- (e) Office of Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy;
- (f) Office of Support Services;
- (g) Office of Narcotics, which shall be known as the Bureau of Narcotics;
- (h) Office of Homeland Security; \* \* \*
- (i) Office of Capitol Police \* \* \*;
- (j) Office of Driver Service Bureau; and
- (k) Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division.

(3) The department shall be headed by a commissioner, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointment of the commissioner shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. The commissioner shall have, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commissioner shall appoint heads of offices, who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner. The commissioner shall have the authority to organize the offices established by subsection (2) of this section as deemed appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices such powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. The organization charts of the department shall be presented annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the Legislature.

(5) The commissioner shall appoint, from within the Department of Public Safety, a statewide safety training officer who shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner and whose duty it shall be to perform public training for both law enforcement and private persons throughout the state concerning proper emergency response to the mentally ill, terroristic threats or acts, domestic conflict, other conflict resolution, and such other matters as the commissioner may direct.

(6) The commissioner shall establish within the department the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security for the purpose of seeing that the laws are faithfully executed and for the purpose of investigating cyber-related crimes and suppressing crimes of violence and acts of intimidation and terror. The commissioner is hereby authorized to employ within the Office of Homeland Security a director, investigators and other qualified personnel as he may deem necessary to make investigation of cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence and acts of terrorism or intimidation, to aid in the arrest and prosecution of persons charged with such cyber-related crimes, crimes of violence, acts of terrorism or intimidation, or threats of violence and to perform other duties as necessary to accomplish these purposes. Investigators and other law enforcement personnel employed by the commissioner shall have full power to investigate, apprehend, and arrest persons committing cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, intimidation, or terrorism anywhere in the state, and shall be vested with the power of police officers in the performance of such duties as provided herein. Such investigators and other personnel shall perform their duties under the direction of the commissioner, or his designee. The commissioner shall be authorized to offer and pay suitable rewards to other persons for aiding in such investigation and in the apprehension and conviction of persons charged with cyber-related crimes, acts of violence, or threats of violence, or intimidation, or acts of terrorism.

(7) The commissioner shall establish within the Office of Homeland Security a Mississippi Analysis and Information Center (MSAIC Fusion Center) which shall be the highest priority for the allocation of available federal resources for statewide information

sharing, including the deployment of personnel and connectivity with federal data systems. Subject to appropriation therefor, the Mississippi Fusion Center shall employ three (3) regional analysts dedicated to analyzing and resolving potential threats identified by the agency's statewide social media intelligence platform and the dissemination of school safety information.

SECTION 2. Section 41-29-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-107. (1) There is created within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety an office to be known as the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. The office shall have a director who shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. The commissioner may assign to the appropriate offices of the department such powers and duties deemed appropriate to carry out the lawful functions of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety is empowered to employ or appoint necessary agents. The commissioner may also employ such secretarial, clerical and administrative personnel, including a duly licensed attorney, as necessary for the operation of the bureau, and shall have such quarters, equipment and facilities as needed. The salary and qualifications of the attorney authorized by this section shall be fixed by the director, but the salary shall not exceed the salary authorized for an assistant attorney general who performs similar duties.

(3) The director and agents so appointed shall be citizens of the United States and of the State of Mississippi, and of good moral character. The agents shall be not less than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of such appointment. In addition thereto, those appointed shall have satisfactorily completed at least two (2) years of college studies. However, two (2) years of satisfactory service as a law enforcement officer and the completion of the prescribed course of study at a school operated by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, United States Justice Department, shall satisfy one (1) year of such college studies, and four (4) years of satisfactory service as a law enforcement officer and the completion of the prescribed course of study at such federal bureau school as stated heretofore shall fully satisfy the two (2) years of college requirement.

During the period of the first twelve (12) months after appointment, any \* \* \* agent of the bureau shall be subject to dismissal at the will of the director. After twelve (12) months' service, no \* \* \* agent of the bureau shall be subject to dismissal \* \* \* or otherwise have their salary adversely affected except for cause, and any such action against an agent shall be subject to and proceed under the laws, rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board.

(4) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign members of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, regardless of age, to the bureau; however, when any highway patrolman or other employee, agent or official of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety is assigned to duty with, or is employed by, the bureau, he shall not be subject to assignment or transfer to any other office or department within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety except by the commissioner. Any highway patrolman assigned to duty with the bureau shall retain his status as a highway patrolman, but shall be under the supervision of the director. For purposes of seniority within the Highway Safety Patrol and for purposes of retirement under the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System, highway patrolmen assigned to the bureau will be credited as if performing duty with the Highway Safety Patrol. The commissioner may assign employees of the Highway Safety Patrol to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and may assign agents of the bureau to the Highway Safety Patrol; however, any employees so assigned must meet all established requirements for the duties to which they are assigned.

(5) The Commissioner of Public Safety may enter into agreements with bureaus or departments of other states or of the United States for the exchange or temporary assignment of agents for special undercover assignments and for performance of specific duties.

(6) The Commissioner of Public Safety may assign agents of the bureau to such duty and to request and accept agents from such other bureaus or departments for such duty.

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SECTION 3. Section 41-61-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 719, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

[Through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) \* \* \* (a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist \* \* \* is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee \* \* \* and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive \* \* \* One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) \* \* \* (a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist \* \* \* is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee \* \* \* and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.



(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

41-61-75. (1) For each investigation with the preparation and submission of the required reports, the following fees shall be billed to and paid by the county for which the service is provided:

(a) A medical examiner or his deputy shall receive \* \* \* One Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$195.00) for each completed report of investigation of death, plus the examiner's actual expenses. In addition to that fee, in cases where the cause of death was sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and the medical examiner provides a SIDS Death Scene Investigation report, the medical examiner shall receive for completing that report an additional Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), or an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if the medical examiner has received advanced training in child death investigations and presents to the county a certificate of completion of that advanced training. The State Medical Examiner shall develop and prescribe a uniform format and list of matters to be contained in SIDS/Child Death Scene Investigation reports, which shall be used by all county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators in the state.

(b) The pathologist performing autopsies as provided in Section 41-61-65 shall receive One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per completed autopsy, plus mileage expenses to and from the site of the autopsy, and shall be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses for third-party testing, not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per autopsy.

(2) \* \* \* (a) When a medical examiner, physician or pathologist \* \* \* is subpoenaed for appearance and testimony before a grand jury, courtroom trial or deposition as a result of their duties as a State Medical Examiner, physician or pathologist, the office with which subpoenaed professional is employed shall be entitled to bill an expert witness hourly fee \* \* \* and mileage expenses to and from the site of the testimony, and such amount shall be paid by the jurisdiction or party issuing the subpoena.

(b) The expert witness fee shall be set by the director, and the expert fee shall be a reasonable fee considering the prevailing rates of other comparably respected available experts. The fee under this paragraph (b) shall be made payable to the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

SECTION 4. Section 41-61-59, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-59. (1) A person's death that affects the public interest as specified in subsection (2) of this section shall be promptly reported to the medical examiner by the physician in attendance, any hospital employee, any law enforcement officer having knowledge of the death, the embalmer or other funeral home employee, any emergency medical technician, any relative or any other person present. The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the municipal or state law enforcement agency or sheriff and take charge of the body. When the medical examiner has received notification under Section 41-39-15(6) that the deceased is medically suitable to be an organ and/or tissue donor, the medical examiner's authority over the body shall be subject to the provisions of Section 41-39-15(6). The appropriate medical examiner shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of the body in cases of death as described in subsection (2)(m) or (n) of this section.

(2) A death affecting the public interest includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Violent death, including homicidal, suicidal or accidental death.
- (b) Death caused by thermal, chemical, electrical or radiation injury.
- (c) Death caused by criminal abortion, including self-induced abortion, or abortion related to or by sexual abuse.
- (d) Death related to disease thought to be virulent or contagious that may constitute a public hazard.
- (e) Death that has occurred unexpectedly or from an unexplained cause.

(f) Death of a person confined in a prison, jail or correctional institution.

(g) Death of a person where a physician was not in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding death, or in prediagnosed terminal or bedfast cases, within thirty (30) days preceding death.

(h) Death of a person where the body is not claimed by a relative or a friend.

(i) Death of a person where the identity of the deceased is unknown.

(j) Death of a child under the age of two (2) years where death results from an unknown cause or where the circumstances surrounding the death indicate that sudden infant death syndrome may be the cause of death.

(k) Where a body is brought into this state for disposal and there is reason to believe either that the death was not investigated properly or that there is not an adequate certificate of death.

(l) Where a person is presented to a hospital emergency room unconscious and/or unresponsive, with cardiopulmonary resuscitative measures being performed, and dies within twenty-four (24) hours of admission without regaining consciousness or responsiveness, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty-six (36) hours preceding presentation to the hospital, or in cases in which the decedent had a prediagnosed terminal or bedfast condition, unless a physician was in attendance within thirty (30) days preceding presentation to the hospital.

(m) Death that is caused by drug overdose or which is believed to be caused by drug overdose.

(n) When a stillborn fetus is delivered and the cause of the demise is medically believed to be from the use by the mother of any controlled substance as defined in Section 41-29-105.

(3) The State Medical Examiner is empowered to investigate deaths, under the authority hereinafter conferred, in any and all political subdivisions of the state. The county medical examiners and county medical examiner investigators, while appointed for a specific county, may serve other counties on a regular basis with written authorization by the State Medical Examiner, or may serve other counties on an as-needed basis upon the request of the ranking officer of the investigating law enforcement agency. If a death affecting the public interest takes place in a county other than the one where injuries or other substantial causal factors leading to the death have occurred, jurisdiction for investigation of the death may be transferred, by mutual agreement of the respective medical examiners of the counties involved, to the county where the injuries or other substantial causal factors occurred, and the costs of autopsy or other studies necessary to the further investigation of the death shall be borne by the county assuming jurisdiction.

(4) (a) In criminal trials where the testimony of a current or former State Medical Examiner, Deputy State Medical Examiner, or member of the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory is needed, the use of audiovisual communications equipment to present such testimony remotely is allowed when the state has provided written notice to the defendant at least ninety (90) days prior to trial of its intent to present such remote testimony, and the defendant provides no written objection within fourteen (14) days of receiving such notice. Should the defendant object, the remote testimony shall only be permitted upon a finding by the court that the rights of the defendant to confront the witness against the defendant is not violated, that compelling circumstances exist to allow such remote testimony, and that the remote testimony can be provided with appropriate safeguards so as to assure the reliability of the testimony of the witness during the trial.

(b) All persons qualified to administer an oath in the State of Mississippi may swear a witness remotely by audio-video communication technology, provided they can positively identify the witness and they are able to both see and hear the witness via audiovisual communications equipment.

( \*\*5) The chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator may receive from the county in which he serves a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75, provided that no county shall pay the chief county medical examiner or chief county medical examiner investigator less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary, in addition to other compensation provided by

law. In any county having one or more deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators, each deputy may receive from the county in which he serves, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, a salary of not more than Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per month, in addition to the fees specified in Sections 41-61-69 and 41-61-75; however, no county shall pay the deputy medical examiners or deputy medical examiner investigators less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month as a salary in addition to other compensation provided by law. For this salary the chief shall assure twenty-four-hour daily and readily available death investigators for the county, and shall maintain copies of all medical examiner death investigations for the county for at least the previous five (5) years. He shall coordinate his office and duties and cooperate with the State Medical Examiner, and the State Medical Examiner shall cooperate with him.

SECTION 5. Section 41-61-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-77. (1) The Department of Public Safety shall establish and maintain a central office for the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the State Medical Examiner with appropriate facilities and personnel for postmortem medicolegal examinations. District offices, with appropriate facilities and personnel, may also be established and maintained if considered necessary by the department for the proper management of postmortem examinations.

The facilities of the central and district offices and their staff services may be available to the medical examiners and designated pathologists in their investigations.

(2) In order to provide proper facilities for investigating deaths as authorized in Sections 41-61-51 through 41-61-79, the State Medical Examiner may arrange for the use of existing public or private laboratory facilities. The State Medical Examiner may contract with qualified persons to perform or to provide support services for autopsies, studies and investigations not inconsistent with other applicable laws. Such laboratory facilities may be located at the University of Mississippi Medical Center or any other suitable location. The State Medical Examiner may be an affiliate or regular faculty member of the Department of Pathology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and may serve as a member of the faculty of other institutions of higher learning. He shall be authorized to employ, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, such additional scientific, technical, administrative and clerical assistants as are necessary for performance of his duties. Such employees in the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner shall be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of the Mississippi State Personnel Board in their employment.

(3) The State Medical Examiner shall be authorized to employ qualified pathologists as deputy state medical examiners as are necessary to carry out the duties of his office. The deputy state medical examiners shall be licensed to practice medicine and, either board-certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology or be a physician who is board certified in anatomic pathology by the American Board of Pathology. The State Medical Examiner may delegate specific duties to competent and qualified medical examiners within the scope of the express authority granted to him by law or regulation. Employees of the Office of the State Medical Examiner shall have the authority to enter any political subdivisions of this state for the purpose of carrying out medical investigations.

SECTION 6. Section 45-1-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-6. (1) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation is authorized to retain on a contractual basis such persons as he shall deem necessary to detect and apprehend violators of the criminal statutes of this state.

(2) Those persons contracting with the Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation pursuant to subsection (1) shall be known and hereinafter referred to as "special contract agents."

(3) The investigative services provided for in this section shall be designed to support law enforcement efforts of state agencies and to support local law enforcement efforts.

(4) Special contract investigators shall have all powers necessary and incidental to the fulfillment of their contractual obligations, including the power of arrest when authorized by the Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation.

(5) No person shall be a special contract investigator unless he is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(6) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall conduct a background investigation of all potential special contract investigators. All contract agents must meet the minimum standard requirements established by the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training.

(7) Any contract pursuant to subsection (1) shall be:

(a) Reduced to writing; and

(b) Terminable upon written notice by either party, and shall in any event terminate one (1) year from the date of signing; and

(c) Approved as to form by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Such contracts shall not be public records and shall not be available for inspection under the provisions of a law providing for the inspection of public records as now or hereafter amended.

(8) Special contract investigators shall not be considered employees of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation for any purpose.

(9) The Director of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall have all powers necessary and incidental to the effective operation of this section.

(10) The Mississippi Bureau of Investigation shall have jurisdiction to investigate all incidents of officer-involved shootings, other than \* \* \* shootings involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, resulting in injury or death occurring in the state. However, the District Attorney in the jurisdiction where such incident occurred may designate another law enforcement agency to investigate the incident if the District Attorney determines that there is a conflict with the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation or that other extenuating circumstances exist. The Attorney General shall designate another law enforcement agency or task force to investigate any incident of a \* \* \* shooting involving one or more members of the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation resulting in injury or death occurring in the state. The Attorney General's Office shall be exclusively responsible for presenting all officer-involved shootings resulting in injury or death occurring in the state to the appropriate duly empaneled grand jury and, upon indictment by a grand jury, prosecuting such matters.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provisions contained in this section, all contracts authorized under this section and related matters shall be made available to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 7. Section 97-35-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which is the provision that requires the registration of convicted felons with the chief of police of the city in which the felon resides or the sheriff of the county in which the felon resides, shall stand repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE THE COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE DRIVER SERVICE BUREAU AS SEPARATE OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DISCIPLINARY POLICY WITHIN THE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS TO REFLECT STATE LAW AND POLICY WITHIN OTHER UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO DELETE OUTDATED LANGUAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 719, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO SET THE FEE FOR TESTIMONY PROVIDED BY STATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS, PHYSICIANS AND PATHOLOGISTS OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY OR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW TESTIMONY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER IN CRIMINAL TRIALS TO BE CONDUCTED VIA REMOTE AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS IN CERTAIN

CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-77, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI FORENSICS LABORATORY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD IN THEIR EMPLOYMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-6, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION TO INVESTIGATE ALL INCIDENTS OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS, OTHER THAN SHOOTINGS INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DESIGNATE ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR TASK FORCE TO INVESTIGATE ANY INCIDENT OF A SHOOTING INVOLVING ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SHALL BE EXCLUSIVELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRESENTING ALL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH OCCURRING IN THE STATE TO THE APPROPRIATE DULY EMpaneled GRAND JURY AND, UPON INDICTMENT BY THE GRAND JURY, PROSECUTING SUCH MATTERS; TO REPEAL SECTION 97-35-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE REGISTRATION OF CONVICTED FELONS WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE CITY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES OR THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE FELON RESIDES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Jeremy England, Daniel H. Sparks  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Tom Miles

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2879: Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Voting Modernization Act."

SECTION 2. As used in this act:

- (a) "Department" means the Mississippi Secretary of State.
- (b) "Grant program" means the "Mississippi Voting Modernization Grant Program" established in Section 3 of this act.
- (c) "Voting system" means any voting machine, voting device, precinct ballot scanner, central scanner, ballot-marking device, ballot-on-demand printing system, tabulation server or vote tabulating device, along with any operating software for such machines and devices, that:
  - (i) Does not utilize pre-scored punch card ballots; and
  - (ii) Produces voter-verifiable paper ballots.

SECTION 3. (1) (a) There is established within the department the Mississippi Voting Modernization Grant Program which shall be administered by the department for the purpose of reimbursing counties or disbursing funds to counties for the purchase of modern voting systems.

(b) The grant program shall receive funds appropriated to the Mississippi Secretary of State therefor from the Capital Expense Fund or other available source of money.

(2) By August 31, 2022, the department shall develop and promulgate rules to provide for:

- (a) The procedures of the grant program not specifically enumerated in this act; and
- (b) Other eligible expenses related to the costs of conducting elections where a county has previously purchased voting systems that qualifies under the requirements of this act. Other eligible expenses include, but are not limited to: (i) encumbered debt of previously purchased voting machines; (ii) additional voting machines; (iii) machine maintenance; (iv) software upgrades; (v) ballot-marking devices; (vi) central scanners, (vii) ballot-on-demand printing systems, (viii) electronic poll books; (ix) paper ballots or ballot-printing supplies; and (x) costs associated with voter roll maintenance, such as printing confirmation cards and postage.

(3) To be eligible for purchase under this grant program, any voting machine, voting device, precinct ballot scanner, ballot marking device or vote tabulating device shall not have the capability of wireless remote connections.

(4) The department shall review the application for funding submitted by each county and grant or deny the application within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the application.

(5) Before awarding a grant to a county for the future purchase of a voting system, the department shall require the county to provide a verified contract and purchase order.

SECTION 4. (1) For any election held in this state after January 1, 2024, the officials in charge of the election shall only use voting systems as defined by Section 2 of this act.

(2) The board of supervisors of any county may authorize the circuit clerk or election commission to make application for grants under the procedures and within the certification requirements established by the department.

(3) Each county shall be eligible to receive a pro rata share of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the grant program based on the number of voting polling places in that county.

(4) Counties may apply for grants for:

(a) Purchasing of voting system hardware, including the software necessary to operate that hardware; and

(b) Incurring of other eligible expenses related to the costs of conducting elections only if:

(i) The county is already in compliance with subsection (1) of this section through previously acquired voting hardware or software or both prior to the effective date of this act that would have been eligible for purchase under this grant program; or

(ii) The county will have funds remaining from its pro rata share provided for in subsection (3) of this section after purchasing the necessary voting systems to bring the county in compliance with subsection (1) of this section.

(5) Any county receiving a grant for the future purchase of a voting system shall submit proof of payment to the department immediately upon completing the purchase.

(6) Any county receiving funds for the incurring of other eligible expenses shall first apply the received funds under this grant program toward any existing indebtedness for the purchase of voting hardware or software.

SECTION 5. (1) The department shall provide a comprehensive report on:

(a) The total number of counties that applied for grants under this act;

(b) The total number of grants issued under the grant program;

(c) The number of grants issued under Section 4(4)(a) of this act;

(d) The number of grants issued under Section 4(4)(b) of this act;

(e) The number of grants issued under Section 4(4)(c) of this act;

and

(f) Any recommendations for legislative amendment to the grant program.

(2) By December 31, 2022, the department shall deliver the report to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the Senate Elections Committee, and the Chair of the House Apportionment and Elections Committee.

SECTION 6. Sections 23-15-531, 23-15-531.1, 23-15-531.2, 23-15-531.3, 23-15-531.4, 23-15-531.5, 23-15-531.6, 23-15-531.9, 23-15-531.10 and 23-15-531.12, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provide the authority for the use of direct recording electronic voting equipment at polling places, shall stand repealed on December 1, 2023.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE MISSISSIPPI VOTING MODERNIZATION ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODERNIZING VOTING SYSTEMS IN THE STATE; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI VOTING MODERNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING COUNTIES OR DISBURSING FUNDS TO COUNTIES FOR THE PURCHASE OF MODERN VOTING SYSTEMS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL RECEIVE ANY FUNDS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROMULGATE PROCEDURES; TO PRESCRIBE A TIMEFRAME FOR THE GRANT OR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE FOR A PRO RATA SHARE OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED OR MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PROGRAM; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE TO REPORT ON THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF SECTIONS 23-15-531, 23-15-531.1, 23-15-531.2, 23-15-531.3, 23-15-531.4, 23-15-531.5, 23-15-531.6, 23-15-531.9, 23-15-531.10 AND 23-

15-531.12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE USE OF DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC VOTING EQUIPMENT AT POLLING PLACES, ON A CERTAIN DATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeff Tate, David Blount, Joey Fillingane

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Jim Beckett, Dan Eubanks, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, B, Huddleston, Watson, Weathersby, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Busby called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2507**: (MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Busby moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2980**: City of Jackson; authorize to continue contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2980**. On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.



Nays--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson.  
Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Ladner, Rushing. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.  
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1408: Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-3-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-3-25. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (2) through (9), the salaries of sheriffs of the various counties are fixed as full compensation for their services.

The annual salary for each sheriff shall be based upon the total population of his county according to the latest federal decennial census in the following categories and for the following amounts; however, no sheriff shall be paid less than the salary authorized under this section to be paid the sheriff based upon the population of the county according to the most recent federal decennial census:

(a) For counties with a total population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of \* \* \* One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000.00).

(b) For counties with a total population of more than \* \* \* forty-four thousand (44,000) and not more than one hundred thousand (100,000), a salary of \* \* \* Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00).

(c) For counties with a total population of more than \* \* \* thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than \* \* \* forty-four thousand (44,000), a salary of \* \* \* Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00).

(d) For counties with a total population of more than \* \* \* twelve thousand five hundred (12,500) and not more than \* \* \* thirty thousand (30,000), a salary of \* \* \* Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00).

(e) For counties with a total population of not more than \* \* \* twelve thousand five hundred (12,500), a salary of \* \* \* Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00).

(2) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains a restitution center within the county;

(b) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains a community work center within the county;

(c) There is a resident circuit court judge in the county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(d) There is a resident chancery court judge in the county whose office is located at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(e) The Magistrate for the Fourth Circuit Court District is located in the county and maintains his office at the Leflore County Courthouse;

(f) The Region VI Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, which serves a multicounty area, calls upon the sheriff to provide security for out-of-town mental patients, as well as patients from within the county;

(g) The increased activity of the Child Support Division of the Department of Human Services in enforcing in the courts parental obligations has imposed additional duties on the sheriff; and

(h) The dispatchers of the enhanced E-911 system in place in Leflore County have been placed under the direction and control of the sheriff.

(3) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Rankin County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) The State Hospital is operated and maintained within the county at Whitfield;

(c) Hudspeth Regional Center, a facility maintained for the care and treatment of persons with an intellectual disability, is located within the county;

(d) The Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

(e) The State Fire Academy is operated and maintained within the county;

(f) The Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, ordinarily known as the "Reservoir District," is located within the county;

(g) The Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport is located within the county;

(h) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff; and

(i) The sheriff, in addition to providing security to the nearly one hundred thousand (100,000) residents of the county, has the duty to investigate, solve and assist in the prosecution of any misdemeanor or felony committed upon any state property located in Rankin County.

(4) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County shall pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).

(5) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Tunica County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county an amount equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), payable beginning April 1, 1997.

(6) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Hinds County shall pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) Hinds County has the greatest population of any county, two hundred fifty-four thousand four hundred forty-one (254,441) by the 1990 census, being almost one hundred thousand (100,000) more than the next most populous county;

(b) Hinds County is home to the State Capitol and the seat of all state government offices;

(c) Hinds County is the third largest county in geographic area, containing eight hundred seventy-five (875) square miles;

(d) Hinds County is comprised of two (2) judicial districts, each having a courthouse and county office buildings;

(e) There are four (4) resident circuit judges, four (4) resident chancery judges, and three (3) resident county judges in Hinds County, the most of any county, with the sheriff acting as chief executive officer and provider of bailiff services for all;

(f) The main offices for the clerk and most of the judges and magistrates for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi are located within the county;

(g) The state's only urban university, Jackson State University, is located within the county;

(h) The University of Mississippi Medical Center, combining the medical school, dental school, nursing school and hospital, is located within the county;

(i) Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium, the state's largest sports arena, is located within the county;

(j) The Mississippi State Fairgrounds, including the Coliseum and Trade Mart, are located within the county;

(k) Hinds County has the largest criminal population in the state, such that the Hinds County Sheriff's Department operates the largest county jail system in the state, housing almost one thousand (1,000) inmates in three (3) separate detention facilities;

(l) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department handles more mental and drug and alcohol commitment cases than any other sheriff's department in the state;

(m) The Mississippi Department of Corrections maintains a restitution center within the county;

(n) The Mississippi Department of Corrections regularly houses as many as one hundred (100) state convicts within the Hinds County jail system; and

(o) The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is regularly asked to provide security services not only at the Fairgrounds and Memorial Stadium, but also for events at the Mississippi Museum of Art and Jackson City Auditorium.

(7) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Wilkinson County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(8) In addition to the salary provided for in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Marshall County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county because the Mississippi Department of Corrections contracts for the private incarceration of state inmates at a private correctional facility within the county.

(9) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The Legislature finds and declares that the annual supplement authorized by this subsection is justified in such county for the following reasons:

(a) The Mississippi Department of Corrections operates and maintains the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county;

(b) In 1996, additional facilities to house another one thousand four hundred sixteen (1,416) male offenders were constructed at the South Mississippi Correctional Facility within the county; and

(c) The patrolling of the state properties located within the county has imposed additional duties on the sheriff justifying additional compensation.

(10) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) of this section, the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement to the sheriff of the county in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board. The annual supplement authorized in this subsection shall not be in addition to the annual supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (9).

(11) In addition to the salary provided in subsection (1) and the supplements authorized in subsections (2) through (10), the board of supervisors of any county, in its discretion, may pay an annual supplement in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to the sheriff of any county in which a juvenile detention center is located. The amount of the supplement shall be spread on the minutes of the board.

( \*\* \*12) (a) The salaries provided in this section shall be payable monthly on the first day of each calendar month by chancery clerk's warrant drawn on the general fund of the county; however, the board of supervisors, by resolution duly adopted and entered on its minutes, may provide that such salaries shall be paid semimonthly on the first and fifteenth day of each month. If a pay date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, salary payments shall be made on the workday immediately preceding the weekend or legal holiday.

(b) At least Ten Dollars (\$10.00) from each fee collected and deposited into the county's general fund under the provisions of paragraphs (a), (c) and (g) of subsection (1) of Section 25-7-19 shall be used for the sheriffs' salaries authorized in Section 25-3-25; as such Ten Dollar (\$10.00) amount was authorized during the 2007 Regular Session in Chapter 331, Laws of 2007, for the purpose of providing additional monies to the counties for sheriffs' salaries.

( \*\* \*13) (a) All sheriffs, each year, shall attend twenty (20) hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement. Such courses shall be approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training. Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association.

(b) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training shall reimburse each county for the expenses incurred by sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance at any approved training programs as required by this subsection.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-153, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-153. (1) At least during the following times, the election commissioners shall meet at the office of the registrar or the office of the election commissioners to carefully revise the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and remove from the roll the names of all voters who have requested to be purged from the voter roll, died, received an adjudication of non compos mentis, been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, or otherwise become disqualified as electors for any cause, and shall register the names of all persons who have duly applied to be registered but have been illegally denied registration:

(a) On the Tuesday after the second Monday in January 1987 and every following year;

(b) On the first Tuesday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for members of Congress in the years when members of Congress are elected;

(c) On the first Monday in the month immediately preceding the first primary election for state, state district legislative, county and county district offices in the years in which those offices are elected; and

(d) On the second Monday of September preceding the general election or regular special election day in years in which a general election is not conducted.

Except for the names of those voters who are duly qualified to vote in the election, no name shall be permitted to remain in the Statewide Elections Management System; however, no name shall be purged from the Statewide Elections Management System based on a change in the residence of an elector except in accordance with procedures provided for by the National Voter Registration Act of 1993. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-573, no person shall vote at any election whose

name is not in the county voter roll electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System.

(2) Except as provided in this section, and subject to the following annual limitations, the election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) In counties having less than fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than fifty (50) days per year, with no more than fifteen (15) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(b) In counties having fifteen thousand (15,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than seventy-five (75) days per year, with no more than twenty-five (25) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(c) In counties having thirty thousand (30,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred (100) days per year, with no more than thirty-five (35) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(d) In counties having seventy thousand (70,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred twenty-five (125) days per year, with no more than forty-five (45) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(e) In counties having ninety thousand (90,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred fifty (150) days per year, with no more than fifty-five (55) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(f) In counties having one hundred seventy thousand (170,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred seventy-five (175) days per year, with no more than sixty-five (65) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(g) In counties having two hundred thousand (200,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than one hundred ninety (190) days per year, with no more than seventy-five (75) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(h) In counties having two hundred twenty-five thousand (225,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred fifteen (215) days per year, with no more than eighty-five (85) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(i) In counties having two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census but less than two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census, not more than two hundred thirty (230) days per year, with no more than ninety-five (95) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year;

(j) In counties having two hundred seventy-five thousand (275,000) residents according to the latest federal decennial census or more, not more than two hundred forty (240) days per year, with no more than one hundred five (105) additional days allowed for the conduct of each election in excess of one (1) occurring in any calendar year.

(3) In addition to the number of days authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the board of supervisors of a county may authorize, in its discretion, the election commissioners to receive a per diem in the amount provided for in subsection (2) of this section, to be paid from the county general fund, for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties in the conduct of an election or actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System as required in subsection (1) of this section, not to exceed five (5) days.

(4) (a) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed ten (10) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System before any special election. For purposes of this paragraph, the regular special election day shall not be considered a special election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to this paragraph.

(b) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$165.00), to be paid from the county general fund, for the performance of their duties on the day of any primary, runoff, general or special election. The annual limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section shall apply to this paragraph.

(c) The board of supervisors may, in its discretion, pay the election commissioners an additional amount not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for the performance of their duties at any election occurring from July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, which shall be considered additional pandemic pay. Such compensation shall be payable out of the county general fund, and may be payable from federal funds available for such purpose, or a combination of both funding sources.

(5) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of \* \* \* One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00), to be paid from the county general fund, not to exceed fourteen (14) days for every day or period of no less than five (5) hours accumulated over two (2) or more days actually employed in the performance of their duties for the necessary time spent in the revision of the county voter roll as electronically maintained by the Statewide Elections Management System and in the conduct of a runoff election following either a general or special election.

(6) The election commissioners shall be entitled to receive only one (1) per diem payment for those days when the election commissioners discharge more than one (1) duty or responsibility on the same day.

(7) In preparation for a municipal primary, runoff, general or special election, the county registrar shall generate and distribute the master voter roll and pollbooks from the Statewide Elections Management System for the municipality located within the county. The municipality shall pay the county registrar for the actual cost of preparing and printing the municipal master voter roll pollbooks. A municipality may secure "read only" access to the Statewide Elections Management System and print its own pollbooks using this information.

(8) County election commissioners who perform the duties of an executive committee with regard to the conduct of a primary election under a written agreement authorized by law to be entered into with an executive committee shall receive per diem as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. The days that county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of a primary election shall be treated the same as days county election commissioners are employed in the conduct of other elections.

(9) In addition to any per diem authorized by this section, any election commissioner shall be entitled to the mileage reimbursement rate allowable to federal employees for the use of a privately owned vehicle while on official travel on election day.

(10) Every election commissioner shall sign personally a certification setting forth the number of hours actually worked in the performance of the commissioner's official duties and for which the commissioner seeks compensation. The certification must be on a form as prescribed in this subsection. The commissioner's signature is, as a matter of law, made under the commissioner's oath of office and under penalties of perjury.

The certification form shall be as follows:

COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

PER DIEM CLAIM FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

	PURPOSE	APPLICABLE	ACTUAL	PER DIEM		
DATE	BEGINNING	ENDING	OF	MS CODE	HOURS	DAYS
WORKED	TIME	TIME	WORK	SECTION	WORKED	EARNED

TOTAL NUMBER OF PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

EXCLUDING ELECTION DAYS

PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$ \*\*\*110.00

TOTAL NUMBER PER DIEM DAYS EARNED

FOR ELECTION DAYS

PER DIEM RATE PER DAY EARNED X \$ \*\*\*165.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PER DIEM CLAIMED

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am signing this document under my oath as an election commissioner and under penalties of perjury.

I understand that I am requesting payment from taxpayer funds and that I have an obligation to be specific and truthful as to the amount of hours worked and the compensation I am requesting.

Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner's

Signature

When properly completed and signed, the certification must be filed with the clerk of the county board of supervisors before any payment may be made. The certification will be a public record available for inspection and reproduction immediately upon the oral or written request of any person.

Any person may contest the accuracy of the certification in any respect by notifying the chair of the commission, any member of the board of supervisors or the clerk of the board of supervisors of the contest at any time before or after payment is made. If the contest is made before payment is made, no payment shall be made as to the contested certificate until the contest is finally disposed of. The person filing the contest shall be entitled to a full hearing, and the clerk of the board of supervisors shall issue subpoenas upon request of the contestor compelling the attendance of witnesses and production of documents and things. The contestor shall have the right to appeal de novo to the circuit court of the involved county, which appeal must be perfected within thirty (30) days from a final decision of the commission, the clerk of the board of supervisors or the board of supervisors, as the case may be.

Any contestor who successfully contests any certification will be awarded all expenses incident to his or her contest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, which will be awarded upon petition to the chancery court of the involved county upon final disposition of the contest before the election commission, board of supervisors, clerk of the board of supervisors, or, in case of an appeal, final disposition by the court. The

commissioner against whom the contest is decided shall be liable for the payment of the expenses and attorney's fees, and the county shall be jointly and severally liable for same.

(11) Any election commissioner who has not received a certificate issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 23-15-211 indicating that the election commissioner has received the required elections seminar instruction and that the election commissioner is fully qualified to conduct an election, shall not receive any compensation authorized by this section or Section 23-15-239.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after October 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE COUNTY SHERIFFS; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IS LOCATED TO PAY AN ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF PER DIEM FOR COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Barbara Blackmon, Neil S. Whaley

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriations bills.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2781: Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriation bills.



We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 29, Chapter 102, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration, is amended as follows:

Section 29. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Ninety-seven Million Five Hundred Sixty-eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$97,568,800.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer. These funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

- (a) To assist the \* \* \* Office of the District Attorney in the 12th Circuit Court District in paying the costs associated with the 12th Circuit Community Service Inmate Program \$ 125,000.00
- (b) To assist the City of Heidelberg in paying the costs associated with repairs to Magnolia Street and East Poplar Street \$ 100,000.00
- (c) To assist Marshall County in paying the costs associated with improvements to Barringer Road \$ 1,200,000.00
- (d) To assist the City of Byram in paying the costs associated with Flood Control Project \$ 400,000.00
- (e) To assist Hinds County in paying the costs associated with the District Attorney's Office \$ 150,000.00
- (f) To assist the \* \* \* Lee County 4th District Community Development Group, a nonprofit corporation, in paying the costs associated with the construction/improvements to its Community Center \$ 300,000.00
- (g) To assist the Windows of Amory, a nonprofit corporation, for expenses related to improvements and operations of the First Christian Church in Amory, Mississippi, known as "The Windows" \$ 200,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Hazlehurst in paying the costs associated with Reflective Signs \$ 75,000.00
- (i) Funding is provided to Rankin County for the purpose of advancing implementation of its comprehensive stormwater management program, including, but not limited to, activities in connection with Section 51-29-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and for related purposes \$ 2,000,000.00
- (j) To assist the City of Winona in paying the costs associated with the construction and replacement of historic clock tower \$ 100,000.00
- (k) To assist the Town of Leakesville in paying the costs associated with infrastructure upgrades \$ 500,000.00
- (l) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation for infrastructure Upgrades \$ 500,000.00
- (m) To assist the Town of Sumrall in paying the costs associated with Phase II of Sportsplex \$ 600,000.00
- (n) To assist Rankin County in paying the costs associated with improvements to Andrew Chapel Road \$ 1,000,000.00
- (o) To assist the City of Brandon in paying the costs associated with its downtown revitalization project \$ 1,250,000.00
- (p) To assist the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District in paying the costs associated with Dredging by deposit into the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund \$ 500,000.00
- (q) To assist Rankin County in paying the costs associated with improvements to Gunter Road \$ 750,000.00

- (r) To assist City of Picayune in paying the costs associated with construction of a new police station \* \* \* \$ 500,000.00
- (s) To assist the City of Vicksburg in paying the costs associated with the Levee Street Road Truck Route \$ 5,000,000.00
- (t) To assist Hinds Community College in paying the costs associated with the Maritime Center \$ 1,000,000.00
- (u) To assist the Warren County Port Commission in paying the costs associated with conducting a port study \$ 325,000.00
- (v) To assist the Mississippi State University in paying the costs associated with construction/improvements of Kinesiology Building \$ 5,000,000.00
- (w) To assist the City of Marks in paying the costs associated with renovations to the City Hall \$ 300,000.00
- (x) To assist the Perry County in paying the costs associated with extension of natural gas line \$ 1,000,000.00
- (y) To assist Leflore County in paying the costs associated with the construction of an Emmett Till Monument \$ 150,000.00
- (z) To assist the City of Pearl in paying the costs associated with Intermodal Connector \$ 2,000,000.00
- (aa) To assist the City of Forest in paying the costs associated with paving and infrastructure \$ 300,000.00
- (bb) To assist Newton County in paying the costs associated with the paving of entrance into Mississippi State Veterans Cemetery \$ 150,000.00
- (cc) To assist the City of Hernando in paying the costs associated with \* \* \* a traffic light at the intersection of Highway 51 and Oak Grove Road \$ 250,000.00
- (dd) To assist Sandcreek Wastewater Authority in paying the costs associated with the construction of a new wastewater facility in Northeast Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ee) To assist Lee County in paying the costs associated with land acquisition for the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department any remaining funds may be used for facility and ground improvements \$ 50,000.00
- (ff) To assist the City of Madison in paying the costs associated with construction of a road to Madison City Centre \$ 500,000.00
- (gg) To assist the City of Southaven in paying the costs associated with repairs to its streets \$ 350,000.00
- (hh) To assist the City of Farmington in paying the costs associated with police station upgrades \$ 150,000.00
- (ii) To assist the City of Purvis in paying the costs associated with the construction of a new city hall \$ 700,000.00
- (jj) To assist the City of Greenville in paying the costs associated with downtown park improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (kk) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi – Ocean Enterprise \$ 2,500,000.00
- (ll) To assist Chickasaw County in paying the costs associated with renovations to the Houston courthouse \$ 350,000.00
- (mm) To assist Lauderdale County in paying the costs associated with reconstruction of the Long Creek Reservoir Dam \$ 300,000.00
- (nn) To assist City of Rolling Fork in paying the costs associated with Civic and Event Center improvements \$ 200,000.00
- (oo) To assist the Yazoo County in paying the costs associated with the Health Department \$ 100,000.00

- (pp) To assist the City of Pass Christian in paying the costs associated with the Pass Christian Downtown Redevelopment Initiative \$ 500,000.00
- (qq) To assist the City of Holly Springs in paying the costs associated with the repair of Cuba Street and Hill Street \$ 600,000.00
- (rr) To assist the City of Magnolia in paying the costs associated with infrastructure upgrades and renovations to the community center \$ 250,000.00
- (ss) To assist Department of Finance and Administration in paying the costs associated with the LeFleur's Bluff Master Plan \$ 100,000.00
- (tt) To assist the Town of Lula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with park improvements \$ 75,000.00
- (uu) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Cairo Volunteer Fire Department in Prentiss County, Mississippi \$ 100,000.00
- (vv) To assist the Town of Centreville, Mississippi, \* \* \* for the reimbursement of the procurement and installation of a generator in fiscal years 2021 and 2022 \$ 25,000.00
- (ww) To assist the City of Scooba, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to sports and athletic fields and related facilities in the City of Scooba \$ 50,000.00
- (xx) To assist the Nanih Waiya Water Association in paying costs associated with painting the association's water tank \$ 50,000.00
- (yy) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of a digital hand printing machine for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department \$ 30,000.00
- (zz) To assist in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of the Tibbee Development Club, Inc., community center in West Point, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00
- (aaa) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the town's baseball park and related facilities \$ 50,000.00
- (bbb) To assist the VFW Post 3806 in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of the VFW Post 3806 building in the Town of Eupora, Mississippi \$ 25,000.00
- (ccc) To assist the \* \* \* Benton County Board of Supervisors in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Veterans Park in the Town of Ashland, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00
- (ddd) To assist the City of McComb, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck \$ 250,000.00
- (eee) To be deposited into the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund \$ 200,000.00
- (fff) To assist the City of Ellisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck \$ 150,000.00
- (ggg) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department \$ 75,000.00
- (hhh) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department \$ 75,000.00
- (iii) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department \$ 50,000.00
- (jjj) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department \$ 75,000.00
- (kkk) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Gravestown Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi \$ 25,000.00
- (lll) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Mitchell Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi \$ 25,000.00
- (mmm) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Spout Springs Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi \$ 25,000.00
- (nnn) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Three Forks Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi \$ 25,000.00

(ooo) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Dry Creek Volunteer Fire Department in Tippah County, Mississippi \$ 25,000.00

(ppp) To assist Ripley Main Street Association in paying costs associated with various projects \$ 50,000.00

(qqq) To assist the Ripley Arts Council in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Dixie Theater in the City of Ripley \$ 25,000.00

(rrr) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department in Prentiss County, Mississippi \$ 100,000.00

(sss) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Mississippi Craft Center \$ 100,000.00

(ttt) To provide funds for the GRAMMY® Museum Mississippi for use as matching funds for infrastructure and infrastructure related purposes and other purposes \$ 2,500,000.00

(uuu) To assist the Town of Edwards, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of and upgrades to buildings and facilities for the \* \* \* West Hinds Volunteer Fire Department \$ 100,000.00

(vvv) To assist in paying costs associated with repair, upkeep and maintenance of streets in the Town of Sardis \$ 150,000.00

(www) To assist in paying costs associated with repair, upkeep and maintenance of streets in the Town of Como \$ 150,000.00

(xxx) To the Mississippi Department of Education for use in the Emergency Assistance for Non-Public Schools (EANS) Program \$ 1,000,000.00

(yyy) To assist the City of Jackson with capital improvements at the JH Fewell Water Treatment Plant for corrosion control, plant generator and filter replacement \$ 3,000,000.00

(zzz) To assist Kipling Water Association for a running water line \* \* \* to provide adequate drinking water services to \* \* \* the presently unserved community on Fatty Leggett Road outside of Daleville, Mississippi \$ 300,000.00

(aaaa) To assist the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Center in Ruleville, Mississippi \$ 1,500,000.00

(bbbb) For the paving of sidewalks on beaches in Ocean Springs, Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00

(cccc) For the maintenance of facilities at Long Beach High School \$ 500,000.00

(dddd) For maintenance and repair of the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center in Ocean Springs, Mississippi \$ 500,000.00

(eeee) For improvements and development of Town Commons in Gautier, Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00

(ffff) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration with the purchase of the real property and any improvement thereon, located on Greymont Street in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as authorized by Chapter 405, Laws of 2018, demolition of buildings and other structures on such property, necessary services, and construction of additional facilities on such property \* \* \* as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration and for purchasing other personal property as allowed by statute \$ 10,200,000.00

(gggg) To assist the Brewer Community Association, Inc., for expenses related to the improvement and operation of the community center in Brewer, Mississippi \$ 100,000.00

(hhhh) To assist the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in paying the costs associated with park enhancements \$ 3,500,000.00

(iiii) To assist George County and/or MDOT with the removal of the J-turn at the intersection of U.S. Highway 98 and Old Highway 63 in George County and to insert a traffic light in its place \$ 400,000.00

(jjjj) For repaving of the Jones County Industrial Park \$ 913,800.00

(kkkk) To assist Department of Finance and Administration in paying the costs associated with the following:

- (1) Space optimization \$ 1,500,000.00
- (2) Capitol Site \$ 3,000,000.00
- (3) Ladner Building renovation \$ 250,000.00
- (4) Statewide Critical \$ 5,000,000.00
- (5) War Memorial \$ 5,000,000.00
- (6) Capitol Complex \$ 2,000,000.00
- (7) Mississippi Military Department \$ 5,000,000.00
- (8) Department of Health \$ 6,000,000.00
- (9) Mississippi School for Blind & Deaf \$ 1,000,000.00
- (10) Department of Health - Local Government and Rural Water \$ 3,200,000.00
- (11) Mississippi School for the Arts \$ 1,000,000.00
- (12) Mississippi School for Math and Science \$ 1,000,000.00

(llll) To assist with the purchase of a fire truck for the Madison County Board of Supervisors \* \* \*. As a condition of receiving these funds, the fire truck shall be housed in a facility to be constructed within two (2) miles of the Amazon Fulfillment Center building on the Madison County \* \* \* Mega Site situated on Sections 28, 29, and 33, T9N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, and provide service for the Madison County Mega Site and the surrounding community \$ 750,000.00

(mmmm) To assist the City of Canton for flood control projects \$ 250,000.00  
(nnnn) To assist Issaquena County Board of Supervisors with road improvements and maintenance \$ 150,000.00

SECTION 2. Section 20, Chapter 100, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the Mississippi Development Authority, is amended as follows:

Section 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty-two Million Seven Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Dollars (\$52,793,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds are provided for projects as outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, for assistance to local units of government, nongovernmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and local economic development entities. These funds will be reappropriated each year until the project is completed.

Of the funds appropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

- (a) To assist the Mississippi State University Mississippi Research and Technology Corporation with the design and construction of the Mississippi Cyber Center \$ 13,500,000.00.
- (b) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi Ocean Enterprise \$ 4,500,000.00.
- (c) To assist the Stone County Board of Supervisors with the Piney Wood Pellet Mill road, rail and bypass \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (d) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for Phase I of a planned 3-phase project of downtown redevelopment to be used on a public use project so as to leverage public and private investment \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (e) To assist the City of Ocean Springs and the OHOS Development LLC with a Public/Private Development \$ 6,000,000.00.
- (f) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment with downtown revitalization project \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (g) To assist Long Beach High School with the Long Beach High School Career and Technical Education Center \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (h) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Town Center District – Commercial District Project \$ 2,000,000.00.

- (i) To assist Stone County School District with the Stone County High School Career and Technical Education Center \$ 3,200,000.00.
- (j) To assist Hancock County Port and Harbor Assault Landing Strip \$ 2,500,000.00.
- (k) To assist the City of Gulfport with flood control and/or drainage for the Forest Heights Project \$ 2,100,000.00.
- (l) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Interstate 10 Frontage Roads, North and South \$ 2,000,000.00.
- (m) To assist the City of Picayune with the Friendship Park Revitalization Project \$ 1,900,000.00.
- (n) To assist Pearl River Community College PRCC Aviation Aerospace Academy \$ 1,900,000.00.
- (o) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Court Street Parking facility, expansion and improvements \$ 1,000,000.00.
- (p) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum with Phase 3 and Phase 4 \$ 636,000.00.
- (q) To assist the City of Lucedale with Ventura Drive Improvements \$ 577,000.00.
- (r) To assist George County with the Scott Road Project, widening and infrastructure \$ 480,000.00.

SECTION 3. Section 11, Chapter 82, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the Mississippi National Guard, is amended as follows:

Section 11. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including general funds and capital expense funds, to special funds, within the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 4. Section 2, Chapter 51, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, is amended as follows:

Section 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

- (a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 54,066.00.
- (b) To supplement the funds paid by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 18,565.00.
- (c) For the county livestock shows in offering and paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 12,644.00.

Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in paragraph (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a show.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 54,585.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 7,066.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having entries in said shows.

All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e). The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) due each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e), that the board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

(f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 11,884.00.

(g) For the support of the \* \* \* Southern Cutting Futurity Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2022 \$ 42,730.00.

SECTION 5. Section 8, Chapter 46, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the State Treasurer's office, is amended as follows:

Section 8. Of the funds appropriated to the State Treasury under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the following program budgets:

(a) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program \$ 1,854,655.00.

(b) Mississippi Affordable College Savings program \$ 177,860.00.

(c) Treasury Office - Support programs \$ \* \* \* 3,681,196.00.

Further, no funds to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Administrative Fund shall be expended for purposes related to any program other than the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program.

SECTION 6. Section 45-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-19. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi on the properties, from curb to curb, including adjoining streets, sidewalks and leased parking lots within the Capitol Complex, set forth in Section 29-5-2, the Court of Appeals Building, the Mississippi Department of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement System Building, and any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not specifically under the supervision and care by any other state entity, but which is reasonably assumed the Department of Public Safety would be responsible for such. The Department of Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the commissioner, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi on the grounds of or within those properties. The Department of Public Safety shall, in addition, enforce the provisions of this section and Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor. The powers and duties related to the administration of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 shall remain with the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and the Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Board of Trustees located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in the City of Jackson.

(3) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department of Agriculture located at 121 North Jefferson Street and the new Farmers Market Building located at the corner of High and Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety will not post any security personnel at such buildings, but will provide regular vehicle patrols and responses to security system alarms.

(4) The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Fair Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Mississippi Fair Commission known as the "Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex" and any and all of its outlying buildings and property. The Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi Fair Commission are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel to the Mississippi Fair Commission with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on this property and any and all buildings on this property.

(5) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Revenue are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi at the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility and the Department of Revenue main office.

(6) The Department of Public Safety shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203. The Department of Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi which occurs within the boundaries of the district. The jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety under this subsection (6) shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County, Mississippi. At any time and/or during any event necessitating the coordination of and/or utilization at multiple jurisdictions, the Department of Public Safety shall be the lead agency when the event occurs on property as defined



herein. The jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Public Safety under this subsection (6) shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and authority provided to the department under this section or any other law.

(7) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a contract with any county for the county to take custody of the misdemeanor offenders arrested under the authority granted under this section.

(8) All accrued personal leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-93, accrued major medical leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-95, accrued state compensatory leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-92, and compensatory leave earned pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall transfer from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety for all employees transferred under this section.

SECTION 7. Section 25, Chapter 101, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, is amended as follows:

Section 25. It is the intention of the Legislature to provide general improvements, widening and/or overlay of the following:

- (a) Highway 41 in Pontotoc County \$ 250,000.00
- (b) Old West Point Road in Lowndes County \$ 250,000.00
- (c) Highway 8 from Calhoun City to the intersection of Highway 9 \$ 500,000.00
- (d) Intersection of Searcy Road and Highway 366 in Tishomingo County \$ 500,000.00
- (e) Highway 51 in Desoto County \$ 500,000.00
- (f) Highway 45 from Saltillo to Guntown for safety enhancements, including, but not limited to, deceleration lanes, red light, striping and lighting \$ 250,000.00
- (g) Intersection of Green Tea and Highway 51 in Desoto County..... \$ 250,000.00
- (h) County Road 600 in Corinth \$ 250,000.00
- (i) Highway 7 from Grenada to Greenwood \$ 500,000.00
- (j) Highway 7 at University Blvd in Oxford, Mississippi..... \$ 250,000.00
- (k) Highway 403 in Webster County \$ 250,000.00
- (l) Highway 51 in Tate County North of Highway 740 ..... \$ 500,000.00
- (m) Highway 6 in Quitman County \$ 250,000.00
- (n) Highway 49 in Greenwood, Mississippi \$ 250,000.00
- (o) Highway 25 in Monroe County \$ 250,000.00
- (p) Highway 16 West from Philadelphia to Carthage \$ 500,000.00
- (q) Canton/Madison corridor Highway 51 (repair, renovation, upgrades) ..... \$ 500,000.00
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- ( \*\* \*r) Highway 463 Madison County at the Intersection of Stribling Road..... \$ 250,000.00
- ( \*\* \*s) Hebron Christian Road in Clay County \$ 250,000.00
- ( \*\* \*t) Highway 16 West in Kemper County between Dekalb and Philadelphia \$ 500,000.00
- ( \*\* \*u) Intersection of Highway 15 and Broad Street in the Town of Decatur for upgrades to signal lights and poles ..... \$ 250,000.00
- ( \*\* \*v) Main Street, Town of Carthage \$ 500,000.00
- ( \*\* \*w) State Highway 18, South of I-20 in

Hinds County..... \$ 500,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*x) I-55 exit at Terry,  
 Mississippi \$ 250,000.00  
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 ( \*\* \*y) Old Highway 16 from Yazoo City to  
 Canton \$ 250,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*z) Highway 3 between 49 W and  
 Highway 82 \$ 250,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*aa) Highway 438 in Washington  
 County \$ 250,000.00  
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 ( \*\* \*bb) Highway 589/Purvis Oloh Road Intersection  
 in Lamar County..... \$ 500,000.00  
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 ( \*\* \*cc) Highway 49 in Harrison  
 County \$ 500,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*dd) Highway 605 at Dedeaux Road in Harrison  
 County \$ 500,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*ee) Highway 11 North starting at the  
 Jones/Jasper County line going north..... \$ 500,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*ff) Highway 583 in Lincoln  
 County \$ 250,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*gg) Highway 24/Main Street in Liberty,  
 Mississippi..... \$ 250,000.00  
 ( \*\* \*hh) County Farm Road in Harrison  
 County \$ 500,000.00

SECTION 8. Section 4, Chapter 87, Laws of 2021, appropriation to the  
 Mississippi Department of Mental Health, is amended as follows:

Section 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2  
 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time	6,351
Part Time	19	
Time-Limited:	Full Time	460
Part Time	9	

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2022 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2022 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. Absent a special situation or circumstance approved by the State Personnel Board, or unless otherwise authorized by this act, no state agency shall take any action to promote or otherwise award salary increases through reallocation or realignment. If the State Personnel Board determines a special situation or circumstance exists and approves an action, then the agency and the State Personnel Board shall provide a monthly report of each action approved by the State Personnel Board to the chairmen of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds and the award of benchmarks. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2022 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be

processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of implementation and funding Project SEC2 of the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan beginning January 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2022. It shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that each person, excluding executive directors, agency heads, and elected judges, shall receive no more than a 3% annual increase in salary which shall not exceed the market rate established by the State Personnel Board pursuant to the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan for each classification.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is authorized to grant temporary COVID-19 adjustments to the compensation for employees in the following occupational title: Nurse Licensed Practical I, II and III; Nurse I, II, III and IV; Nurse Manager; Nurse Administrator; Nurse Chief; and for those employees who function as a nurse and are already classified in their new nurse titles as part of Project SEC2. Authority is provided for an increase of up to seventy-five percent (75%) temporary COVID adjustment pay for Fiscal Year 2022.

SECTION 9. Section 71-5-355, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

71-5-355. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Tax year" means any period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of a year.

(b) "Computation date" means June 30 of any calendar year immediately preceding the tax year during which the particular contribution rates are effective.

(c) "Effective date" means January 1 of the tax year.

(d) Except as hereinafter provided, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H, plus the total of all remuneration paid by such employer excluded from the definition of wages by Section 71-5-351. For the computation of modified rates, "payroll" means the total of all wages paid for employment by an employer as defined in Section 71-5-11, subsection H.

(e) For the computation of modified rates, "eligible employer" means an employer whose experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits throughout the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, except that any employer who has not been subject to the Mississippi Employment Security Law for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement shall be an eligible employer if his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable throughout not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date. No employer shall be considered eligible for a contribution rate less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) with respect to any tax year, who has failed to file any two (2) quarterly reports within the qualifying period by September 30 following the computation date. No employer or employing unit shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which the employing unit is found by the department to be in violation of Section 71-5-19(2) or (3) and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

No representative of such employing unit who was a party to a violation as described in Section 71-5-19(2) or (3), if such representative was or is an employing unit in this state, shall be eligible for a contribution rate of less than five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) for the tax year in which such violation was detected by the department and for the next two (2) succeeding tax years.

(f) With respect to any tax year, "reserve ratio" means the ratio which the total amount available for the payment of benefits in the Unemployment Compensation Fund, excluding any amount which has been credited to the account of this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended, and which has been appropriated for the expenses of administration pursuant to Section 71-5-457 whether or not withdrawn from such account, on October 31 (close of business) of each calendar year bears to the aggregate of the taxable payrolls of all employers for the twelve (12) calendar months ending on June 30 next preceding.

(g) "Modified rates" means the rates of employer unemployment insurance contributions determined under the provisions of this chapter and the rates of newly subject employers, as provided in Section 71-5-353.

(h) For the computation of modified rates, "qualifying period" means a period of not less than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar months ending on the computation date throughout which an employer's experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits; except that with respect to any eligible employer who has not been subject to this article for a period of time sufficient to meet the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month requirement, "qualifying period" means the period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, but in no event less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date throughout which his or her experience-rating record has been so chargeable.

(i) The "exposure criterion" (EC) is defined as the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits as of November 16 of each calendar year or the next working day if November 16 falls on a holiday or a weekend, divided by the total wages, exclusive of wages paid by all state agencies, all political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt public service employment, for the twelve-month period ending June 30 immediately preceding such date. The EC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and rounded up if any fraction remains. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the date for determining the cash balance of the Unemployment Compensation Fund which is available for the payment of benefits for the calendar years 2020 and 2021 shall be December 31.

(j) The "cost rate criterion" (CRC) is defined as follows: Beginning with January 1974, the benefits paid for the twelve-month period ending December 1974 are summed and divided by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on June 30, 1975. Similar ratios are computed by subtracting the earliest month's benefit payments and adding the benefits of the next month in the sequence and dividing each sum of twelve (12) months' benefits by the total wages for the twelve-month period ending on the June 30 which is nearest to the final month of the period used to compute the numerator. If December is the final month of the period used to compute the numerator, then the twelve-month period ending the following June 30 will be used for the denominator. Benefits and total wages used in the computation of the cost rate criterion shall exclude all benefits and total wages applicable to state agencies, political subdivisions, reimbursable nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt PSE employment.

The CRC shall be computed as the average for the highest monthly value of the cost rate criterion computations during each of the economic cycles since the calendar year 1974 as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The CRC shall be computed to four (4) decimal places and any remainder shall be rounded up.

The CRC shall be adjusted only through annual computations and additions of future economic cycles.

(k) "Size of fund index" (SOFI) is defined as the ratio of the exposure criterion (EC) to the cost rate criterion (CRC). The target size of fund index will be fixed at 1.0. If the insured unemployment rate (IUR) exceeds a four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) average for the most recent completed July to June period, the target SOFI will be

.8 and will remain at that level until the computed SOFI (the average exposure criterion of the current year and the preceding year divided by the average cost rate criterion) equals 1.0 or the average IUR falls to four and five-tenths percent (4.5%) or less for any period July to June. However, if the IUR falls below two and five-tenths percent (2.5%) for any period July to June the target SOFI shall be 1.2 until such time as the computed SOFI is equal to or greater than 1.0 or the IUR is equal to or greater than two and five-tenths percent (2.5%), at which point the target SOFI shall return to 1.0.

(l) No employer's unemployment contribution general experience rate plus individual unemployment experience rate shall exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). Accrual rules shall apply for purposes of computing contribution rates including associated functions.

(m) The term "general experience rate" has the same meaning as the minimum tax rate.

(2) Modified rates:

(a) For any tax year, when the reserve ratio on the preceding November 16, in the case of any tax year, equals or exceeds three percent (3%), the modified rates, as hereinafter prescribed, shall be in effect. In computation of this reserve ratio, any remainder shall be rounded down.

(b) Modified rates shall be determined for the tax year for each eligible employer on the basis of his or her experience-rating record in the following manner:

(i) The department shall maintain an experience-rating record for each employer. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to grant any employer or individuals performing services for him or her any prior claim or rights to the amounts paid by the employer into the fund.

(ii) Benefits paid to an eligible individual shall be charged against the experience-rating record of his or her base period employers in the proportion to which the wages paid by each base period employer bears to the total wages paid to the individual by all the base period employers, provided that benefits shall not be charged to an employer's experience-rating record if the department finds that the individual:

1. Voluntarily left the employ of such employer without good cause attributable to the employer or to accept other work;

2. Was discharged by such employer for misconduct connected with his or her work;

3. Refused an offer of suitable work by such employer without good cause, and the department further finds that such benefits are based on wages for employment for such employer prior to such voluntary leaving, discharge or refusal of suitable work, as the case may be;

4. Had base period wages which included wages for previously uncovered services as defined in Section 71-5-511(e) to the extent that the Unemployment Compensation Fund is reimbursed for such benefits pursuant to Section 121 of Public Law 94-566;

5. Extended benefits paid under the provisions of Section 71-5-541 which are not reimbursable from federal funds shall be charged to the experience-rating record of base period employers;

6. Is still working for such employer on a regular part-time basis under the same employment conditions as hired. Provided, however, that benefits shall be charged against an employer if an eligible individual is paid benefits who is still working for such employer on a part-time "as-needed" basis;

7. Was hired to replace a United States serviceman or servicewoman called into active duty and was laid off upon the return to work by that serviceman or servicewoman, unless such employer is a state agency or other political subdivision or instrumentality of the state;

8. Was paid benefits during any week while in training with the approval of the department, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513B, or for any week while in training approved under Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, under the provisions of Section 71-5-513C;

9. Is not required to serve the one-week waiting period as described in Section 71-5-505(2). In that event, only the benefits paid in lieu of the waiting period week may be noncharged; or

10. Was paid benefits as a result of a fraudulent claim, provided notification was made to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security in writing or by email by the employer, within ten (10) days of the mailing of the notice of claim filed to the employer's last-known address.

(iii) Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, an employer shall not be noncharged when the department finds that the employer or the employer's agent of record was at fault for failing to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information relating to an unemployment claim that was subsequently determined to be improperly paid, unless the employer or the employer's agent of record shows good cause for having failed to respond timely or adequately to the request of the department for information. For purposes of this subparagraph "good cause" means an event that prevents the employer or employer's agent of record from timely responding, and includes a natural disaster, emergency or similar event, or an illness on the part of the employer, the employer's agent of record, or their staff charged with responding to such inquiries when there is no other individual who has the knowledge or ability to respond. Any agency error that resulted in a delay in, or the failure to deliver notice to, the employer or the employer's agent of record shall also be considered good cause for purposes of this subparagraph.

(iv) The department shall compute a benefit ratio for each eligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to his or her experience-rating record during the period his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable, but not less than the twelve (12) consecutive calendar-month period nor more than the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date. Such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of a percent (.1%), rounding any remainder to the next higher tenth.

(v) 1. The unemployment insurance contribution rate for each eligible employer shall be the sum of two (2) rates: his or her individual experience rate in the range from zero percent (0%) to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), plus a general experience rate. In no event shall the resulting unemployment insurance rate be in excess of five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), however, it is the intent of this section to provide the ability for employers to have a tax rate, the general experience rate plus the individual experience rate, of up to five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

2. The employer's individual experience rate shall be equal to his or her benefit ratio as computed under paragraph (b)(iv) of this subsection (2).

3. The general experience rate shall be determined in the following manner: The department shall determine annually, for the thirty-six (36) consecutive calendar-month period ending on the computation date, the amount of benefits which were not charged to the record of any employer and of benefits which were ineffectively charged to the employer's experience-rating record. For the purposes of this item 3, the term "ineffectively charged benefits" shall include:

a. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all eligible employers which caused their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%);

b. The total of the amounts of benefits charged to the experience-rating records of all ineligible employers which would cause their benefit ratios to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%) if they were eligible employers; and

c. The total of the amounts of benefits charged or chargeable to the experience-rating record of any employer who has discontinued his or her business or whose coverage has been terminated within such period; provided, that solely for the purposes of determining the amounts of ineffectively charged benefits as herein defined, a "benefit ratio" shall be computed for each ineligible employer, which shall be the quotient obtained by dividing the total benefits charged to

his or her experience-rating record throughout the period ending on the computation date, during which his or her experience-rating record has been chargeable with benefits, by his or her total taxable payroll for the same period on which all unemployment insurance contributions due have been paid on or before the September 30 immediately following the computation date; and provided further, that such benefit ratio shall be computed to the tenth of one percent (.1%) and any remainder shall be rounded to the next higher tenth.

The ratio of the sum of these amounts (subsection (2)(b)(v)3a, b and c) to the taxable wages paid during the same period divided by all eligible employers whose benefit ratio did not exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%), computed to the next higher tenth of one percent (.1%), shall be the general experience rate; however, the general experience rate for rate year 2014 shall be two tenths of one percent (.2%) and to that will be added the employer's individual experience rate for the total unemployment insurance rate.

4. a. Except as otherwise provided in this item 4, the general experience rate shall be adjusted by use of the size of fund index factor. This factor may be positive or negative, and shall be determined as follows: From the target SOFI, as defined in subsection (1)(k) of this section, subtract the simple average of the current and preceding years' exposure criterions divided by the cost rate criterion, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section. The result is then multiplied by the product of the CRC, as defined in subsection (1)(j) of this section, and total wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30 divided by the taxable wages for the twelve-month period ending June 30. This is the percentage positive or negative added to the general experience rate. The sum of the general experience rate and the trust fund adjustment factor shall be multiplied by fifty percent (50%) and this product shall be computed to one (1) decimal place, and rounded to the next higher tenth.

b. Notwithstanding the minimum rate provisions as set forth in subsection (1)(l) of this section, the general experience rate of all employers shall be reduced by seven one-hundredths of one percent (.07%) for calendar year 2013 only.

5. The general experience rate shall be zero percent (0%) unless the general experience ratio for any tax year as computed and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%) is an amount equal to or greater than two-tenths of one percent (.2%), then the general experience rate shall be the computed general experience ratio and adjusted on the basis of the trust fund adjustment factor and reduced by fifty percent (50%); however, in no case shall the sum of the general experience plus the individual experience unemployment insurance rate exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%). For rate years subsequent to 2014, Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training contribution rate, and/or State Workforce Investment contribution rate, and/or Mississippi Works contribution rate, when in effect, shall be added to the unemployment contribution rate, regardless of whether the addition of this contribution rate causes the total contribution rate for the employer to exceed five and four-tenths percent (5.4%).

6. The department shall include in its annual rate notice to employers a brief explanation of the elements of the general experience rate, and shall include in its regular publications an annual analysis of benefits not charged to the record of any employer, and of the benefit experience of employers by industry group whose benefit ratio exceeds four percent (4%), and of any other factors which may affect the size of the general experience rate.

7. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the general experience rate for calendar year 2021 shall be zero percent (0%). Charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period March 8, 2020, through June 30, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2021 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years. Moreover, charges attributed to each employer's individual experience rate for the period July 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, will not impact the employer's individual experience rate calculations for purposes of calculating the total unemployment insurance rate for 2022 and the two (2) subsequent tax rate years.

(vi) When any employing unit in any manner succeeds to or acquires the organization, trade, business or substantially all the assets thereof of an employer, excepting any assets retained by such employer incident to the liquidation of his or her obligations, whether or not such acquiring employing unit was an employer within the meaning of Section 71-5-11, subsection H, prior to such acquisition, and continues such organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessor employer shall be transferred as of the date of acquisition to the successor employer for the purpose of rate determination.

(vii) When any employing unit succeeds to or acquires a distinct and severable portion of an organization, trade or business, the experience-rating and payroll records of such portion, if separately identifiable, shall be transferred to the successor upon:

1. The mutual consent of the predecessor and the successor;

2. Approval of the department;

3. Continued operation of the transferred portion by the successor after transfer; and

4. The execution and the filing with the department by the predecessor employer of a waiver relinquishing all rights to have the experience-rating and payroll records of the transferred portion used for the purpose of determining modified rates of contribution for such predecessor.

(viii) If the successor was an employer subject to this chapter prior to the date of acquisition, it shall continue to pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to it from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date of acquisition, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions at the rate applicable to the predecessor or, if more than one (1) predecessor and the same rate is applicable to both, the rate applicable to the predecessor or predecessors, from the date the acquisition occurred until the end of the then current tax year. If the successor was not an employer prior to the date the acquisition occurred and simultaneously acquires the businesses of two (2) or more employers to whom different rates of unemployment insurance contributions are applicable, it shall pay unemployment insurance contributions from the date of the acquisition until the end of the current tax year at a rate computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the predecessors as of the computation date for such tax year. In all cases the rate of unemployment insurance contributions applicable to such successor for each succeeding tax year shall be computed on the basis of the combined experience-rating and payroll records of the successor and the predecessor or predecessors.

(ix) The department shall notify each employer quarterly of the benefits paid and charged to his or her experience-rating record; and such notification, in the absence of an application for redetermination filed within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, shall be final, conclusive and binding upon the employer for all purposes. A redetermination, made after notice and opportunity for a fair hearing, by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related applications and protests; and the finding of fact in connection therewith may be introduced into any subsequent administrative or judicial proceedings involving the determination of the rate of unemployment insurance contributions of any employer for any tax year, and shall be entitled to the same finality as is provided in this subsection with respect to the findings of fact in proceedings to redetermine the contribution rate of an employer.

(x) The department shall notify each employer of his or her rate of contribution as determined for any tax year as soon as reasonably possible after September 1 of the preceding year. Such determination shall be final, conclusive and binding upon such employer unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of such notice to his or her last-known address, the employer files with the department an application for review and redetermination of his or her contribution rate, setting forth his or her reasons therefor. If the department grants such review, the employer shall be promptly notified thereof and shall be afforded an opportunity for a fair hearing by a hearing officer designated by the department who shall consider and decide these and related



applications and protests; but no employer shall be allowed, in any proceeding involving his or her rate of unemployment insurance contributions or contribution liability, to contest the chargeability to his or her account of any benefits paid in accordance with a determination, redetermination or decision pursuant to Sections 71-5-515 through 71-5-533 except upon the ground that the services on the basis of which such benefits were found to be chargeable did not constitute services performed in employment for him or her, and then only in the event that he or she was not a party to such determination, redetermination, decision or to any other proceedings provided in this chapter in which the character of such services was determined. The employer shall be promptly notified of the denial of this application or of the redetermination, both of which shall become final unless, within ten (10) days after the date of notice thereof, there shall be an appeal to the department itself. Any such appeal shall be on the record before said designated hearing officer, and the decision of said department shall become final unless, within thirty (30) days after the date of notice thereof to the employer's last-known address, there shall be an appeal to the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in accordance with the provisions of law with respect to review of civil causes by certiorari.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following shall apply regarding assignment of rates and transfers of experience:

(a) (i) If an employer transfers its trade or business, or a portion thereof, to another employer and, at the time of the transfer, there is substantially common ownership, management or control of the two (2) employers, then the unemployment experience attributable to the transferred trade or business shall be transferred to the employer to whom such business is so transferred. The rates of both employers shall be recalculated and made effective on January 1 of the year following the year the transfer occurred.

(ii) If, following a transfer of experience under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (a), the department determines that a substantial purpose of the transfer of trade or business was to obtain a reduced liability of unemployment insurance contributions, then the experience-rating accounts of the employers involved shall be combined into a single account and a single rate assigned to such account.

(b) Whenever a person who is not an employer or an employing unit under this chapter at the time it acquires the trade or business of an employer, the unemployment experience of the acquired business shall not be transferred to such person if the department finds that such person acquired the business solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions. Instead, such person shall be assigned the new employer rate under Section 71-5-353, unless assignment of the new employer rate results in an increase of less than two percent (2%), in which case such person would be assigned the new employer rate plus an additional two percent (2%) penalty for the rate year. In determining whether the business was acquired solely or primarily for the purpose of obtaining a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions, the department shall use objective factors which may include the cost of acquiring the business, whether the person continued the business enterprise of the acquired business, how long such business enterprise was continued, or whether a substantial number of new employees were hired for performance of duties unrelated to the business activity conducted prior to acquisition.

(c) (i) If a person knowingly violates or attempts to violate paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection or any other provision of this chapter related to determining the assignment of a contribution rate, or if a person knowingly advises another person in a way that results in a violation of such provision, the person shall be subject to the following penalties:

1. If the person is an employer, then such employer shall be assigned the highest rate assignable under this chapter for the rate year during which such violation or attempted violation occurred and the three (3) rate years immediately following this rate year. However, if the person's business is already at such highest rate for any year, or if the amount of increase in the person's rate would be less than two percent (2%) for such year, then the person's tax rate shall be increased by two percent (2%) for such year. The penalty rate will apply to the successor business

as well as the related entity from which the employees were transferred in an effort to obtain a lower rate of unemployment insurance contributions.

2. If the person is not an employer, such person shall be subject to a civil money penalty of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Each such transaction for which advice was given and each occurrence or reoccurrence after notification being given by the department shall be a separate offense and punishable by a separate penalty. Any such fine shall be deposited in the penalty and interest account established under Section 71-5-114.

(ii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "knowingly" means having actual knowledge of or acting with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard for the prohibition involved.

(iii) For purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "violates or attempts to violate" includes, but is not limited to, intent to evade, misrepresentation or willful nondisclosure.

(iv) In addition to the penalty imposed by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (c), any violation of this subsection may be punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. This subsection shall prohibit prosecution under any other criminal statute of this state.

(d) The department shall establish procedures to identify the transfer or acquisition of a business for purposes of this subsection.

(e) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) "Person" has the meaning given such term by Section 7701(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

(ii) "Employing unit" has the meaning as set forth in Section 71-5-11.

(f) This subsection shall be interpreted and applied in such a manner as to meet the minimum requirements contained in any guidance or regulations issued by the United States Department of Labor.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29, CHAPTER 102, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT NAMES AND PURPOSES OF VARIOUS PROJECTS FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 20, CHAPTER 100, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO CLARIFY THE NAME OF A RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FROM THE GULF COAST RESTORATION FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 11, CHAPTER 82, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO AUTHORIZE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO TRANSFER CAPITAL EXPENSE FUNDS WITHIN THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE FEDERAL GRANT MATCHING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 51, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO CORRECT THE NAME OF AN EVENT FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 8, CHAPTER 46, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 TO CHANGE THE AMOUNT THAT IS AVAILABLE IN THE SUPPORT PROGRAMS BUDGET; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ACCRUED PERSONAL, MEDICAL AND COMPENSATORY LEAVE BALANCES EARNED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CAPITOL POLICE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 25, CHAPTER 101, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

TO REMOVE CERTAIN HIGHWAYS DESIGNATED FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS, WIDENING AND/OR OVERLAY; TO AMEND SECTION 4, CHAPTER 87, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO GRANT TEMPORARY COVID-19 ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; TO AMEND SECTION 71-5-355, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE DECEMBER 31 AS THE DATE FOR CALCULATING THE EXPOSURE CRITERION FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2020 AND 2021; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, David Parker  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2810: State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-1-98, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-1-98. (1) (a) In addition to any other times required by statute, all state offices shall be open and staffed for the normal conduct of business from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays as set forth in Section 3-3-7. The Governor may designate certain state offices and institutions as providers of essential services and require that they be open and staffed on legal holidays. The Board of Directors of the Mississippi Industries for the Blind may, in its discretion, require that its offices and operations be open and staffed on legal holidays. Employees required to work on legal holidays shall earn compensatory leave under the provisions of Section 25-3-92. No employee shall receive additional vacation or sick leave benefits for working on a legal holiday, nor shall this section be construed to authorize any additional compensation as an alternative to the accrual of compensatory leave except as specifically provided for in a legislative appropriation. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to limit the hours of operation of any agency or to abrogate any action taken during hours other than those stated, nor shall these provisions apply to any offices that do not customarily stay open five (5) days a week. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the military department of the State of Mississippi or to the armories, field training sites, air bases or other installations of the Mississippi National Guard.

(b) A workday for a state employee in a full-time employment position shall be eight (8) hours in duration at a minimum exclusive of time off for meals. The appointing authority shall develop work schedules which ensure that each full-time employee works a full workday and shall provide the State Auditor with a copy of the regular work schedule of the appointing authority.

(2) An appointing authority of any state service agency within the meaning of Section 25-9-107 may authorize telework for one or more of its employees in accordance with a telework policy, approved by the State Personnel Board, as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) In order to implement a telework policy for one or more of its employees, an appointing authority shall:

(a) Determine whether or not telework is in the best interest of the agency. In doing so, the appointing authority shall seek guidance from the State Personnel Board in determining what forms of work activities can be effectively and efficiently managed through a telework arrangement;

(b) Establish procedures to protect any information that is privileged or confidential under state or federal law;

(c) Require all teleworking employees to sign a telework agreement that includes their work schedule, provides for supervisory oversight through the review of work product and deliverables on a regular basis, requires the protection of privileged or confidential information that is managed remotely on an agency computer or other devices, establishes protocols for accessibility to coworkers and clients, workplace safety, and any other matters deemed appropriate by the appointing authority; and

(d) Establish work schedules that ensure that some personnel are at the appointing authority's offices to provide direct contact with the public.

(4) For purposes of subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the term "telework" shall mean a work flexibility arrangement under which an employee performs duties, responsibilities, or other authorized activities from an approved worksite other than the location from which the employee would otherwise work.

(5) All agencies that allow employees to telework shall report to the State Personnel Board the names of the employees, their job titles, office schedule and telework schedule, who are performing telework for their agencies. On or before December 31 of each year, the State Personnel Board shall make a report related to the utilization of telework policies to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

(6) The State Personnel Board may promulgate rules for the Administration of this section which shall be binding upon state service agencies within the meaning of Section 25-9-107.

(7) Subsections (2) through (6) of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-98, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING STATE EMPLOYEES TO ENGAGE IN TELEWORK; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell, David Blount

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by JSU Development Foundation.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2893: Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) Jackson State University, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, is authorized to enter into a ground lease, management and maintenance agreement, or an agreement to lease or sell part of its real property, or property which will have been acquired by Jackson State University from the Jackson State University Development Foundation, to a private entity, its successors and assigns, related to the ownership, leasing, renovating development, construction, furnishing, maintenance and equipping of facilities by the private entity for the housing of Jackson State University students, faculty, staff and visitors within such facilities and/or other commercial development on property located within and outside the current campus of Jackson State University in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. Any ground lease, management and maintenance agreement authorized under this act shall not exceed a term of forty (40) years. The properties that shall be subject to an agreement authorized under this act are, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel No.	Current Owner	Location	Legal Description			
143-43	Jackson State Univ Dev	West Pascagoula Street	BEG IN E 1/2 LOT 9	CLIFTON	EST	
SY BEG						
	Foundation				INT	
S/L PASCAGOULA						

ST & W/L CLIFTON

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W 34 FT S 131.5 FT

SW/LY 4.4 FT S 38.9

FT E 32 FT NE/LY 35

FT N 38.5 FT E

143-43-1	Jackson State Univ Dev	West Pascagoula Street	4 FT N 93 FT TO POB	PT	LOT	9
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	Foundation				SY	
60.33 FT S/S PEARL						

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LOT 19 IN LOG 19

144-112	Jackson State Univ Dev	824 Canal Street	ALL LOT 33 & PT LOT 34	BLK	C	
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	Foundation				BEG	
SW COR LOT 35 BLK						

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144-112-1	Jackson State	834 Canal	ALL LOT 35 & PT LOT			
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144-23-1	Jackson State 821 West Univ Dev	Pearl	LOT 3	BLK 17	OLIN SY
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					S/L PEARL ST E 85 FT
					S 41.6 FT W 85 FT N
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144-23-2	Jackson State 514 Poindexter		TO POB PT	LOT 4	BLK

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E 13.8 FT S 50 FT W			
85 FT N 59.6 FT			
144-23-3	Jackson State Univ Dev	508 Poindexter Street	TO POB PT LOT 4 BLK 17 OLIN SY BEG
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OLIN SY N 47.8			
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144-25	Jackson State Univ Dev	827 Deterly Alley	100 FT S END W 1/2 LOT 6 BLK 17
OLIN			
	Foundation		
SURVEY			
144-27	Jackson State Univ Dev	826 West Pascagoula	BLK 17 OLIN SY 40 FT E & W X 90
FT N &			
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OF NE			
144-28-1	Jackson State Univ Dev	821 Dudleys Alley	COR LOT 7 BLK 17 OLIN SURVEY 48 FT
E & W X			
	Foundation		94 FT
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1/2 LOT 7			
144-30	Jackson State Univ Dev	Dudleys Alley	SURVEY 50 FT E & W X 100 FT N & S IN
SE			
	Foundation		COR
LOT 8			
144-36	Jackson State Univ Dev	719 West Pearl Street	62.2 FT E/S LOT 3 BLK 18 OLIN SURVEY
	Foundation		
144-38	Jackson State Univ Dev	West Pearl Street	LOT 4 BLK 18 OLIN
	Foundation		
SURVEY			
144-39	Jackson State Univ Dev	West Pascagoula	E 1/2 LOT 6 BLK 18 OLIN SURVEY
W 1/2			
	Foundation	Street	LOT 6 LESS 60
FT S			
END BLK 18 OLIN SY			
144-42-10	Jackson State Univ Dev	West Pascagoula	40.5 FT W/S LOT 9 BLK B
CHAPMAN SMYLIE			
	Foundation	Street	SUBN LOT 10
BLK B			



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144-42-2 Jackson State Minerva 20.4 FT S/S PEARL ST  
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144-42-5 Jackson State Minerva LOT 5 BLK B CHAPMAN  
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144-42-8 Jackson State 426 Olin 48 FT S/S LOT 8 BLK B  
Univ Dev Street CHAPMAN  
SMYLIE SUBN  
Foundation 28 FT  
N/S LOT 8 BLK  
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(2) The ownership of all property and any improvements and/or facilities thereon which are the subject of any management and maintenance agreement, lease agreement or other type of contract authorized in this act, if not already owned by Jackson State University, shall be transferred without cost to Jackson State University from the private entity at the conclusion of such agreement or other contract. The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights to the real property leased and/or sold under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to correct any discrepancies in the property descriptions provided in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO A GROUND LEASE, SALE, MANAGEMENT OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OWNED OR TO BE OWNED BY THE UNIVERSITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, Nicole Boyd, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, John Read, Christopher M. Bell

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Huddleston, Ladner, McGee, Rushing. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 770: Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act".

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Employee" means any individual who is employed to work forty (40) or more hours a week and who is employed by an employer, including individuals employed by the state or any of its political subdivisions or instrumentalities of subdivisions.

(b) "Employer" means any person who employs five (5) or more employees.

(c) "Wage" means and includes all compensation paid by an employer or his or her agent for the performance of service by an employee, including the cash value of all compensation paid in any medium other than cash.

(d) "Rate" with reference to wages means the basis of compensation for services by an employee for an employer and includes compensation based on time spent in the performance of such services, on the number of operations accomplished, or on the quality produced or handled.

(e) "Unpaid wages" means the difference between the wages actually paid to an employee and the wages required to be paid to an employee as provided in this act.

(f) "Skill" means and shall be measured by factors such as experience, ability, education and training that are required to perform a job.

(g) "Effort" means the amount of physical or mental exertion needed to perform a job.

(h) "Responsibility" means the degree of accountability required to perform the job.

(i) "Working Conditions" means and includes the following two (2) factors:

(i) The physical surroundings of a job including, but not limited to, temperature, fumes and ventilation; and

(ii) The hazards of the job.

SECTION 3. (1) No employer may pay an employee a wage at a rate less than the rate at which an employee of the opposite sex in the same establishment is paid for equal work on a job, the performance of which requires equal skill, education, effort and responsibility, and which is performed under similar working conditions, except where payment is made pursuant to differential based on:

(a) A seniority system;

(b) A merit system;

(c) A system which measures earnings by quantity or quality of production; or

(d) Any other factor other than sex. "Any other factor other than sex" shall include, but not be limited to, the following factors:

(i) The salary history or continuity of employment history demonstrated by the employee as compared to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment;

(ii) The extent to which there was competition with other employers for the employee's services as compared to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment; and

(iii) The extent to which the employee attempted to negotiate for higher wages as compared to employees of the opposite sex in the same establishment.

(2) (a) The provisions of this act may be enforced by private action in a civil suit in the circuit court in the county in Mississippi where the cause of action occurred pursuant to the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) If an employer is found to have violated the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the employee shall be awarded reasonable attorney's fees, prejudgment interest, back pay and costs of the action.

(3) An employer who is paying a wage differential in violation of this act shall not, in order to comply with this act, reduce the wage rate of any employee.

(4) No employer may discharge, discriminate or in any way retaliate against any employee by reason of any action taken by the employee to invoke or assist in any manner the enforcement of this act.

SECTION 4. (1) A civil action brought under this act may be commenced no later than two (2) years from the day the employee knew or should have known his or her employer was in violation of this act.

(2) If an employee brings a claim under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, a separate action may not be maintained under this act. If an employee brings a claim under this act, then later initiates a claim under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the action brought under this act shall be dismissed with prejudice. An employee who seeks relief under this act must first waive any right to relief under the Equal Pay Act of 1963.

(3) (a) For any action under this act, published precedents of the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and federal district courts embracing the circuit court in which any action under this act is pending, deciding cases under the Equal Pay Act of 1963, after which this act is patterned, shall be considered mandatory authority and shall be followed by the circuit court in which the action is pending, until there is a contrary ruling interpreting this act by the Mississippi Supreme Court or the Mississippi Court of Appeals.

(b) If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or any part of this act passed is declared to be unconstitutional or void, or if for any reason is declared to be invalid or of no effect, the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases

or parts thereof shall be in no manner affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI EQUAL PAY ACT; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "EMPLOYEE", "EMPLOYER", "WAGE", "RATE", AND "UNPAID WAGES"; TO PROVIDE THAT NO EMPLOYER SHALL PAY AN EMPLOYEE A WAGE AT A RATE LESS THAN THE RATE AT WHICH AN EMPLOYEE OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE SAME ESTABLISHMENT IS PAID FOR EQUAL WORK ON A JOB, THE PERFORMANCE OF WHICH REQUIRES EQUAL SKILL, EFFORT AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND WHICH IS PERFORMED UNDER SIMILAR WORKING CONDITIONS; TO PROVIDE REMEDIES; TO PROVIDE THE TIME IN WHICH A CIVIL ACTION MUST BE FILED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Angela Cockerham, Jason White, Mark Tullos

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Huddleston. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Gibbs, D, Williams-Barnes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Gibbs (72nd) unanimous consent was granted to insert the following into the Journal:

The passage of the Equal Pay Bill in the Mississippi legislature on its face appear to be a victory for women-but was it really?

Mississippi is the last State in the nation to pass an equal pay law. However, Advocates feel it is inconsistent, and narrowly scoped according to the trend in state and federal law.

The bill spells out "other factors" that could be considered by employers which could be used to justify a pay gap, rather than leaving the interpretation open to the courts.

It's argued these factors would contribute to a wage gap, and then codified into law.

I favor a Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act which would not have factors to justify a pay gap.

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 881: University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-23-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-23-31. (1) (a) When five (5) or more children under twenty-one (21) years of age who, because of \*\*\* significant developmental disabilities, complex communication needs, significant language or learning deficits or any combination of either, are unable to have their educational needs met appropriately in a regular or special education public school program \*\*\* within their local public school districts, a state-supported university or college shall be authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to provide a program of education, instruction and training to such children, provided that such program shall operate under rules, regulations, policies and standards adopted by the State Department of Education, as provided for in Section 37-23-33. The opinion of a parent or guardian in regard to the provision of an appropriate special education program in or by their respective local public school district shall be considered before a placement decision is finalized. Parents of students enrolled in a local education agency (LEA) shall have any and all rights as provided in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, including, but not limited to, the right to equal participation in their child's Individualized Education Program (IEP), the right to require review of their child's IEP, and the right to appeal an IEP Committee decision immediately. The parent or guardian or local educational agency shall have the right to audio record the proceedings of individualized education program team meetings. The parent or guardian or local educational agency shall notify the members of the individualized education program team of his, her, or its intent to audio record a meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

(b) Instructors, including speech-language pathologists, educational audiologists and special and early childhood educators are qualified and empowered to serve as the lead teacher for children enrolled within the state-supported university's or college's university-based program (UBP) through the IDEA-Part C and IDEA-Part B eligibility and placement process upon completing instructional licensure requirements for the purposes of funding MAEP special education teacher units.

(c) Due to the significance of the needs of the children served through the UBP, general education setting requirements may not be applicable as the least restrictive environment. Students enrolled in a UBP by a LEA shall meet all state educational requirements, including participation in statewide assessments. Justification for placement decisions is determined in conjunction with the LEA through each child's IEP for ages three (3) to twenty-one (21). The UBP shall submit to the local education agency and the parents of the student in the program a progress report each semester on

all IEP goals and objectives. The UBP and local education agency shall confer annually to develop the IEP for each student enrolled in the UBP.

(2) Any state-supported university or college conducting a full-time medical teaching program acceptable to the State Board of Education may, at its discretion, enter into such contracts or agreements with any private school or nonprofit corporation-supported institution, the Mississippi School for the Deaf, or any state-supported institution, providing the special education contemplated by this section for such services, provided the private school or institution offering such services shall have conducted a program of such services at standards acceptable to the State Department of Education for a period of at least one (1) year prior to the date at which the university or college proposes to enter into an agreement or contract for special educational services as described above.

SECTION 2. Section 37-23-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-23-33. (1) Such program of education, instruction and training as is provided for in Section 37-23-31 shall be furnished in such manner as shall be provided by rules and regulations adopted by the State Board of Education, which for such purposes shall have the full power to adopt such rules, regulations, policies and standards as it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Sections 37-23-31 through 37-23-35, including the establishment of qualifications \* \* \* consistent with the requirements of subsection (2) of this section for any teachers employed under the provisions thereof. It is expressly provided, however, that no program of education, instruction and training shall be furnished except in a university or college supported by the State of Mississippi and only in cases where such university or college shall consent thereto and shall provide any classroom space, furniture and facilities which may be deemed necessary in carrying out the provisions of those sections.

(2) Speech-language pathologists, educational audiologists, and special and early childhood educators are qualified and authorized to serve as the lead teacher for children enrolled in a university or college-based program through the IDEA-Part C and IDEA-Part B eligibility and placement process. Whenever communication is a primary area of concern on a child's Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP), a speech-language pathologist or educational audiologist may serve as the lead instructor with an educator serving as a related service provider as necessary to meet the educational needs of the child. Speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists must undergo extensive college coursework in communication-based disorders impacting multiple areas of development, including cognition. The content of the college coursework must include typical and atypical development for ages birth through death. In addition to completing the college coursework, these instructional providers must meet all instructional licensure requirements as set forth by the State Department of Education for the purpose of funding MAEP special education teacher units.

(3) The State Department of Education through its general supervision responsibilities set forth by the Office of Special Education Programs at the United States Department of Education, shall require that the program of education, instruction and training be designed to provide individualized appropriate special education and related services that enable a child to reach his or her appropriate and uniquely designed goals for success.

(4) A university- or college-based program must submit all reports and data required by the State Department of Education on the same or similar time schedule and in the same or similar manner that same or similar reports and data must be submitted to the department by local educational agencies.

SECTION 3. Section 37-23-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-23-35. (1) When any children who are residents of the State of Mississippi and qualify under the provisions of Section 37-23-31, \* \* \* are provided a program of education, instruction and training within a school under the provisions of \* \* \* Section 37-23-31, the State Department of Education shall allocate one (1) teacher unit for each approved class. The allocation of funds for each teacher unit shall be based on the teacher's certification and shall be in accordance with \* \* \* Section 37-19-7. The

department shall complete provisional teacher unit approval for university or college-based programs at the same time teacher units are approved for local educational agencies. The university or college shall be eligible for state and federal funds for such programs \* \* \* in accordance with IDEA. The university or college shall be responsible for providing for the additional costs of the program.

(2) IDEA-Part B and preschool allocations for each LEA shall be determined and calculated by the State Department of Education with notification provided to the UBP of the total amount of funds being distributed to the LEA. The LEA and UBP shall enter into a collaborative agreement that describes the services provided and the funds required for such services.

(3) State funds for transportation, extended school year and teacher unit allocations, including National Board Certification/Speech-Language Pathology Supplements, shall be distributed by the State Department of Education directly to the state-supported university or college for students placed either through the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process or who are parentally placed. The university based program (UBP) shall submit this information directly to the State Department of Education.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-23-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE STUDENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, COMPLEX COMMUNICATION NEEDS, SIGNIFICANT LANGUAGE OR LEARNING DEFICITS, WHO ARE UNABLE TO SUFFICIENTLY HAVE THEIR EDUCATIONAL NEEDS MET WITHIN THEIR PUBLIC SCHOOL'S REGULAR OR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL INSTRUCTION, TRAINING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FROM A STATE-SUPPORTED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE SUCH INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING; TO AUTHORIZE QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS WHO HOLD THE APPROPRIATE LICENSURE ENDORSEMENTS TO SERVE AS THE LEAD TEACHER FOR CHILDREN ENROLLED WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY BASED PROGRAM (UBP) THROUGH THE IDEA-PART C AND IDEA-PART B ELIGIBILITY AND PLACEMENT PROCESS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE PLACEMENT OF EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS AGES 3 TO 21 IS DETERMINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THROUGH THE STUDENT'S IEP; TO AMEND SECTION 37-23-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, EDUCATIONAL AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPECIAL AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS WHO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A LEAD TEACHER IN A UNIVERSITY-BASED PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE UNIVERSITY-BASED PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT THE SAME TIME THAT SUCH REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED BY LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 37-23-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE IDEA-PART B AND PRESCHOOL ALLOCATIONS FOR EACH LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY TO BE CALCULATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO REQUIRE A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND THE UBP; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DISTRIBUTE ALL NECESSARY STATE FUNDS DIRECTLY TO THE STATE-SUPPORTED UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Missy McGee

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, Nicole Boyd

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd,

Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Jackson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Pigott called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1065**: (Nuisance animals; prohibit the transportation, importation and release of wild hogs.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yancey introduced the Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team and the Jackson Prep "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team, S. C. R. No. 565 and S. C. R. No. 570.

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2424**: School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2424: School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, Chris Johnson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Jansen Owen

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson,



Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.  
Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2887: School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-41-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-41-81. The local school boards of this state are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, own and operate, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education, motor vehicles, electric vehicles and other equipment for the transportation of children to and from the public schools of the respective counties and school districts, and to provide for the servicing, repair, care and maintenance of such county or district-owned motor vehicles and to employ drivers for the operation thereof, and to establish, erect and equip school bus shops or garages, and purchase land therefor, all under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. Section 37-41-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-41-83. The school boards are authorized and empowered to expend the necessary amounts from the available transportation funds of the school district for the purchase of such transportation equipment, the servicing, repair and maintenance thereof and for the payment of the salaries of persons employed to drive or operate such transportation equipment, and to establish, erect and equip school bus shops or garages, and purchase land therefor.

SECTION 3. Section 37-41-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-41-85. No school board shall purchase any school bus or pupil transportation service vehicle as authorized by Section 37-41-81 except in the manner

prescribed in Section 37-41-101. No school bus shall be purchased or otherwise acquired which does not conform to the specifications provided by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 4. Section 37-41-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

37-41-101. (1) The State Board of Education is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for and receive sealed bids and proposals for sale of school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units to the school boards of school districts in this state. The State Board of Education shall approve persons, firms, corporations or associations authorized to sell school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units, and shall establish prices relative thereto based upon the lowest and best bids, which school districts may not exceed in purchasing such equipment. In determining the lowest and best bids received for such equipment, there shall be included as part of the total cost thereof any transportation or freight charges which will be incurred. The State Board of Education may permit all such bidders to sell said equipment provided that the bidders agree to sell the equipment at prices established based upon the lowest and best bid and in compliance with rules and regulations relative thereto promulgated by the state board. Persons, firms, corporations or associations permitted to sell school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units shall be limited to those actually submitting bids for consideration by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall reserve the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

(2) School boards may purchase school bus bodies and school buses sold as complete units without additional advertisement for bids, provided that the prices for such equipment do not exceed the maximum allowable prices established under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, and that said purchases are in compliance with the conditions specified therein. All such purchases shall be subject to the approval of the State Department of Education, which shall verify compliance with the applicable specifications, rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

(3) In addition to the method of purchasing authorized under this section, school boards are hereby authorized to advertise for and accept the lowest and best bid received for the purchase of school bus chassis and/or pupil transportation service vehicles. Provided, however, that local school governing boards may purchase school bus chassis and/or pupil transportation service vehicles from any motor vehicle dealer domiciled within the county of such governing board, whose bid does not exceed a sum equal to three percent (3%) greater than the price or cost which the dealer pays the manufacturer, as evidenced by the factory invoice for such vehicles. In the event said county does not have an authorized motor vehicle dealer, said board may, in like manner, receive and accept bids from motor vehicle dealers in any adjoining county. No purchase of school bus chassis or service vehicles under the provisions of this subsection shall be valid unless the purchase is made according to statutory bidding and licensing requirements. All purchases under provisions of this subsection shall be subject to the approval of the State Department of Education, which shall verify compliance with the applicable specifications, rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education.

(4) Upon application to and approval by the State Department of Education, school governing boards are hereby authorized to purchase used school buses and used pupil transportation service vehicles, provided that said vehicles meet applicable specifications and the purchase price does not exceed their fair market value. Said fair market value shall be determined by an appraisal by three (3) experienced and impartial citizens, the selection of whom shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties thereto. Said appraisers may be subject to approval by the State Department of Education. Maximum regard for pupil safety and adequate protection of health shall be primary requirements which shall be observed by local school governing boards in purchasing used school buses. The State Department of Education may inspect or have inspected any used school bus prior to purchase to determine whether said bus meets requirements of law and regulations of the state board.

(5) In the event the school board shall have determined that school buses or pupil transportation service vehicles are no longer needed for the transportation of pupils in such school district, such equipment may be sold to another school district without the necessity of advertising for bids. The school district proposing to sell the buses or service

vehicles and the school district proposing to purchase such equipment shall agree upon a fair and reasonable price therefor. The agreement shall be spread upon the minutes of the boards of the respective school districts and shall be subject to the prior approval of the State Department of Education, which shall verify compliance with applicable specifications, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-81, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL BOARDS MAY PURCHASE, OWN AND OPERATE ELECTRIC VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN TO AND FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 37-41-83, 37-41-85 AND 37-41-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, Scott DeLano  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett (No Signature), Kent McCarty, Jansen Owen

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Ladner, McLeod, Patterson, Tubb. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Present--Rushing. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

At 10:53 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:13 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 833:** Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1108:** Taxation; authorize income tax credit for certain railroad expenditures, allow ad valorem tax exemption for certain property.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1108: Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) The following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible taxpayer" means any railroad that is classified by the United States Surface Transportation Board as a Class II or Class III railroad.

(b) "Eligible transferee" means any taxpayer having a liability for taxes under this chapter.

(c) "Qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures" means gross expenditures for maintenance, reconstruction or replacement of railroad infrastructure, including track, roadbed, bridges, industrial leads and sidings, and track-related structures owned or leased by a Class II or Class III railroad in Mississippi as of January 1, 2022.

(d) "Qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures" means gross expenditures for new construction of industrial leads, switches, spurs and sidings and extensions of existing sidings, for serving new customer locations or expansions in Mississippi, by a Class II or Class III railroad located in Mississippi.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, an eligible taxpayer making qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures shall be allowed a credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter. The credit shall be for an amount equal to the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of an eligible taxpayer's qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures for the taxable year or the product of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) multiplied by the number of miles of railroad track owned or leased within the State of Mississippi by the eligible taxpayer as of the close of the taxable year. For qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures, the credit shall be for an amount equal to the lesser of fifty percent (50%) of an eligible taxpayer's qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures for the taxable year, capped at One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per new rail-served customer project. However, the tax credit shall not exceed the amount of tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to the taxpayer under this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the taxable year in which the credit was earned. The aggregate amount of credits that may be claimed by all taxpayers claiming a credit under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00). In addition, an eligible taxpayer may transfer by written agreement any unused tax credit to an eligible transferee at any

time during the year in which the credit is earned and the five (5) years following the taxable year in which the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures or the qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures are made. The eligible taxpayer and the eligible transferee must jointly file a copy of the written transfer agreement with the Department of Revenue within thirty (30) days of the transfer. The written agreement must contain the: (a) name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the parties to the transfer; (b) taxable year the eligible taxpayer incurred the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures or the qualified new rail infrastructure expenditures; (c) amount of credit being transferred; and (d) taxable year or years for which the credit may be claimed by the eligible transferee.

This section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 27-31-104, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2095, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, \* \* \* 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects by a qualified business (as such term is defined in Section 57-117-3) meeting minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(iv) Projects, in addition to those projects referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24) months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the term "existing enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101; or

(v) A private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after January 1, 2014.

County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

(b) A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such

a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district located in the municipality; however, if the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

(4) The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be less than one-third (1/3), or one-tenth (1/10) if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 1, 2023, of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that the millage imposed for the school districts by the appropriate levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case may be, for the duration of the agreement.

(5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that amount or one-tenth (1/10) of that amount if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 1, 2023. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or (a) one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu or (b) if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 1, 2023, one-tenth (1/10) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

(7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and located in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the members of the regional economic development alliance may divide the sum allowed as a fee-in-lieu in a manner as determined by the alliance agreement, and the boards of supervisors of the member counties may then apportion the sum allowed between school district purposes and all other county purposes.

(8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is located may negotiate with the school district in which the project is located and apportion to the school district an amount of the fee-in-lieu that

is agreed upon in the negotiations different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the debt service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 57-75-37(3)(c).

(10) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.

[From and after July 1, \* \* \* 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

27-31-104. (1) (a) County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities are each hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with an enterprise granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes, including ad valorem taxes levied for school purposes, for the following:

(i) Projects totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by any new enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101;

(ii) Projects by a private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5, Mississippi Code of 1972) having a minimum capital investment of Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00);

(iii) Projects, in addition to those projects referenced in Section 27-31-105, totaling over Sixty Million Dollars (\$60,000,000.00) by an existing enterprise that has been doing business in the county or municipality for twenty-four (24) months. For purposes of this subparagraph (iii), the term "existing enterprise" includes those enterprises enumerated in Section 27-31-101; or

(iv) A private company (as such term is defined in Section 57-61-5) having a minimum capital investment of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00) from any source or combination of sources, provided that a majority of the capital investment is from private sources, when such project is located within a geographic area for which a Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on or after January 1, 2014.

County boards of supervisors and municipal authorities may not enter into an agreement with an enterprise that is a medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, granting, and pursuant to such agreement grant a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes.

(b) A fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted in accordance with this section may include any or all tangible property, real or personal, including any leasehold interests therein but excluding automobiles and trucks operating on and over the highways of the State of Mississippi, used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of any enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, whether or not such property is owned, leased, subleased, licensed or otherwise obtained by such enterprise, private company or business, as applicable, irrespective of the taxpayer to which any such leased property is assessed for ad valorem tax purposes. If a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes is granted pursuant to this section with respect to any leasehold interest under a lease, sublease or license of tangible property used in connection with, or necessary to, the operation of an enterprise, private company or business described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (1), as applicable, the corresponding ownership interest of the owner, lessor and sublessor of such tangible property shall similarly and automatically be exempt and subject to the fee-in-lieu granted in accordance herewith without any action being required to be taken by such owner, lessor or sublessor.

(2) A county board of supervisors may enter into a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the county and any county school district, and a municipality may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the municipality and any municipal school district located in the municipality; however, if the project is located outside the limits of a municipality but within the boundaries of the municipal school district, then the county board of supervisors may enter into such a fee-in-lieu agreement on behalf of the school district granting a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes for school district purposes.

(3) Any grant of a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes shall be evidenced by a written agreement negotiated by the enterprise and the county board of supervisors and/or municipal authority, as the case may be, and given final approval by the Mississippi Development Authority as satisfying the requirements of this section.

(4) The minimum sum allowable as a fee-in-lieu shall not be less than one-third (1/3), or one-tenth (1/10) if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 1, 2023, of the ad valorem levy, including ad valorem taxes for school district purposes, and except as otherwise provided, the sum allowed shall be apportioned between the county or municipality, as appropriate, and the school districts in such amounts as may be determined by the county board of supervisors or municipal governing authority, as the case may be, however, except as otherwise provided in this section, from the sum allowed the apportionment to school districts shall not be less than the school districts' pro rata share based upon the proportion that the millage imposed for the school districts by the appropriate levying authority bears to the millage imposed by such levying authority for all other county or municipal purposes. Any fee-in-lieu agreement entered into under this section shall become a binding obligation of the parties to the agreement, be effective upon its execution by the parties and approval by the Mississippi Development Authority and, except as otherwise provided in Section 17-25-23 or Section 57-75-33, or any other provision of law, continue in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) years commencing on the date that the fee-in-lieu granted thereunder begins in accordance with the agreement; however, no particular parcel of land, real property improvement or item of personal property shall be subject to a fee-in-lieu for a duration of more than ten (10) years. Any such agreement shall be binding, according to its terms, on future boards of supervisors of the county and/or governing authorities of a municipality, as the case may be, for the duration of the agreement.

(5) The fee-in-lieu may be a stated fraction or percentage of the ad valorem taxes otherwise payable or a stated dollar amount. If the fee is a fraction or percentage of the ad valorem tax levy, it shall be annually computed on all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable, including school taxes, as the same may vary from year to year based upon changes in the millage rate or assessed value and shall not be less than one-third (1/3) of that amount or one-tenth (1/10) of that amount if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 1, 2023. If the fee is a stated dollar amount, said amount shall be the higher of the sum provided for fixed payment or (a) one-third (1/3) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu or (b) if the project is also a project eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46 and a fee-in-lieu agreement is entered into before July 1, 2023, one-tenth (1/10) of the total of all ad valorem taxes otherwise payable as annually determined during each year of the fee-in-lieu.

(6) Notwithstanding Section 27-31-111, the parties to a fee-in-lieu may agree on terms and conditions providing for the reduction, suspension, termination or reinstatement of a fee-in-lieu agreement or any fee-in-lieu period granted thereunder upon the cessation of operations by project for twelve (12) or more consecutive months or due to other conditions set forth in the agreement.

(7) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) and located in a county that is a member of a regional economic development alliance created under Section 57-64-1 et seq., the members of the regional economic development alliance may divide the sum allowed as a fee-in-lieu in a manner as determined by the alliance agreement, and the boards of supervisors of the member counties may then apportion the sum allowed between school district purposes and all other county purposes.

(8) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvi), the board of supervisors of the county in which the project is located may negotiate with the school district in which the project is located and apportion to the school district an amount of the fee-in-lieu that is agreed upon in the negotiations different than the amount provided for in subsection (3) of this section.

(9) For a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii), the annual amount of the fee-in-lieu apportioned to the county shall not be less than the amount necessary to pay the annual debt service on bonds issued by the county pursuant to Section 57-75-37(3)(c).

(10) Any fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes granted under this section before March 28, 2019, and consistent herewith, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed.



SECTION 3. A project that is eligible for an ad valorem tax exemption under Section 27-31-46, and for which initial construction begins on or after July 1, 2022, but not later than December 31, 2024, may be allowed an exemption from ad valorem taxation as provided in this section. For such a project, one-half (1/2) of the true value of property of the project that is subject to a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes pursuant to an agreement under Section 27-31-104 may be exempted by a county board of supervisors and/or municipal governing authorities from ad valorem taxation for a period of ten (10) years from and after the date of the expiration of such fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes. Any exemption from ad valorem taxation allowed under this section must be authorized by a county board of supervisors and/or municipal governing authorities before July 1, 2023.

SECTION 4. (1) The board of supervisors of a county and/or the governing authorities of a municipality may provide partial ad valorem tax exemptions on land used for nonresidential purposes that is converted to a residential use as provided in this section.

(2) For nonresidential use property that is converted to residential use, the board of supervisors of a county and/or the governing authorities of a municipality may exempt the assessed value of the property in an amount equal to the difference between the assessed value of the property for residential use and the assessed value of the property for nonresidential use. The exemption authorized to be granted under this section shall end at such time as the property is occupied by a homeowner; however, if the property consists of a number of parcels upon which residences are being constructed, the exemption shall continue for each parcel until the residence constructed upon the parcel is occupied by a homeowner.

(3) Any request for an exemption under this section shall be in writing and contain such information about the property for which the exemption is being requested as the board of supervisors of the county or the governing authorities of the municipality may require. The granting of the exemption shall be recorded in the minutes of the board of supervisors of the county and the governing authorities of the municipality.

SECTION 5. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972. Sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be codified as new sections in Chapter 31, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws or ad valorem tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the income tax laws and ad valorem tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 7. Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2022, and the remaining sections of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN RAILROAD RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT EXPENDITURES AND FOR CERTAIN NEW RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE EXPENDITURES MADE BY CLASS II AND CLASS III RAILROADS; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THE TAX CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY UNUSED PORTION OF THE TAX CREDIT MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER TAXPAYER; TO AMEND SECTION 27-31-104, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2095, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH AUTHORIZES COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN ENTERPRISES GRANTING A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES, TO

EXTEND THE REVERTER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW ALLOWING SUCH AGREEMENTS FOR PROJECTS TOTALING OVER \$100,000,000.00 BY QUALIFIED BUSINESSES, AS DEFINED IN THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY ZONE ACT, MEETING MINIMUM CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO REVISE THE MINIMUM AMOUNT ALLOWABLE AS A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO AUTHORIZE A PARTIAL AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF A COUNTY AND/OR THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF A MUNICIPALITY TO GRANT A PARTIAL AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USE PROPERTY THAT IS BEING CONVERTED TO A RESIDENTIAL USE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE AND THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FOR NONRESIDENTIAL USE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION SHALL END WHEN THE PROPERTY IS OCCUPIED BY A HOMEOWNER; TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH A REQUEST FOR SUCH EXEMPTION MUST BE MADE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Neil S. Whaley, Chris Johnson

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1685: Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Pregnancy Resource Act."

(2) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is a pregnancy resource center or crisis pregnancy center eligible to receive funding disbursed by the Choose Life Advisory Committee under Section 27-19-56.70, 27-19-56.277 and/or 27-19-56.412.

(3) (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. For a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(b) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(4) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(5) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(6) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(c) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(7) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(8) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(9) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(b) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(10) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00). For credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations, no more than fifty percent (50%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization.

SECTION 2. Section 27-7-22.41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-7-22.41. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Eligible charitable organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is:

(i) Licensed by or under contract with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and provides services for:

1. The prevention and diversion of children from custody with the Department of Child Protection Services,
2. The safety, care and well-being of children in custody with the Department of Child Protection Services, or
3. The express purpose of creating permanency for children through adoption; or

(ii) Certified by the department as an educational services charitable organization that is accredited by a regional accrediting organization and provides services to:

1. Children in a foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services, children placed under the Safe Families for Children model, or children at significant risk of entering a

foster care placement program established by the Department of Child Protection Services,

2. Children who have a chronic illness or physical, intellectual, developmental or emotional disability, or

3. Children eligible for free or reduced price meals programs under Section 37-11-7, or selected for participation in the Promise Neighborhoods Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education.

(2) (a) The tax credit authorized in this section shall be available only to a taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in commercial, industrial or professional activities and operating as a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or sole proprietorship. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a credit is allowed against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123, for voluntary cash contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. From and after January 1, 2022, for a taxpayer that is not operating as a corporation, a credit is also allowed against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property for voluntary cash contributions made by the taxpayer during the taxable year to an eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that may be utilized by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall be limited to (i) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for the taxes imposed by such sections of law and (ii) an amount not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total tax liability of the taxpayer for ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property. Any tax credit claimed under this section but not used in any taxable year may be carried forward for five (5) consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the credits were earned.

(b) A contribution to an eligible charitable organization for which a credit is claimed under this section does not qualify for and shall not be included in any credit that may be claimed under Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer for state income tax purposes.

(3) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable organization and the amount of the contribution to the department on forms provided by the department.

(4) An eligible charitable organization shall provide the department with a written certification that it meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization. An eligible charitable organization must also provide the department with written documented proof of its license and/or written contract with the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services. The organization shall also notify the department of any changes that may affect eligibility under this section.

(5) The eligible charitable organization's written certification must be signed by an officer of the organization under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall include the following:

(a) Verification of the organization's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) A statement that the organization does not provide, pay for or provide coverage of abortions and does not financially support any other entity that provides, pays for or provides coverage of abortions;

(c) A statement that the funds generated from the tax credit shall be used for educational resources, staff and expenditures and/or other purposes described in this section.

(\*\*d) Any other information that the department requires to administer this section.

(6) The department shall review each written certification and determine whether the organization meets all the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable organization and notify the organization of its determination. The department may also periodically request recertification from the organization. The department shall compile and make available to the public a list of eligible charitable organizations.

(7) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among all partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion

to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

(8) (a) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the department on forms prescribed by the department. In the application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during the calendar year. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of an application, the department shall allocate credits based on the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the application. However, if the department cannot allocate the full amount of credits certified in the application due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so notify the applicant within thirty (30) days with the amount of credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the contribution must be made not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section.

(b) A taxpayer who applied for a tax credit under this section during calendar year 2020, but who was unable to be awarded the credit due to the limit on the aggregate amount of credits authorized for calendar year 2020, shall be given priority for tax credits authorized to be allocated to taxpayers under this section by Section 27-7-22.39.

(c) For the purposes of using a tax credit against ad valorem taxes assessed and levied on real property, a taxpayer shall present to the appropriate tax collector the tax credit documentation provided to the taxpayer by the Department of Revenue, and the tax collector shall apply the tax credit against such ad valorem taxes. The tax collector shall forward the tax credit documentation to the Department of Revenue along with the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes, and the department shall disburse funds to the tax collector for the amount of the tax credit applied against ad valorem taxes. Such payments by the Department of Revenue shall be made from current tax collections.

(9) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), and not more than fifty percent (50%) of tax credits allocated during a calendar year may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. However, for calendar year 2021, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), for calendar year 2022, \* \* \* the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) , and for calendar year 2023, and for each calendar year thereafter, the aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by the department under this section during a calendar year shall not exceed Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00). For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section and fifty percent (50%) of the tax credits allocated during a calendar year shall be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section. \* \* \* For calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(i) of this section, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. Except as otherwise provided in this section, for calendar year 2021, and for each calendar year thereafter, for credits allocated during a calendar year for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, no more than \* \* \* four and one-half percent (4-1/2%) of such credits may be allocated for contributions to a single eligible charitable organization. \* \* \*

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Blood donation" means the voluntary and uncompensated donation of whole blood, or specific components of blood, by an employee, drawn for use by a nonprofit blood bank organization as part of a blood drive.

(b) "Blood drive" means a function held at a specific date and time which is organized by a nonprofit blood bank organization in coordination with an employer or group of employers and is closed to nonemployees.

(c) "Employee" means an individual employed by an employer authorized to claim a tax credit under this section.

(d) "Employer" means a sole proprietor, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other legally recognized business entity.

(e) "Verified donation" means a blood donation by an employee, made during a blood drive, which can be documented by an employer.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this section, for calendar year 2022 and for calendar year 2023, a taxpayer that is an employer shall be allowed a credit against the taxes imposed under this chapter for each verified blood donation made by an employee as part of a blood drive. The credit shall be for an amount equal to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for each verified donation. However, the tax credit shall not exceed the amount of tax imposed upon the taxpayer for the taxable year reduced by the sum of all other credits allowable to the taxpayer under this chapter, except credit for tax payments made by or on behalf of the taxpayer. The maximum aggregate amount of tax credits that may be claimed by all taxpayers claiming a credit under this section in a taxable year shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). The department shall annually calculate and publish a percentage by which the tax credit authorized by this section shall be reduced so the maximum aggregate amount of tax credits claimed by all taxpayers claiming a credit in a taxable year does not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

SECTION 4. Section 27-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2095, 2022 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 1529, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

[Through February 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed as deductions:

(1) Business deductions.

(a) Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he had no equity. Expense incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) Interest. All interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks, the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of this article; provided, however, in the case of securities dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is reported as income. Investment interest expense shall be limited to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness incurred for the purpose of directly purchasing tax-free bonds and does not apply to any other indebtedness incurred

in the regular course of the taxpayer's business. Any corporation, association, organization or other entity taxable under Section 27-7-23(c) shall allocate interest expense as provided in Section 27-7-23(c)(3)(l).

(c) Taxes. Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section are to be claimed thereunder.

(d) Business losses.

(i) Losses sustained during the taxable year not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

(ii) Limitations on losses from passive activities and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) Bad debts. Losses from debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer; provided, that such losses shall be allowed only when the taxpayer has reported as income, on the accrual basis, the amount of such debt or account.

(f) Depreciation. A reasonable allowance for exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to that date. In the case of new or used aircraft, equipment, engines, or other parts and tools used for aviation, allowance for bonus depreciation conforms with the federal bonus depreciation rates and reasonable allowance for depreciation under this section is no less than one hundred percent (100%).

(g) Depletion. In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

(h) Contributions or gifts. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (p) of this subsection or subsection (3)(a) of this section for individuals, contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable year to corporations, organizations, associations or institutions, including Community Chest funds, foundations and trusts created solely and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. This deduction shall be allowed in an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the net income. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor. Contributions made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as a deduction, subject to the limitations herein provided, in an amount equal to the actual market value of the contributions at the time the contribution is actually made and consummated.

(i) Reserve funds - insurance companies. In the case of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at maturity.

(j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends, paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when such income has been included in gross income.

(k) Contributions to employee pension plans. Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income tax purposes under the Internal



Revenue Code of 1986 and any other provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder, provided that:

- (i) The plan or trust be irrevocable.
- (ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries, for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.
- (iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision has been made under the laws of the United States of America, making such contributions deductible from income for federal income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(l) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers. A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen (15) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991.

For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.

The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall not be allowed in computing same:

- (i) No net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.
- (ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be allowed.
- (iii) Allowable deductions which are not attributable to taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of gross income not derived from such trade or business.

Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue and shall be made by the due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating loss for which the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

(m) Amortization of pollution or environmental control facilities. Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or environmental control facilities to the same extent as that allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder.

(n) Dividend distributions - real estate investment trusts. "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed

to such term in Section 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition:

(i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.

(ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder or related party would have received the dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

(iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section 27-7-15(4)(t).

(iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax.

(o) Contributions to college savings trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-17.

(p) Contributions of human pharmaceutical products. To the extent that a "major supplier" as defined in Section 27-13-13(2)(d) contributes human pharmaceutical products in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) as determined under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, the charitable contribution limitation associated with those donations shall follow the federal limitation but cannot result in the Mississippi net income being reduced below zero.

(q) Contributions to ABLE trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program account are deductible as provided under Section 43-28-13.

(2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible expenses and interest expenses with a related member.

(a) As used in this subsection (2):

(i) "Intangible expenses and costs" include:

1. Expenses, losses and costs for, related to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in determining taxable income under this chapter;

2. Expenses or losses related to or incurred in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions or discounting transactions;

3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright fees;

4. Licensing fees; and

5. Other similar expenses and costs.

(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and similar types of intangible assets.

(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

(iv) "Related member" means an entity or person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is a related entity, a component member as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, or is an entity or a person

to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(v) "Related entity" means:

1. A stockholder who is an individual or a member of the stockholder's family, as defined in regulations prescribed by the commissioner, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

2. A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and corporations own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

3. A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock under regulation prescribed by the commissioner;

4. Any entity or person which would be a related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered a corporation for purposes of this section.

(b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued to or incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.

(c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish meets one (1) of the following:

(i) The related member directly or indirectly paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same income year who is not a related member; or

(ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer pays, accrues or incurs to a related member.

(e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount transactions.

(3) Individual nonbusiness deductions.

(a) The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize deductions on his federal return except the following:

(i) The deduction for state income taxes paid or other taxes allowed for federal purposes in lieu of state income taxes paid;

(ii) The deduction for gaming losses from gaming establishments;

(iii) The deduction for taxes collected by licensed gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-901;

(iv) The deduction for taxes collected by gaming establishments pursuant to Section 27-7-903.

(b) In lieu of the individual nonbusiness itemized deductions authorized in paragraph (a), for all purposes other than ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, an optional standard deduction of:

(i) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined return;

(ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate returns;

(iii) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) in the case of a head of family; or

(iv) Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) in the case of an individual who is not married.

In the case of a husband and wife living together, having separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the taxable income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction.

(c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision in Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, there shall be allowed an income tax deduction for otherwise deductible expenses if:

(a) The payment(s) for such deductible expenses are made with the grant or loan program of the Paycheck Protection Program as authorized under (i) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, (ii) the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, (iii) the 2020 COVID-19 Mississippi Business Assistance Act, (iv) the Rental Assistance Grant Program, (v) the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program and Restaurant Revitalization Fund authorized by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the federal American Rescue Plan Act, and/or (vi) the Mississippi Agriculture Stabilization Act; and

(b) Such deductible expenses shall be allowed as deductions for federal income tax purposes.

[From and after February 2, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

27-7-17. In computing taxable income, there shall be allowed as deductions:

(1) Business deductions.

(a) Business expenses. All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, including a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered; nonreimbursable traveling expenses incident to current employment, including a reasonable amount expended for meals and lodging while away from home in the pursuit of a trade or business; and rentals or other payments required to be made as a condition of the continued use or possession, for purposes of the trade or business of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title or in which he had no equity. Expense incurred in connection with earning and distributing nontaxable income is not an allowable deduction. Limitations on entertainment expenses shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. There shall also be allowed a deduction for expenses as provided in Section 26 of Senate Bill No. 2095, 2022 Regular Session.

(b) Interest. All interest paid or accrued during the taxable year on business indebtedness, except interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds, or any stocks, the dividends from which are nontaxable under the provisions of this article; provided, however, in the case of securities dealers, interest payments or accruals on loans, the proceeds of which are used to purchase tax-exempt securities, shall be deductible if income from otherwise tax-free securities is reported as income.

Investment interest expense shall be limited to investment income. Interest expense incurred for the purchase of treasury stock, to pay dividends, or incurred as a result of an undercapitalized affiliated corporation may not be deducted unless an ordinary and necessary business purpose can be established to the satisfaction of the commissioner. For the purposes of this paragraph, the phrase "interest upon the indebtedness for the purchase of tax-free bonds" applies only to the indebtedness incurred for the purpose of directly purchasing tax-free bonds and does not apply to any other indebtedness incurred in the regular course of the taxpayer's business. Any corporation, association, organization or other entity taxable under Section 27-7-23(c) shall allocate interest expense as provided in Section 27-7-23(c)(3)(l).

(c) Taxes. Taxes paid or accrued within the taxable year, except state and federal income taxes, excise taxes based on or measured by net income, estate and inheritance taxes, gift taxes, cigar and cigarette taxes, gasoline taxes, and sales and use taxes unless incurred as an item of expense in a trade or business or in the production of taxable income. In the case of an individual, taxes permitted as an itemized deduction under the provisions of subsection (3)(a) of this section are to be claimed thereunder.

(d) Business losses.

(i) Losses sustained during the taxable year not compensated for by insurance or otherwise, if incurred in trade or business, or nonbusiness transactions entered into for profit.

(ii) Limitations on losses from passive activities and rental real estate shall conform to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(e) Bad debts. Losses from debts ascertained to be worthless and charged off during the taxable year, if sustained in the conduct of the regular trade or business of the taxpayer; provided, that such losses shall be allowed only when the taxpayer has reported as income, on the accrual basis, the amount of such debt or account.

(f) Depreciation. A reasonable allowance for exhaustion, wear and tear of property used in the trade or business, or rental property, and depreciation upon buildings based upon their reasonable value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior thereto, and upon cost if acquired subsequent to that date. In the case of new or used aircraft, equipment, engines, or other parts and tools used for aviation, allowance for bonus depreciation conforms with the federal bonus depreciation rates and reasonable allowance for depreciation under this section is no less than one hundred percent (100%).

(g) Depletion. In the case of mines, oil and gas wells, other natural deposits and timber, a reasonable allowance for depletion and for depreciation of improvements, based upon cost, including cost of development, not otherwise deducted, or fair market value as of March 16, 1912, if acquired prior to that date, such allowance to be made upon regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor.

(h) Contributions or gifts. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (p) of this subsection or subsection (3)(a) of this section for individuals, contributions or gifts made by corporations within the taxable year to corporations, organizations, associations or institutions, including Community Chest funds, foundations and trusts created solely and exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. This deduction shall be allowed in an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the net income. Such contributions or gifts shall be allowable as deductions only if verified under rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor. Contributions made in any form other than cash shall be allowed as a deduction, subject to the limitations herein provided, in an amount equal to the actual market value of the contributions at the time the contribution is actually made and consummated.

(i) Reserve funds - insurance companies. In the case of insurance companies the net additions required by law to be made within the taxable year to reserve funds when such reserve funds are maintained for the purpose of liquidating policies at maturity.

(j) Annuity income. The sums, other than dividends, paid within the taxpayer year on policy or annuity contracts when such income has been included in gross income.

(k) Contributions to employee pension plans. Contributions made by an employer to a plan or a trust forming part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan of such employer for the exclusive benefit of some or all of his, their, or its employees, or their beneficiaries, shall be deductible from his, their, or its income only to the extent that, and for the taxable year in which, the contribution is deductible for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other provisions of similar purport in the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder, provided that:

(i) The plan or trust be irrevocable.

(ii) The plan or trust constitute a part of a pension plan, stock bonus plan, disability or death-benefit plan, or profit-sharing plan for the exclusive benefit of some or all of the employer's employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries, for the purpose of distributing the corpus and income of the plan or trust to such employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

(iii) No part of the corpus or income of the plan or trust can be used for purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of employees and/or officers, or their beneficiaries.

Contributions to all plans or to all trusts of real or personal property (or real and personal property combined) or to insured plans created under a retirement plan for which provision has been made under the laws of the United States of America, making such contributions deductible from income for federal income tax purposes, shall be deductible only to the same extent under the Income Tax Laws of the State of Mississippi.

(l) Net operating loss carrybacks and carryovers. A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1993, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the three (3) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the fifteen (15) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after December 31, 1991.

For any taxable year ending after December 31, 1997, the period for net operating loss carrybacks and net operating loss carryovers shall be the same as those established by the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder as in effect at the taxable year end or on December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

A net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, and taxable years thereafter, shall be a net operating loss carryback to each of the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss. If the net operating loss for any taxable year is not exhausted by carrybacks to the two (2) taxable years preceding the taxable year of the loss, then there shall be a net operating loss carryover to each of the twenty (20) taxable years following the taxable year of the loss beginning with any taxable year after the taxable year of the loss.

The term "net operating loss," for the purposes of this paragraph, shall be the excess of the deductions allowed over the gross income; provided, however, the following deductions shall not be allowed in computing same:

(i) No net operating loss deduction shall be allowed.

(ii) No personal exemption deduction shall be allowed.

(iii) Allowable deductions which are not attributable to taxpayer's trade or business shall be allowed only to the extent of the amount of gross income not derived from such trade or business.

Any taxpayer entitled to a carryback period as provided by this paragraph may elect to relinquish the entire carryback period with respect to a net operating loss for any taxable year ending after December 31, 1991. The election shall be made in the manner prescribed by the Department of Revenue and shall be made by the due date, including extensions of time, for filing the taxpayer's return for the taxable year of the net operating

loss for which the election is to be in effect. The election, once made for any taxable year, shall be irrevocable for that taxable year.

(m) Amortization of pollution or environmental control facilities. Allowance of deduction. Every taxpayer, at his election, shall be entitled to a deduction for pollution or environmental control facilities to the same extent as that allowed under the Internal Revenue Code and the rules, regulations, rulings and determinations promulgated thereunder.

(n) Dividend distributions - real estate investment trusts. "Real estate investment trust" (hereinafter referred to as REIT) shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 856 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. A REIT is allowed a dividend distributed deduction if the dividend distributions meet the requirements of Section 857 or are otherwise deductible under Section 858 or 860, federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In addition:

(i) A dividend distributed deduction shall only be allowed for dividends paid by a publicly traded REIT. A qualified REIT subsidiary shall be allowed a dividend distributed deduction if its owner is a publicly traded REIT.

(ii) Income generated from real estate contributed or sold to a REIT by a shareholder or related party shall not give rise to a dividend distributed deduction, unless the shareholder or related party would have received the dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

(iii) A holding corporation receiving a dividend from a REIT shall not be allowed the deduction in Section 27-7-15(4)(t).

(iv) Any REIT not allowed the dividend distributed deduction in the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall not be allowed a dividend distributed deduction under this chapter.

The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions in Section 269 of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, so as to prevent the evasion or avoidance of state income tax.

(o) Contributions to college savings trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Affordable College Savings Program account are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-113. Payments made under a prepaid tuition contract entered into under the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program are deductible as provided under Section 37-155-17.

(p) Contributions of human pharmaceutical products. To the extent that a "major supplier" as defined in Section 27-13-13(2)(d) contributes human pharmaceutical products in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00) as determined under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, the charitable contribution limitation associated with those donations shall follow the federal limitation but cannot result in the Mississippi net income being reduced below zero.

(q) Contributions to ABLE trust fund accounts. Contributions or payments to a Mississippi Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program account are deductible as provided under Section 43-28-13.

(2) Restrictions on the deductibility of certain intangible expenses and interest expenses with a related member.

(a) As used in this subsection (2):

(i) "Intangible expenses and costs" include:

1. Expenses, losses and costs for, related to, or in connection directly or indirectly with the direct or indirect acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property to the extent such amounts are allowed as deductions or costs in determining taxable income under this chapter;

2. Expenses or losses related to or incurred in connection directly or indirectly with factoring transactions or discounting transactions;

3. Royalty, patent, technical and copyright fees;

4. Licensing fees; and

5. Other similar expenses and costs.

(ii) "Intangible property" means patents, patent applications, trade names, trademarks, service marks, copyrights and similar types of intangible assets.

(iii) "Interest expenses and cost" means amounts directly or indirectly allowed as deductions for purposes of determining taxable income under this chapter to the extent such interest expenses and costs are directly or indirectly for, related to, or in connection with the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, ownership, sale, exchange or disposition of intangible property.

(iv) "Related member" means an entity or person that, with respect to the taxpayer during all or any portion of the taxable year, is a related entity, a component member as defined in the Internal Revenue Code, or is an entity or a person to or from whom there is attribution of stock ownership in accordance with Section 1563(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(v) "Related entity" means:

1. A stockholder who is an individual or a member of the stockholder's family, as defined in regulations prescribed by the commissioner, if the stockholder and the members of the stockholder's family own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

2. A stockholder, or a stockholder's partnership, limited liability company, estate, trust or corporation, if the stockholder and the stockholder's partnerships, limited liability companies, estates, trusts and corporations own, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, in the aggregate, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the taxpayer's outstanding stock;

3. A corporation, or a party related to the corporation in a manner that would require an attribution of stock from the corporation to the party or from the party to the corporation, if the taxpayer owns, directly, indirectly, beneficially or constructively, at least fifty percent (50%) of the value of the corporation's outstanding stock under regulation prescribed by the commissioner;

4. Any entity or person which would be a related member under this section if the taxpayer were considered a corporation for purposes of this section.

(b) In computing net income, a taxpayer shall add back otherwise deductible interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued to or incurred, in connection directly or indirectly with one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members.

(c) The adjustments required by this subsection shall not apply to such portion of interest expenses and costs and intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer can establish meets one (1) of the following:

(i) The related member directly or indirectly paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person during the same income year who is not a related member; or

(ii) The transaction giving rise to the interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs between the taxpayer and related member was done primarily for a valid business purpose other than the avoidance of taxes, and the related member is not primarily engaged in the acquisition, use, maintenance or management, ownership, sale, exchange or any other disposition of intangible property.

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall require a taxpayer to add to its net income more than once any amount of interest expenses and costs or intangible expenses and costs that the taxpayer pays, accrues or incurs to a related member.

(e) The commissioner may prescribe such regulations as necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including, but not limited to, clarifying definitions of terms, rules of stock attribution, factoring and discount transactions.

(3) Individual nonbusiness deductions.

(a) The amount allowable for individual nonbusiness itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the individual is eligible to elect, for the taxable year, to itemize deductions on his federal return except the following:

(i) The deduction for state income taxes paid or other taxes allowed for federal purposes in lieu of state income taxes paid;

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(b) In lieu of the individual nonbusiness itemized deductions authorized in paragraph (a), for all purposes other than ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on any trade or business, an optional standard deduction of:

(i) Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400.00) through calendar year 1997, Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing a joint or combined return;

(ii) One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) through calendar year 1997, Two Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) for the calendar year 1998 and Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300.00) for each calendar year thereafter in the case of married individuals filing separate returns;

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In the case of a husband and wife living together, having separate incomes, and filing combined returns, the standard deduction authorized may be divided in any manner they choose. In the case of separate returns by a husband and wife, the standard deduction shall not be allowed to either if the taxable income of one of the spouses is determined without regard to the standard deduction.

(c) A nonresident individual shall be allowed the same individual nonbusiness deductions as are authorized for resident individuals in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection; however, the nonresident individual is entitled only to that proportion of the individual nonbusiness deductions as his net income from sources within the State of Mississippi bears to his total or entire net income from all sources.

(4) Nothing in this section shall permit the same item to be deducted more than once, either in fact or in effect.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision in Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, there shall be allowed an income tax deduction for otherwise deductible expenses if:

(a) The payment(s) for such deductible expenses are made with the grant or loan program of the Paycheck Protection Program as authorized under (i) the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, (ii) the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, (iii) the 2020 COVID-19 Mississippi Business Assistance Act, (iv) the Rental Assistance Grant Program, (v) the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program and Restaurant Revitalization Fund authorized by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the federal American Rescue Plan Act, and/or (vi) the Mississippi Agriculture Stabilization Act; and

(b) Such deductible expenses shall be allowed as deductions for federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 5. Sections 1 and 3 of this act shall be codified as new sections in Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the income tax laws, insurance premium tax laws or ad valorem tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the income tax laws, insurance premium tax laws and ad valorem tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 7. Section 4 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2020. Section 2 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2023. The remainder of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE PREGNANCY RESOURCE ACT; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT, INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY CERTAIN TAXPAYERS TO ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT UNUSED PORTIONS OF A TAX CREDIT MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS FROM THE CLOSE OF THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT WAS EARNED; TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WHICH TAX CREDITS ARE CLAIMED UNDER THIS ACT MAY NOT BE USED AS DEDUCTIONS FOR STATE TAX PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA THAT AN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION MUST MEET IN ORDER FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO THE ORGANIZATION TO QUALIFY FOR THE TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-22.41, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT, INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND AD VALOREM TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CERTAIN TAXPAYERS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION"; TO ADD AS PART OF THE REQUIRED WRITTEN CERTIFICATION A STATEMENT THAT THE FUNDS GENERATED FROM THE TAX CREDIT SHALL BE USED FOR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, STAFF AND EXPENDITURES AND/OR OTHER PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION; TO DELETE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF TAX CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED UNDER THIS SECTION TO BE AVAILABLE SOLELY FOR ALLOCATION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UNDER THIS SECTION; TO REVISE THE PERCENTAGE OF TAX CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED DURING A CALENDAR YEAR FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ELIGIBLE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS FOR BLOOD DONATIONS MADE BY EMPLOYEES OF A TAXPAYER DURING A BLOOD DRIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2095, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, AND HOUSE BILL NO. 1529, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO CONFORM TO THE AMENDMENTS MADE BY BOTH BILLS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Steve Massengill, Lee Yancey

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Joey Fillingane, Nicole Boyd

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos,

Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Anthony, Huddleston, Young. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 606**: (Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 11:20 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:04 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2430**: Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program; create for purpose of improving educational facilities.

Rep. Bennett moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1313**: "Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1313: "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "State Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program."

(2) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed in this subsection, unless context of use clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Approved postsecondary educational institution" means any public state-supported institution of higher learning, community or junior college, or any not-for-profit private institution of higher learning in the state. The term does not include proprietary colleges or universities.

(b) "Board" means the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board established in Section 37-106-9, which is authorized and empowered to administer the provisions of Title 37, Chapter 106, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(c) "Director" means the individual designated by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to administer the provisions of the various financial assistance programs by promulgating the necessary rules and regulations for their effective administration.

(d) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

(e) "Eligible student" means:

(i) Any individual who is younger than twenty-five (25) years of age who was placed in the legal custody of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services by a youth court or through other legal means and who was in the legal custody of the department at any time on or after attaining thirteen (13) years of age;

(ii) Any individual who is younger than twenty-five (25) years of age who was placed in a qualified residential child care agency by a parent, legal guardian, court of competent jurisdiction, or other person or entity acting in the best interest of the individual and who did reside in a qualified residential child care agency at any time on or after attaining thirteen (13) years of age; or

(iii) Any individual who is younger than twenty-five (25) years of age who was adopted from the department's legal custody or adopted while residing at a qualified residential child care agency as described in paragraph (f) of this subsection at any time on or after attaining thirteen (13) years of age.

(f) "Qualified residential child care agency" means an entity that provides a home for children and was licensed by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services at the time that the scholarship applicant was housed by the agency.

(g) "Scholarship" means the State Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship.

(3) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, with the assistance of the Mississippi Department Child Protection Services shall develop and administer the Kinkade FAITH Scholarship Program for eligible students. Commencing with the 2023-2024 academic year, the board shall approve scholarships to eligible students who meet the general requirements set forth in subsection (8) of this section. Scholarships shall be used to pay up to the cost of attendance at any approved postsecondary educational institution, provided that payments to any not-for-profit private institution of higher learning shall not exceed the average cost of attendance required by all of the public state-supported institutions of higher learning.

(4) Payments up to the cost of attendance are considered program scholarships.

(5) The Kinkade FAITH Scholarship Program shall include a mentor service administered by the department as a support system for scholarship recipients. This service shall include mentors who shall be compensated by the department, as employees or contractors, to help participants adapt to independent living, academics and other college or university activities.

(6) (a) Initial recipients shall be selected from all eligible students based on rules promulgated by the board. In the second and subsequent years of the program, priority consideration shall first be given to renewal applicants.

(b) The board shall develop rules for ensuring that expenses of the scholarship program in a fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year. For that purpose, and any other provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the board may limit the acceptance of scholarship applications and may limit the award of scholarships.

(7) The program shall pay up to the student's cost of attendance for up to five (5) years, except as otherwise provided in subsection (10) of this section. In no event

shall the cost of attendance be paid pursuant to this section for more than seventy-two (72) credit hours at a community college or one hundred forty-four (144) credit hours at a four-year college. The program shall only pay up to cost of attendance for courses leading to an undergraduate credential or degree. Scholarship funds may be disbursed only if sufficient funding for the scholarship program is available.

(8) To participate in the program, a scholarship applicant shall satisfy the following general eligibility requirements:

(a) Be an eligible student as defined in subsection (2)(e) of this section;

(b) Be accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program at an approved postsecondary educational institution; and

(c) Have completed and submitted to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before each year in which he or she receives a scholarship. He or she shall have applied for all federal student financial assistance, including Educational and Training Vouchers.

(9) To receive a renewal scholarship, a student shall satisfy the following continuing eligibility requirements:

(a) Make satisfactory academic progress toward the completion of a degree or certificate as determined by rules promulgated by the board and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA for consecutive or nonconsecutive semesters of enrollment; and

(b) Remain in good standing with the policies established by the approved postsecondary educational institution.

(10) The age limitation under subsection (2)(e) of this section shall be extended by the total number of years during which the student was on active duty status in the United States Armed Forces. The number of months served on active duty status in the United States Armed Forces shall be rounded up to the next higher year to determine the maximum length of eligibility extension allowed.

(11) The scholarship will include any costs associated with room and board during institutional holidays at approved postsecondary educational institutions where such accommodations are available.

(12) Funds can be combined with any other federal, institutional, or private scholarships to meet the student's full cost of attendance. No other gift aid should be reduced or supplanted by the Kinkade FAITH scholarship. However, in no case shall the FAITH scholarship be combined with other gift aid to exceed cost of attendance.

(13) The board shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement and administer this section.

(14) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

(a) Guarantee acceptance of or entrance into any approved postsecondary educational institution for an eligible student;

(b) Limit the participation of an eligible student in any other program of financial assistance for postsecondary education;

(c) Require any approved postsecondary educational institution to waive costs or fees relating to room and board; or

(d) Restrict any approved postsecondary educational institution, the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, or the Department of Child Protection Services from accessing other sources of financial assistance, except loans, that may be available to an eligible student.

SECTION 2. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Fund." The special fund shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into the special fund. Monies in the fund shall only be spent upon appropriation by the Legislature to the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board and shall only be used by the Board for the purpose of implementing the scholarship program established in Section 1 of this act.

(2) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall remain in the Kinkade FAITH Scholarship Program Fund. Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

SECTION 3. Section 93-19-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-19-13. (1) All persons eighteen (18) years of age or older, if not otherwise disqualified, or prohibited by law, shall have the capacity to enter into binding contractual relationships affecting personal property. In addition, all persons eighteen (18) years of age or older shall have the capacity to enter into binding contractual relationships for the purpose of investing in mutual funds, stocks, bonds and any other publicly traded equities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any contracts entered into prior to July 1, 1976.

(2) Any person who, upon attaining eighteen (18) years of age, but not having reached the age of majority, was in or remains in the legal custody of the Department of Human Services or Child Protection Services and residing within a qualified residential child care agency, as defined in Section 1 of this act, at any time on or after attaining thirteen (13) years of age, if not otherwise disqualified or prohibited by law, shall have the capacity to enter into binding agreements to lease real property to be occupied by the person as the actual place of residence, and to secure the necessary utility services necessary to make such place of residence habitable, including, but not limited to, electricity, natural gas, propane, water, sewage, garbage disposal and Internet services.

(3) In any legal action founded on a contract entered into by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older, the said person may sue in his own name as an adult and be sued in his own name as an adult and be served with process as an adult.

SECTION 4. Section 43-21-261, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-261. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, records involving children shall not be disclosed, other than to necessary staff or officials of the youth court, a guardian ad litem appointed to a child by the court, or a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer who may be assigned in an abuse and neglect case, except pursuant to an order of the youth court specifying the person or persons to whom the records may be disclosed, the extent of the records which may be disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Such court orders for disclosure shall be limited to those instances in which the youth court concludes, in its discretion, that disclosure is required for the best interests of the child, the public safety, the functioning of the youth court, or to identify a person who knowingly made a false allegation of child abuse or neglect, and then only to the following persons:

(a) The judge of another youth court or member of another youth court staff;

(b) The court of the parties in a child custody or adoption cause in another court;

(c) A judge of any other court or members of another court staff, including the chancery court that ordered a forensic interview;

(d) Representatives of a public or private agency providing supervision or having custody of the child under order of the youth court;

(e) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose, provided that no information identifying the subject of the records shall be made available to the researcher unless it is absolutely essential to the research purpose and the judge gives prior written approval, and the child, through his or her representative, gives permission to release the information;

(f) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of a child's enrollment into the Job Corps Training Program as authorized by Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act of 1973 (29 USCS Section 923 et seq.). However, no records, reports, investigations or information derived therefrom pertaining to child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed;

(g) Any person pursuant to a finding by a judge of the youth court of compelling circumstances affecting the health, safety or well-being of a child and that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child or an adult who was formerly the subject of a youth court delinquency proceeding;

(h) A person who was the subject of a knowingly made false allegation of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in a conviction of a perpetrator in accordance with Section 97-35-47 or which allegation was referred by the Department of

Child Protection Services to a prosecutor or law enforcement official in accordance with the provisions of Section 43-21-353(4).

Law enforcement agencies may disclose information to the public concerning the taking of a child into custody for the commission of a delinquent act without the necessity of an order from the youth court. The information released shall not identify the child or his address unless the information involves a child convicted as an adult.

(2) Any records involving children which are disclosed under an order of the youth court or pursuant to the terms of this section and the contents thereof shall be kept confidential by the person or agency to whom the record is disclosed unless otherwise provided in the order. Any further disclosure of any records involving children shall be made only under an order of the youth court as provided in this section.

(3) Upon request, the parent, guardian or custodian of the child who is the subject of a youth court cause or any attorney for such parent, guardian or custodian, shall have the right to inspect any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter to be heard by a youth court, except that the identity of the reporter shall not be released, nor the name of any other person where the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of such person. The attorney for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child, upon request, shall be provided a copy of any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter to be heard by a youth court, but the identity of the reporter must be redacted and the name of any other person must also be redacted if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life, safety or well-being of the person. A record provided to the attorney under this section must remain in the attorney's control and the attorney may not provide copies or access to another person or entity without prior consent of a court with appropriate jurisdiction.

(4) Upon request, the child who is the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to have his counsel inspect and copy any record, report or investigation which is filed with the youth court or which is to be considered by the youth court at a hearing.

(5) (a) The youth court prosecutor or prosecutors, the county attorney, the district attorney, the youth court defender or defenders, or any attorney representing a child shall have the right to inspect and copy any law enforcement record involving children.

(b) The Department of Child Protection Services shall disclose to a county prosecuting attorney or district attorney any and all records resulting from an investigation into suspected child abuse or neglect when the case has been referred by the Department of Child Protection Services to the county prosecuting attorney or district attorney for criminal prosecution.

(c) Agency records made confidential under the provisions of this section may be disclosed to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Records involving children shall be disclosed to the Division of Victim Compensation of the Office of the Attorney General upon the division's request without order of the youth court for purposes of determination of eligibility for victim compensation benefits.

(6) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed by the Department of Child Protection Services without order of the youth court to any attorney, physician, dentist, intern, resident, nurse, psychologist, social worker, family protection worker, family protection specialist, child caregiver, minister, law enforcement officer, or a public or private school employee making that report pursuant to Section 43-21-353(1) if the reporter has a continuing professional relationship with the child and a need for such information in order to protect or treat the child.

(7) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further order of the youth court to any interagency child abuse task force established in any county or municipality by order of the youth court of that county or municipality.

(8) Names and addresses of juveniles twice adjudicated as delinquent for an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult or for the unlawful possession of a firearm shall not be held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

(9) Names and addresses of juveniles adjudicated as delinquent for murder, manslaughter, burglary, arson, armed robbery, aggravated assault, any sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23, for any violation of Section 41-29-139(a)(1) or for any violation of Section 63-11-30, shall not be held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

(10) The judges of the circuit and county courts, and presentence investigators for the circuit courts, as provided in Section 47-7-9, shall have the right to inspect any youth court records of a person convicted of a crime for sentencing purposes only.

(11) The victim of an offense committed by a child who is the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to be informed of the child's disposition by the youth court.

(12) A classification hearing officer of the State Department of Corrections, as provided in Section 47-5-103, shall have the right to inspect any youth court records, excluding abuse and neglect records, of any offender in the custody of the department who as a child or minor was a juvenile offender or was the subject of a youth court cause of action, and the State Parole Board, as provided in Section 47-7-17, shall have the right to inspect such records when the offender becomes eligible for parole.

(13) The youth court shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the name, and any other identifying information such department may require, of any child who is adjudicated delinquent as a result of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

(14) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have the right to inspect any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose.

(15) Upon a request by a youth court, the Administrative Office of Courts shall disclose all information at its disposal concerning any previous youth court intakes alleging that a child was a delinquent child, child in need of supervision, child in need of special care, truant child, abused child or neglected child, as well as any previous youth court adjudications for the same and all dispositional information concerning a child who at the time of such request comes under the jurisdiction of the youth court making such request.

(16) The Administrative Office of Courts may, in its discretion, disclose to the Department of Public Safety any or all of the information involving children contained in the office's youth court data management system known as Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System or "MYCIDS."

(17) The youth courts of the state shall disclose to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose. The disclosure prescribed in this subsection shall not require a court order and shall be made in sortable, electronic format where possible. The PEER Committee may seek the assistance of the Administrative Office of Courts in seeking this information. The PEER Committee shall not disclose the identities of any youth who have been adjudicated in the youth courts of the state and shall only use the disclosed information for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of programs established to assist adjudicated youth, and to ascertain the incidence of adjudicated youth who become adult offenders.

(18) In every case where an abuse or neglect allegation has been made, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply to prohibit access to a child's records by any state regulatory agency, any state or local prosecutorial agency or law enforcement agency; however, no identifying information concerning the child in question may be released to the public by such agency except as otherwise provided herein.

(19) In every case of child abuse or neglect, if a child's physical condition is medically labeled as medically "serious" or "critical" or a child dies, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply. In such cases, the following information may be released by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services: the cause of the circumstances regarding the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition; the age and gender of the child; information describing any previous reports of child abuse or



neglect investigations that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition; the result of any such investigations; and the services provided by and actions of the state on behalf of the child that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition.

(20) Any member of a foster care review board designated by the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the right to inspect youth court records relating to the abuse, neglect or child in need of supervision cases assigned to such member for review.

(21) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further order of the youth court in any administrative or due process hearing held, pursuant to Section 43-21-257, by the Department of Child Protection Services for individuals whose names will be placed on the central registry as substantiated perpetrators.

(22) The Department of Child Protection Services may disclose records involving children to the following:

(a) A foster home, residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency to the extent necessary to provide such care and services to a child;

(b) An individual, agency or organization that provides services to a child or the child's family in furtherance of the child's permanency plan to the extent necessary in providing those services;

(c) Health and mental health care providers of a child to the extent necessary for the provider to properly treat and care for the child;

(d) An educational institution or educational services provider where the child is enrolled or where enrollment is anticipated to the extent necessary for the school to provide appropriate services to the child; \* \* \*

(e) Any state agency or board that administers student financial assistance programs. However, any records request under this paragraph shall be initiated by the agency or board for the purpose determining the child's eligibility for student financial assistance, and any disclosure shall be limited to the verification of the child's age during the period of time in which the child was in the department's legal custody; and

( \* \* \*f) Any other state agency if the disclosure is necessary to the department in fulfilling its statutory responsibilities in protecting the best interests of the child.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL KINKADE FOSTERING ACCESS AND INSPIRING TRUE HOPE (FAITH) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM," FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN YOUTH TO ATTEND APPROVED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANY PERSON WHO WAS PLACED EITHER IN THE LEGAL CUSTODY OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES (MDCPS) OR AT A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AGENCY AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER THE PERSON'S 13TH BIRTHDAY; TO FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ANY PERSON WHO WAS ADOPTED FROM MDCPS'S CUSTODY OR WHILE RESIDING AT A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE AGENCY AT ANY TIME ON OR AFTER THE PERSON'S 13TH BIRTHDAY; TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT KINKADE FAITH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST BE YOUNGER THAN THE AGE OF 25; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; TO PRESCRIBE INITIAL AND CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIVING A KINKADE FAITH SCHOLARSHIP; TO ADDRESS SUMMER AND HOLIDAY ROOM AND BOARD ACCOMMODATIONS FOR KINKADE FAITH SCHOLARS AT APPROVED POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; TO ESTABLISH THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE BILL

KINKADE FOSTERING ACCESS AND INSPIRING TRUE HOPE (FAITH) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SPECIAL FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 93-19-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE PERSONS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO ENTER LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACTS FOR THE LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ASSOCIATED UTILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-261, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE LIMITED DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS INVOLVING CHILDREN BY MDCPS TO STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, John Read, Ronnie C. Crudup  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Rita Potts Parks, John A. Polk, W. Briggs Hopson III  
On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Huddleston, Mickens, Porter. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2739: Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

(a) "Department" means the State Department of Health.

(b) "Nonemergency medical transportation provider" or "NEMT provider" means any company in the business of providing NEMT transportation services for compensation and any person, group of persons or entity that provides NEMT transportation services for compensation. Any company with a current accreditation from the Nonemergency Medical Transportation Accreditation Commission (NEMTAC) is deemed to be a NEMT provider.

(c) "NEMT transportation service" means motor vehicle transportation provided on a regular basis by a public or private entity or person that is designed exclusively or primarily to serve individuals who are elderly or disabled and who are unable to use regular means of transportation but do not require ambulance service. This term also means those nonemergency medical transportation services that are provided under the Medicaid nonemergency transportation program or by managed care providers that have contracted with the Division of Medicaid.

(2) The department shall adopt rules providing for applications for permits, issuance of permits, renewal of permits and revocation of permits, and the department may provide for the payment of fees for the issuance and renewal of permits.

(3) The department shall adopt by rule standards for the operation of vehicles used to provide NEMT transportation service that are reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of individuals using that service.

(4) Standards adopted under this section must include, but are not limited to:

(a) Qualifications of drivers and attendants, including driver training requirements that must be met before a driver provides special transportation, including, but not limited to:

(i) Fingerprint background check;

(ii) Annual criminal background checks, including sex offender registry;

(iii) Annual motor vehicle records (MVR) checks from the Department of Public Safety;

(iv) Drug screens;

(v) Regular confirmation that the driver does not appear on the Office of Inspector General (OIG) exclusion lists;

(vi) For drivers, appropriate training for the mode of transportation being provided;

(b) Safety of vehicles and necessary safety equipment;

(c) General requirements concerning inspection and maintenance of vehicles, replacement vehicles, standard vehicle equipment, and specialized equipment necessary to ensure vehicle usability and safety for disabled persons; and

(d) Minimum insurance requirements.

(5) A NEMT provider must meet all the requirements and standards set by the department for providing NEMT transportation services. NEMT providers are required to have on hand at a location in the state and be able to produce upon request the necessary documentation to prove compliance with the requirements and standards set by the department as provided in this section.

(6) The department is authorized to revoke the permit of, or impose fines on, any NEMT provider that is found to be not in compliance with the requirements and standards set by the department for providing NEMT transportation services.

(7) The department is authorized to bring actions for injunctions in the name of the department to enjoin and prohibit any person or entity from providing NEMT transportation service in the state without having a current, valid permit from the department except as otherwise provided in this act.

(8) Any public entity or private entity in the business of providing nonemergency medical transportation services may continue to provide such services without first receiving a permit until July 1, 2023, provided that it complies with the other provisions of this act and the rules set by the department.

After July 1, 2023, each nonemergency medical transportation provider must have a NEMT permit from the department before it may provide NEMT transportation services in Mississippi.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (NEMT) PROVIDERS TO HAVE A PERMIT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BEFORE THEY MAY PROVIDE NEMT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN MISSISSIPPI; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES PROVIDING FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS, ISSUANCE OF PERMITS, RENEWAL OF PERMITS AND REVOCATION OF PERMITS, AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF PERMITS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES USED TO PROVIDE NEMT TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, AND SPECIFY THE MINIMUM STANDARDS THAT MUST BE ADOPTED; TO PROVIDE THAT NEMT PROVIDERS MUST MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS SET BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING NEMT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO REVOKE THE PERMIT OF, OR IMPOSE FINES ON, ANY NEMT PROVIDER THAT IS FOUND TO BE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS SET BY THE DEPARTMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO BRING ACTIONS FOR INJUNCTIONS TO ENJOIN AND PROHIBIT ANY PERSON OR ENTITY FROM PROVIDING NEMT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE STATE WITHOUT HAVING A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC ENTITY OR PRIVATE ENTITY IN THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES WITHOUT FIRST RECEIVING A PERMIT UNTIL JULY 1, 2023, PROVIDED THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND THE RULES SET BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Kevin Blackwell, David Parker, David Blount (No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Clay Deweese, Missy McGee

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 89:** Legislature; extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids.

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish.

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities.

**H. B. No. 1759:** Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers.

**H. B. No. 1769:** Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2010:** Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection.

**S. B. No. 2223:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs.

**S. B. No. 2273:** Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of in-person meetings.

**S. B. No. 2437:** Central Mississippi Correctional Facility; authorize pilot work initiative.

**S. B. No. 2505:** Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration.

**S. B. No. 2690:** Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and Mississippi Uniform Agents act; revise various provisions of.

**S. B. No. 2747:** Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27-71-5(d).

**S. B. No. 2770:** Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises.

**S. B. No. 3055:** Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2600:** Recidivism; create study committee to review means to reduce through support, supervision and skills attainment.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2898:** Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend program repeal date.

**S. B. No. 2981:** Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

**S. B. No. 3065:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).

**S. B. No. 3066:** Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point.

**S. B. No. 3069:** Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 567:** Commend Leake Academy "Lady Rebels" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS 5A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 581:** Commend Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team for back-to-back SWAC Tournament Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 582:** Commend Manchester Academy "Lady Mavericks" Basketball Team for back-to-back State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 584:** Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The Columbus Commercial Dispatch Newspaper (1921-2022).

**S. C. R. No. 586:** Designate April 14, 2022, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2519:** Motor vehicle loads; clarify provisions regarding illumination of loads extending beyond rear of vehicle.

**S. B. No. 3067:** City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year.

**S. B. No. 3068:** City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Boys State Program.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3000:** Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Matthew Blake Mitchell, and Mancel Mills, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas E. Simmons, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Janice Washington Brown, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Crudup and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John "Big John" Perkins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kay Townsend, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Berta D. Squires, Owen Kade Christian, Roy Glen Coward, Johnnie Reed, and The Honorable Fannie Bradford, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Hill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of The Honorable Elizabeth Inmon "Judge Judy" Posey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ezell Stubbs, John Dedeaux, Carl Rogers, Robert Alexander, Bernice Johnson, James Hall, Dixie Mitchell, Denise Cummings Rich, Clyde Collins, Larry Johnson, Dorothy Maxwell, Shirley Smith, Jeannette Wright, Iris Jones, Manuel Charry, Lou Craft, Anthony Thompson, Arthur Gaddis, Stella Degree, Donald Simmons, Percy Seabron, Jerlean Brazier, Patricia McDonald, Lillie Floyd, Crystal Acker, Wilhelmenia Stingley, Perry Whavers, Kathleen Dawson, Gloria Richardson, J. D. Jones, Baby Cook, Leroy Hardy, Pedro Williams, Rickie Bradley, Donald Cousan, Louis Whittle, Jerry Ware, Brianna Walker, January Taylor, Carolyn Nunnally, Kevin Hardy, Isabella King, Sherlon Derks, Francisco Galvan, Ronald Penton, Barbara White-Spunner, Father Raymond Jones, Shawn Twyner, and Erica Canoy, which motion prevailed.

At 2:16 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 31, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

(EIGHTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Tracy Arnold.

Rep. Arnold led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Stamps. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Huddleston and Stamps.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE



Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to.

Adopted: 03/30/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**J. R. No. 1:** Mississippi House of Representatives; reapportion.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**S. C. R. No. 589:** Commend Summer Field Program at USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on its 75th Anniversary.

**S. C. R. No. 590:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of McComb.

**S. C. R. No. 591:** Designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness Day in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 592:** Commend State Parole Board member Betty Lou Jones on the occasion of her retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 593:** Recognize service and legacy of WWII Veteran Howard Bennett of Sumrall, Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 594:** Commend Booneville High School "Lady Blue Devils" for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 595:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Class 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 596:** Commend Belmont High School "Cardinals" Boys Golf Team for winning 2021 MHSAA 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 597:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Boys Basketball Team for winning 2022 Class 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 598:** Commend Booneville "Lady Blue Devils" Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team for winning 2021 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 599:** Commend Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Volleyball Team for winning first State Championship in program history.

**S. C. R. No. 600:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devil" Marching Band for winning 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 601:** Commend Hancock High School "Lady Hawks" Girls Bowling Team for three consecutive State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 602:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Women's Basketball Team for MACCC Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 603:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Men's Basketball Team for third consecutive MACCC title.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 79:** Millicent "Mandy" Gunter; commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

**H. C. R. No. 80:** Bobbie Gentry; commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter.

**H. C. R. No. 81:** Global Reman Day; designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi.

**H. C. R. No. 82:** Mississippi Export Railroad; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 83:** Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 84:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding.

**H. C. R. No. 85:** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 20, 2022.

**H. C. R. No. 86:** Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter.

**H. C. R. No. 87:** The Commercial Dispatch; commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 88:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to.

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing Education Incentive Program; create.

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from.

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

Adopted: 03/30/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

**S. B. No. 2263:** Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements.

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violations to the State Auditor.

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine.

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

**S. B. No. 2536:** Offender registry; create registry of individuals whose crimes involve public funds.

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to.

**S. B. No. 2545:** Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties for purchase unless certain conditions are met.

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on.

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

**S. B. No. 2700:** University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer.

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration.

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request.

**S. B. No. 2735:** Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital.

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriation bills.

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation.

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

Adopted: 03/30/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**J. R. No. 202:** Mississippi Senate; reapportion. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

**S. B. No. 2512:** City of Southaven; extend repeal date on restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2513:** City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2998:** Town of Sardis; authorize the levy of a tax on hotel, motel and restaurant sales. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 2999:** City of Horn Lake; extend the repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

**S. B. No. 3209:** City of Hernando; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund capital improvements related to parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MANLY BARTON, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

**J. R. No. 202:** Mississippi Senate; reapportion. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Representative Miles introduced special guest, Dr. Thomas Dobbs, and commended him for his service to Mississippi during his time as the State Health Officer. H. R. No. 122.

Representative Foster introduced special guests, the Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team and commended them for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship. H. R. No. 123.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2246:** (Electronic search warrants; authorize

issuance of in investigations of certain sex offenses against children.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bain moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 606: Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Act."

SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Board" means the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

(b) "Conservation land" means land and water, or interests therein, that are in their undeveloped, natural states or that have been developed only to the extent consistent with, or are restored to be consistent with, at least one (1) of the following environmental values or conservation benefits:

(i) Water quality protection for wetlands, rivers, streams or lakes;

(ii) Protection of wildlife habitat;

(iii) Protection of cultural sites and archeological and historic resources;

(iv) Protection of land around Mississippi's military installations to ensure that missions are compatible with surrounding communities and that encroachment on military installations does not impair future missions;

(v) Support of economic development through conservation projects;

(vi) Provision for recreation in the form of archery, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, running, jogging, biking, walking, shooting or similar outdoor activities; or

(vii) Recruiting or retention of recreation in the form of archery, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, running, jogging, biking, walking, shooting or similar outdoor activities.

(c) "Nongovernmental entity" means a nonprofit organization with a 501(c)(3) status that is primarily concerned with the protection and conservation of land and natural resources, as evidenced by its organizational documents.

(d) "Permanently protected conservation areas" means those resources:

(i) Owned by the federal government and dedicated for recreation or conservation or as a natural resource;

(ii) Owned by the State of Mississippi, or a county or municipality in Mississippi, and dedicated for recreation or conservation or as a natural resource;

(iii) Owned by the State of Mississippi, or a county or municipality in Mississippi, and subject to:

1. A conservation easement ensuring that the property will be maintained in a manner consistent with conservation land;

2. Contractual arrangements ensuring that, if the protected status is discontinued on a parcel, such property will be replaced by other conservation land which at the time of such replacement is of equal or greater monetary and resource protection value; or

3. A permanent restrictive covenant as provided in state law; or

(iv) Owned by any person or entity and subject to a conservation easement ensuring that the property will be maintained in a manner consistent with conservation land.

(e) "Project proposal" means any application seeking monies from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

(f) "Special fund" means the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund created in Section 4 of this act.

(g) "State agency" means any agency, department, commission or institution of the State of Mississippi.

(h) "Working agricultural land" means land area that is either arable, under permanent crops or under permanent pastures. Arable land includes land under temporary crops such as cereals, temporary meadows for mowing or for pasture, land under market or kitchen gardens, and land temporarily fallow.

SECTION 3. (1) There is established the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund, which shall consist of the following members:

(a) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor, one (1) from each of the congressional districts existing on July 1, 2022;

(b) Three (3) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, one (1) from each of the State Supreme Court districts existing on July 1, 2022;

(c) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(f) The Secretary of State, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(g) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, as an ex officio, nonvoting member;

(h) The Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, as ex officio, nonvoting members;

(i) The Chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee, as ex officio, nonvoting members; and

(j) The Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees, as ex officio, nonvoting members.

One (1) of the members to be appointed by the Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Governor. One (1) of the members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House of Representatives to the Lieutenant Governor.

(2) The members of the board appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed from the following private sectors: forestry, conservation,



agriculture, business, marine resources, hunting or fishing. Such members shall be and shall remain Mississippi residents during their tenure on the board and shall possess a demonstrated knowledge of and commitment to public lands, land conservation and outdoor recreation. These seven (7) appointments shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Mississippi State Senate.

(3) (a) Two (2) persons initially appointed by the Governor and two (2) persons initially appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms ending June 30, 2025. The other two (2) persons initially appointed by the Governor and the remaining person initially appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall serve terms ending June 30, 2026.

After the expiration of the initial terms, each such appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years from the expiration of the previous term.

(b) A majority of the voting members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings, and all actions of the board shall require a majority vote of the voting members of the board.

(c) The board shall annually elect one (1) voting member to serve as chairman and one (1) voting member to serve as vice chairman. The vice chairman shall act as chairman in the absence or disability of the chairman, or if there is a vacancy in the office of chairman.

(4) The members of the board appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall receive a per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69, plus travel and necessary expenses incidental to the attendance at each board meeting, including mileage, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

(5) No board member shall use his official position to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for himself other than that compensation provided for by law, or to obtain, or attempt to obtain, pecuniary benefit for any relative or any business with which he is associated, as provided in Section 25-4-105.

(6) The board shall not approve any funding to any entity of which a voting member of the board is an executive, member or employee.

(7) The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide the office space, staff and other support necessary for the board to perform its duties.

SECTION 4. (1) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund." The special fund shall consist of monies appropriated by the Legislature. Monies shall be accounted for in such a manner to be termed unobligated funds or obligated funds. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund; however, any unobligated monies in excess of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), excluding federal funds, remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year that have not been appropriated shall lapse into the State General Fund. Monies in the special fund may be used upon selection by the board. The board and the Department of Finance and Administration may use not more than two percent (2%) of monies in the special fund to defray the board's expenses in carrying out its duties under this act.

(b) Subject to the provisions of this act, monies in the special fund may be used and expended by the board to provide funds for grants to counties, municipalities, state agencies and nongovernmental entities for:

(i) Improvement of state park outdoor recreation features and trails;

(ii) Acquisition and improvement of parks and trails by counties and municipalities, if such parks and trails lie within the jurisdiction of such counties and municipalities;

(iii) Restoration or enhancement projects to create or improve access to public waters and lands for public outdoor recreation, conservation education, or the safe use and enjoyment of permanently protected conservation land;

(iv) Restoration or enhancement on privately owned working agricultural lands and forests that support conservation of soil, water, habitat of fish and wildlife resources;

(v) Restoration or enhancement of wetlands, native forests, native grasslands and other unique habitats important for Mississippi's fish and wildlife; and

(vi) Acquisition of critical areas for the provision or protection of clean water, wildlife, hunting, fishing, military installation buffering or natural resource-based outdoor recreation. Real property may only be acquired under this subparagraph (vi) when the property:

1. Is, at the time of acquisition, being leased by the state as a wildlife management area;
2. Adjoins or is in close proximity to state or federal wildlife management areas or state parks, or would provide better public access to such areas;
3. Is identified in a wildlife action plan developed by a state agency;
4. Constitutes riparian lands, and its acquisition is for the purpose of protecting any drinking water supply; or
5. Surrounds a military base or military installation.

Acquisition of land under this subparagraph (vi) may not be made through the exercise of any power of eminent domain or any condemnation proceeding.

(c) Unless otherwise authorized by the board, a county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity receiving funds for a project under this section must expend the funds for the project within two (2) years after receipt of the funds in order to be eligible to apply for additional funds for the project under this section. If a county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity receiving funds for a project does not expend the funds within two (2) years after receipt of the funds, then the county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity must provide an accounting of such unused funds and the reason for failure to expend the funds. If the board determines that the project will not be completed in a timely manner, the county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity must then return any unexpended funds.

(d) Monies in the special fund may not be used, expended or transferred for any other purpose other than authorized in this act.

(2) (a) The board shall accept applications from counties, municipalities, state agencies and nongovernmental entities for project proposals eligible for funding under this section. The board shall evaluate the proposals received in accordance with this act.

(b) A county, municipality, state agency or nongovernmental entity desiring assistance under this section must submit a complete application to the board. The application must include a description of the purpose for which assistance is requested, the type and amount of assistance requested and any other information required by the board.

(c) The board shall require annual independent audits of all expenditures from the special fund and present those findings to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees.

(d) To be eligible for funding, any nongovernmental entity applicant must submit its most recent audit, disclose any audit deficiencies in the previous five (5) years, submit its certificate of good standing from the Mississippi Secretary of State, and submit a current list of its board members for purposes of conflicts of interest.

(e) For funds to be spent on private land, the applicant must show demonstrably that the project will benefit the public.

(f) Projects that acquire property shall not be considered for approval until after July 1, 2024.

(3) The board, at its first meeting of each calendar year, shall prepare a list of priorities and criteria to guide the selection of projects. The board shall give increased priority to projects:

- (a) Supporting the public recreation and conservation efforts of state agencies, counties and municipalities;

(b) Leveraging or matching other nonfederal or federal funds available for similar purposes;

(c) Supporting and promoting recreation in the form of archery, boating, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, running, jogging, biking, walking, shooting or similar outdoor activities;

(d) Contributing to the improvement of the quality and quantity of surface water and groundwater; or

(e) Contributing to the conservation of soil, water, and fish and wildlife resources on privately owned working agricultural lands or forests.

(4) Upon approval of the total list of projects by the board, the list of projects shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees and Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees. If federal funds or guidelines become available and are certified by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Executive Director of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Fund, the board shall be authorized to expend funds from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and shall notify the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees, Chairs of the Senate and House Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Committees, and Legislative Budget Office of such expenditures prior to their distribution to certain projects approved by the board.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND; TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE SPECIAL FUND MAY BE USED AND EXPENDED BY THE BOARD TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR GRANTS TO COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, STATE AGENCIES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR VARIOUS OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FROM COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, STATE AGENCIES AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING; TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO REQUIRE ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDITS OF ALL EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL FUND AND TO PRESENT THOSE FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE; TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR GUIDING ITS SELECTION OF PROJECTS FOR FUNDING; TO REQUIRE THAT THE LIST OF PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD, BEFORE DISTRIBUTING FUNDS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND TO APPROVED PROJECTS, TO NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE OF SUCH EXPENDITURES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Shane Barnett, Bill Kinkade

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Stamps, Straughter, Watson.  
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1163: Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1 with the following exception(s):

AMEND on line 429 by deleting the following:  
, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2022

2. That the Senate concur in the above exception(s).

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Mike Thompson, Joel R. Carter, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Huddleston, Smith, Stamps, Turner. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2063: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:  
67-1-5. For the purposes of this chapter and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this chapter, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this chapter unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this chapter, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this chapter, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous

acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census; \* \* \*

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen \* \* \*-hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,



- meals and hosting events, and
- b. Used for the purpose of providing
  - c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;
12. Any facility and related property that:
- a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,
  - b. For a fee is used to host events,
  - c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;
13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;
14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen \* \* \*-hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;
15. a. Land that is planned for mixed-use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:
- A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,
  - B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and
  - C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;
- b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:
- A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,
  - B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and
  - C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;
16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;
17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;
18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning, and:
- a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale,

distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7, and

b. Adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River; \* \* \*

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated north of Bailey Howell Drive, Lee Boulevard and Old Mayhew Road, east of George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect; \* \* \*

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20; \* \* \*

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect; \* \* \*

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect; \* \* \*

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1; \* \* \*

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect; \* \* \*

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9; \* \* \*

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55; \* \* \*

32. Any facility and related property that:  
a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi; \* \* \*

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect; \* \* \*

35. A municipality in which Interstate 20 passes over Mississippi Highway 15;

36. Any municipality that is bordered in its northwestern boundary by the Pearl River, traversed by U.S. Highway 49 and Interstate 20, and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law;

37. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 28 and Mississippi Highway 29 North intersect;

38. An area bounded as follows within a municipality through which run Interstate 22 and Mississippi Highway 15: Beginning at a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails; then running to a point at the intersection of Tallahatchie Trails and Interstate 22; then running to a point at the intersection of Interstate 22 and Carter Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Carter Avenue and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and King Street; then running to a point at the intersection of King Street and E. Main Street; then running to a point at the intersection of E. Main Street and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and Highland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Highland Street and Adams

Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Adams Street and Cleveland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Cleveland Street and N. Railroad Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of N. Railroad Avenue and McGill Street; then running to a point at the intersection of McGill Street and Snyder Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Snyder Street and Bankhead Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails and the point of the beginning;

39. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 43 and U.S. Highway 80;

40. The coliseum in a municipality in which U.S. Highway 72 passes over U.S. Highway 45;

41. A piece of property on the northeast corner of the T-intersection where Builders Square Drive meets Mississippi Highway 471;

42. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on Oaks Country Club Road less than one-half (1/2) mile to the east of Mississippi Highway 15;

43. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

The East Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East; a 4 acre parcel in the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, running 210 feet east and west and 840 feet running north and south; the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, all in Rankin County, Mississippi;

44. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 1915 feet west and 2171 feet north of southeast corner, Section 11, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, Second Judicial District, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, which point is the southwest corner of J.C. Section Lot mentioned in deed recorded in Book 50, page 34, in the records of the Chancery Clerk's Office at Sumner, in said District of said County; thence South 80° West, 19 feet to the east boundary of United States Highway 49-E, thence East along the east boundary of said Highway 270 feet to point of beginning of Lot to be conveyed; thence southeast along the east boundary of said Highway 204 feet to a concrete post at the intersection of the east boundary of said Highway with the west boundary of gravel road from Sumner to Webb, known as Oil Mill Road, thence Northwest along west boundary of said Oil Mill Road 194 feet to center of driveway running southwest from said Oil Mill Road to U.S. Highway 49-E; thence South 66° West along center of said driveway 128 feet to point of beginning, being situated in Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, together with all improvements situated thereon;

45. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least five thousand six hundred (5,600) square feet being heated and cooled along with a lakeside patio that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet, regardless of whether such patio is part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility;

b. Includes a caterer's kitchen and green room for entertainment preparation;

c. For a fee is used to host events; and

d. Is located adjacent to or in close proximity to an approximately nine (9) acre lake on property that consists of at least one

hundred twenty (120) acres in a county traversed by Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 278;

46. Any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand (1,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census and which is located in a county that is traversed by U.S. Highways 84 and 98 and has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

47. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on or near U.S. Highway 82 between Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 9;

48. The downtown square area bound East Service Drive, Commerce Street, Second Street and Court Street and adjacent properties in a municipality through which run Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 306; and

49. All parcels zoned for mixed-use development located west of Mississippi Highway 589, more than four hundred (400) feet north of Old Highway 24, east of Parkers Creek and Black Creek, and south of J M Burge Road.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in \* \* \* this paragraph (o)(iii) \* \* \* as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

The governing authorities of a municipality described, in whole or in part, in item 6, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46 or 48 of this paragraph (o)(iii) may by ordinance: specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale; specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this chapter unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this chapter more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this chapter, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-16. (1) (a) Before an area may be designated by the governing authorities of a municipality as an area in which facilities which are defined as qualified resort areas in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)5 may be located, an election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether qualified resort areas shall be allowed in the municipality. An election to determine whether qualified resort areas shall be allowed in the municipality shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) Qualified resort areas may be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

(2) (a) Before a municipality may be designated as a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)6, an election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and

next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) The municipality may be established as a qualified resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

(3) (a) Before an area may be designated a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)7, an election shall be held in the municipality in which the area is located under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether the area shall be a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the area shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities, upon presentation to the governing authorities of a petition containing the names of at least twenty percent (20%) of the duly qualified voters of the municipality asking for the election. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) The area may be established as a qualified resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

(4) (a) Before a municipality may be designated as a qualified resort area as defined in item 21, 35 or 36 of Section 67-1-5(o)(iii), an election shall be held, under the election laws applicable to the municipality, on the question of whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area. An election to determine whether the municipality shall be a qualified resort area shall be ordered by the municipal governing authorities. An election on the question may not be held by the municipality more often than once each year.

(b) Thirty (30) days' notice shall be given to the qualified electors of the municipality, in the manner prescribed by law, on the question of allowing qualified resort areas to be established. The notice shall contain a statement of the question to be voted on at the election. The ballots used in the election shall have the following words printed thereon: "FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA," and next below, "AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA." In marking his ballot, the voter shall make a cross (X) opposite the words of his choice.

(c) The municipality may be established as a qualified resort area if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote for such establishment. A qualified resort area may not be established if a majority of the qualified electors voting in the election vote against such establishment.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED RESORT AREA" UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD BEFORE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES MAY BE DESIGNATED A QUALIFIED RESORT AREA UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Boyd, Darnell, Evans, B, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bounds, Huddleston, Ladner, Oliver, Sanford, Stamps, Turner. Total-8.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Hood called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and make various technical amendments to services section.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 657: Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 43-13-117, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

43-13-117. (A) Medicaid as authorized by this article shall include payment of part or all of the costs, at the discretion of the division, with approval of the Governor and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, of the following types of care and services rendered to eligible applicants who have been determined to be eligible for that care and services, within the limits of state appropriations and federal matching funds:

- (1) Inpatient hospital services.



(a) The division is authorized to implement an All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services.

(b) No service benefits or reimbursement limitations in this subsection (A)(1) shall apply to payments under an APR-DRG or Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) model or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section unless specifically authorized by the division.

(2) Outpatient hospital services.

(a) Emergency services.

(b) Other outpatient hospital services. The division shall allow benefits for other medically necessary outpatient hospital services (such as chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and therapy), including outpatient services in a clinic or other facility that is not located inside the hospital, but that has been designated as an outpatient facility by the hospital, and that was in operation or under construction on July 1, 2009, provided that the costs and charges associated with the operation of the hospital clinic are included in the hospital's cost report. In addition, the Medicare thirty-five-mile rule will apply to those hospital clinics not located inside the hospital that are constructed after July 1, 2009. Where the same services are reimbursed as clinic services, the division may revise the rate or methodology of outpatient reimbursement to maintain consistency, efficiency, economy and quality of care.

(c) The division is authorized to implement an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) methodology for outpatient hospital services. The division shall give rural hospitals that have fifty (50) or fewer licensed beds the option to not be reimbursed for outpatient hospital services using the APC methodology, but reimbursement for outpatient hospital services provided by those hospitals shall be based on one hundred one percent (101%) of the rate established under Medicare for outpatient hospital services. Those hospitals choosing to not be reimbursed under the APC methodology shall remain under cost-based reimbursement for a two-year period.

(d) No service benefits or reimbursement limitations in this subsection (A)(2) shall apply to payments under an APR-DRG or APC model or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section unless specifically authorized by the division.

(3) Laboratory and x-ray services.

(4) Nursing facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to nursing facilities for each day, not exceeding forty-two (42) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the forty-two-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) From and after July 1, 1997, the division shall implement the integrated case-mix payment and quality monitoring system, which includes the fair rental system for property costs and in which recapture of depreciation is eliminated. The division may reduce the payment for hospital leave and therapeutic home leave days to the lower of the case-mix category as computed for the resident on leave using the assessment being utilized for payment at that point in time, or a case-mix score of 1.000 for nursing facilities, and shall compute case-mix scores of residents so that only services provided at the nursing facility are considered in calculating a facility's per diem.

(c) From and after July 1, 1997, all state-owned nursing facilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis.

(d) On or after January 1, 2015, the division shall update the case-mix payment system resource utilization grouper and classifications and fair rental reimbursement system. The division shall develop and implement a payment add-on to reimburse nursing facilities for ventilator-dependent resident services.

(e) The division shall develop and implement, not later than January 1, 2001, a case-mix payment add-on determined by time studies and other valid statistical data that will reimburse a nursing facility for the additional cost of caring for a resident who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other related dementia and exhibits symptoms that require special care. Any such case-mix add-on payment shall be

supported by a determination of additional cost. The division shall also develop and implement as part of the fair rental reimbursement system for nursing facility beds, an Alzheimer's resident bed depreciation enhanced reimbursement system that will provide an incentive to encourage nursing facilities to convert or construct beds for residents with Alzheimer's or other related dementia.

(f) The division shall develop and implement an assessment process for long-term care services. The division may provide the assessment and related functions directly or through contract with the area agencies on aging.

The division shall apply for necessary federal waivers to assure that additional services providing alternatives to nursing facility care are made available to applicants for nursing facility care.

(5) Periodic screening and diagnostic services for individuals under age twenty-one (21) years as are needed to identify physical and mental defects and to provide health care treatment and other measures designed to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered by the screening services, regardless of whether these services are included in the state plan. The division may include in its periodic screening and diagnostic program those discretionary services authorized under the federal regulations adopted to implement Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The division, in obtaining physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and services for individuals with speech, hearing and language disorders, may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Education for the provision of those services to handicapped students by public school districts using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Education to obtain federal matching funds through the division. The division, in obtaining medical and mental health assessments, treatment, care and services for children who are in, or at risk of being put in, the custody of the Mississippi Department of Human Services may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Mississippi Department of Human Services for the provision of those services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Human Services to obtain federal matching funds through the division.

(6) Physician services. Fees for physician's services that are covered only by Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 2018, and as may be adjusted each July thereafter, under Medicare. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for physician's services of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare for physician's services that are provided after the normal working hours of the physician, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division. The division may reimburse eligible providers, as determined by the division, for certain primary care services at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare. The division shall reimburse obstetricians and gynecologists for certain primary care services as defined by the division at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare.

(7) (a) Home health services for eligible persons, not to exceed in cost the prevailing cost of nursing facility services. All home health visits must be precertified as required by the division. In addition to physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants and clinical nurse specialists are authorized to prescribe or order home health services and plans of care, sign home health plans of care, certify and recertify eligibility for home health services and conduct the required initial face-to-face visit with the recipient of the services.

(b) [Repealed]

(8) Emergency medical transportation services as determined by the division.

(9) Prescription drugs and other covered drugs and services as determined by the division.

The division shall establish a mandatory preferred drug list. Drugs not on the mandatory preferred drug list shall be made available by utilizing prior authorization procedures established by the division.

The division may seek to establish relationships with other states in order to lower acquisition costs of prescription drugs to include single-source and innovator

multiple-source drugs or generic drugs. In addition, if allowed by federal law or regulation, the division may seek to establish relationships with and negotiate with other countries to facilitate the acquisition of prescription drugs to include single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs or generic drugs, if that will lower the acquisition costs of those prescription drugs.

The division may allow for a combination of prescriptions for single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs and generic drugs to meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

The executive director may approve specific maintenance drugs for beneficiaries with certain medical conditions, which may be prescribed and dispensed in three-month supply increments.

Drugs prescribed for a resident of a psychiatric residential treatment facility must be provided in true unit doses when available. The division may require that drugs not covered by Medicare Part D for a resident of a long-term care facility be provided in true unit doses when available. Those drugs that were originally billed to the division but are not used by a resident in any of those facilities shall be returned to the billing pharmacy for credit to the division, in accordance with the guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy and any requirements of federal law and regulation. Drugs shall be dispensed to a recipient and only one (1) dispensing fee per month may be charged. The division shall develop a methodology for reimbursing for restocked drugs, which shall include a restock fee as determined by the division not exceeding Seven Dollars and Eighty-two Cents (\$7.82).

Except for those specific maintenance drugs approved by the executive director, the division shall not reimburse for any portion of a prescription that exceeds a thirty-one-day supply of the drug based on the daily dosage.

The division is authorized to develop and implement a program of payment for additional pharmacist services as determined by the division.

All claims for drugs for dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries that are paid for by Medicare must be submitted to Medicare for payment before they may be processed by the division's online payment system.

The division shall develop a pharmacy policy in which drugs in tamper-resistant packaging that are prescribed for a resident of a nursing facility but are not dispensed to the resident shall be returned to the pharmacy and not billed to Medicaid, in accordance with guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy.

The division shall develop and implement a method or methods by which the division will provide on a regular basis to Medicaid providers who are authorized to prescribe drugs, information about the costs to the Medicaid program of single-source drugs and innovator multiple-source drugs, and information about other drugs that may be prescribed as alternatives to those single-source drugs and innovator multiple-source drugs and the costs to the Medicaid program of those alternative drugs.

Notwithstanding any law or regulation, information obtained or maintained by the division regarding the prescription drug program, including trade secrets and manufacturer or labeler pricing, is confidential and not subject to disclosure except to other state agencies.

The dispensing fee for each new or refill prescription, including nonlegend or over-the-counter drugs covered by the division, shall be not less than Three Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$3.91), as determined by the division.

The division shall not reimburse for single-source or innovator multiple-source drugs if there are equally effective generic equivalents available and if the generic equivalents are the least expensive.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the pharmacists providers be reimbursed for the reasonable costs of filling and dispensing prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The division shall allow certain drugs, including physician-administered drugs, and implantable drug system devices, and medical supplies, with limited distribution or limited access for beneficiaries and administered in an appropriate clinical setting, to be reimbursed as either a medical claim or pharmacy claim, as determined by the division.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the division and any managed care entity described in subsection (H) of this section encourage the use of Alpha-Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (17P) to prevent recurrent preterm birth.

(10) Dental and orthodontic services to be determined by the division.

The division shall increase the amount of the reimbursement rate for diagnostic and preventative dental services for each of the fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 by five percent (5%) above the amount of the reimbursement rate for the previous fiscal year. It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement rate revision for preventative dental services will be an incentive to increase the number of dentists who actively provide Medicaid services. This dental services reimbursement rate revision shall be known as the "James Russell Dumas Medicaid Dental Services Incentive Program."

The Medical Care Advisory Committee, assisted by the Division of Medicaid, shall annually determine the effect of this incentive by evaluating the number of dentists who are Medicaid providers, the number who and the degree to which they are actively billing Medicaid, the geographic trends of where dentists are offering what types of Medicaid services and other statistics pertinent to the goals of this legislative intent. This data shall annually be presented to the Chair of the Senate Medicaid Committee and the Chair of the House Medicaid Committee.

The division shall include dental services as a necessary component of overall health services provided to children who are eligible for services.

(11) Eyeglasses for all Medicaid beneficiaries who have (a) had surgery on the eyeball or ocular muscle that results in a vision change for which eyeglasses or a change in eyeglasses is medically indicated within six (6) months of the surgery and is in accordance with policies established by the division, or (b) one (1) pair every five (5) years and in accordance with policies established by the division. In either instance, the eyeglasses must be prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or an optometrist, whichever the beneficiary may select.

(12) Intermediate care facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to all intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities for each day, not exceeding sixty-three (63) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the sixty-three-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) All state-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis.

(c) Effective January 1, 2015, the division shall update the fair rental reimbursement system for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(13) Family planning services, including drugs, supplies and devices, when those services are under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner.

(14) Clinic services. Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative services that are furnished by a facility that is not part of a hospital but is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients. Clinic services include, but are not limited to:

(a) Services provided by ambulatory surgical centers (ACSS) as defined in Section 41-75-1(a); and

(b) Dialysis center services.

(15) Home- and community-based services for the elderly and disabled, as provided under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, under waivers, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

(16) Mental health services. Certain services provided by a psychiatrist shall be reimbursed at up to one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare rate. Approved therapeutic and case management services (a) provided by an approved regional mental health/intellectual disability center established under Sections 41-19-31 through 41-19-39, or by another community mental health service provider meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental Health to be an approved mental health/intellectual disability center if determined necessary by the Department of Mental Health, using state funds that are provided in the appropriation to the division to match federal funds, or (b) provided by a facility that is certified by the State Department of

Mental Health to provide therapeutic and case management services, to be reimbursed on a fee for service basis, or (c) provided in the community by a facility or program operated by the Department of Mental Health. Any such services provided by a facility described in subparagraph (b) must have the prior approval of the division to be reimbursable under this section.

(17) Durable medical equipment services and medical supplies. Precertification of durable medical equipment and medical supplies must be obtained as required by the division. The Division of Medicaid may require durable medical equipment providers to obtain a surety bond in the amount and to the specifications as established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

(18) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, as provided in the Medicaid state plan amendment or amendments as defined in Section 43-13-145(10), the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients and that meet the federal requirements for those payments as provided in Section 1923 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the division shall draw down all available federal funds allotted to the state for disproportionate share hospitals. However, from and after January 1, 1999, public hospitals participating in the Medicaid disproportionate share program may be required to participate in an intergovernmental transfer program as provided in Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations.

(b) (i) The division may establish a Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, or an allowable delivery system or provider payment initiative authorized under 42 CFR 438.6(c), for hospitals, nursing facilities, physicians employed or contracted by hospitals, and emergency ambulance transportation providers.

(ii) The division shall assess each hospital, nursing facility, and emergency ambulance transportation provider for the sole purpose of financing the state portion of the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b). The hospital assessment shall be as provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a), and the nursing facility and the emergency ambulance transportation assessments, if established, shall be based on Medicaid utilization or other appropriate method, as determined by the division, consistent with federal regulations. The assessments will remain in effect as long as the state participates in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b). In addition to the hospital assessment provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a), hospitals with physicians participating in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b) shall be required to participate in an intergovernmental transfer or assessment, as determined by the division, for the purpose of financing the state portion of the physician UPL payments or other payment(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b).

(iii) Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the provisions of this subsection (A)(18)(b), the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals, nursing facilities, and emergency ambulance transportation providers for the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b), and, if the program is established for physicians, shall make additional reimbursement for physicians, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, provided the assessment in this subsection (A)(18)(b) is in effect.

(iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, effective upon implementation of the Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) provided in subparagraph (c)(i) below, the hospital portion of the inpatient Upper Payment Limits Program shall transition into and be replaced by the MHAP program. However, the division is authorized to develop and implement an alternative fee-for-service Upper Payment Limits model in accordance with federal laws and regulations if necessary to preserve supplemental funding. Further, the division, in consultation with the hospital industry shall develop alternative models for distribution of

medical claims and supplemental payments for inpatient and outpatient hospital services, and such models may include, but shall not be limited to the following: increasing rates for inpatient and outpatient services; creating a low-income utilization pool of funds to reimburse hospitals for the costs of uncompensated care, charity care and bad debts as permitted and approved pursuant to federal regulations and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; supplemental payments based upon Medicaid utilization, quality, service lines and/or costs of providing such services to Medicaid beneficiaries and to uninsured patients. The goals of such payment models shall be to ensure access to inpatient and outpatient care and to maximize any federal funds that are available to reimburse hospitals for services provided. Any such documents required to achieve the goals described in this paragraph shall be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2019, to the extent possible, but in no event shall the effective date of such payment models be later than July 1, 2020. The Chairmen of the Senate and House Medicaid Committees shall be provided a copy of the proposed payment model(s) prior to submission. Effective July 1, 2018, and until such time as any payment model(s) as described above become effective, the division, in consultation with the hospital industry, is authorized to implement a transitional program for inpatient and outpatient payments and/or supplemental payments (including, but not limited to, MHAP and directed payments), to redistribute available supplemental funds among hospital providers, provided that when compared to a hospital's prior year supplemental payments, supplemental payments made pursuant to any such transitional program shall not result in a decrease of more than five percent (5%) and shall not increase by more than the amount needed to maximize the distribution of the available funds.

(c) (i) Not later than December 1, 2015, the division shall, subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), establish, implement and operate a Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) for the purpose of protecting patient access to hospital care through hospital inpatient reimbursement programs provided in this section designed to maintain total hospital reimbursement for inpatient services rendered by in-state hospitals and the out-of-state hospital that is authorized by federal law to submit intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) to the State of Mississippi and is classified as Level I trauma center located in a county contiguous to the state line at the maximum levels permissible under applicable federal statutes and regulations, at which time the current inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program for hospital inpatient services shall transition to the MHAP.

(ii) Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the MHAP shall provide increased inpatient capitation (PMPM) payments to managed care entities contracting with the division pursuant to subsection (H) of this section to support availability of hospital services or such other payments permissible under federal law necessary to accomplish the intent of this subsection.

(iii) The intent of this subparagraph (c) is that effective for all inpatient hospital Medicaid services during state fiscal year 2016, and so long as this provision shall remain in effect hereafter, the division shall to the fullest extent feasible replace the additional reimbursement for hospital inpatient services under the inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program with additional reimbursement under the MHAP and other payment programs for inpatient and/or outpatient payments which may be developed under the authority of this paragraph.

(iv) The division shall assess each hospital as provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a) for the purpose of financing the state portion of the MHAP, supplemental payments and such other purposes as specified in Section 43-13-145. The assessment will remain in effect as long as the MHAP and supplemental payments are in effect.

(19) (a) Perinatal risk management services. The division shall promulgate regulations to be effective from and after October 1, 1988, to establish a comprehensive perinatal system for risk assessment of all pregnant and infant Medicaid recipients and for management, education and follow-up for those who are determined to be at risk. Services to be performed include case management, nutrition assessment/counseling, psychosocial assessment/counseling and health education. The

division shall contract with the State Department of Health to provide services within this paragraph (Perinatal High Risk Management/Infant Services System (PHRM/ISS)). The State Department of Health shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis for services provided under this subparagraph (a).

(b) Early intervention system services. The division shall cooperate with the State Department of Health, acting as lead agency, in the development and implementation of a statewide system of delivery of early intervention services, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The State Department of Health shall certify annually in writing to the executive director of the division the dollar amount of state early intervention funds available that will be utilized as a certified match for Medicaid matching funds. Those funds then shall be used to provide expanded targeted case management services for Medicaid eligible children with special needs who are eligible for the state's early intervention system. Qualifications for persons providing service coordination shall be determined by the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

(20) Home- and community-based services for physically disabled approved services as allowed by a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for physically disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(21) Nurse practitioner services. Services furnished by a registered nurse who is licensed and certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner, including, but not limited to, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, family nurse practitioners, family planning nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, obstetrics-gynecology nurse practitioners and neonatal nurse practitioners, under regulations adopted by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for nurse practitioner services of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician for nurse practitioner services that are provided after the normal working hours of the nurse practitioner, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division.

(22) Ambulatory services delivered in federally qualified health centers, rural health centers and clinics of the local health departments of the State Department of Health for individuals eligible for Medicaid under this article based on reasonable costs as determined by the division. Federally qualified health centers shall be reimbursed by the Medicaid prospective payment system as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The division shall recognize federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics (RHCs) and community mental health centers (CMHCs) as both an originating and distant site provider for the purposes of telehealth reimbursement. The division is further authorized and directed to reimburse FQHCs, RHCs and CMHCs for both distant site and originating site services when such services are appropriately provided by the same organization.

(23) Inpatient psychiatric services.

(a) Inpatient psychiatric services to be determined by the division for recipients under age twenty-one (21) that are provided under the direction of a physician in an inpatient program in a licensed acute care psychiatric facility or in a licensed psychiatric residential treatment facility, before the recipient reaches age twenty-one (21) or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before he or she reached age twenty-one (21), before the earlier of the date he or she no longer requires the services or the date he or she reaches age twenty-two (22), as provided by federal regulations. From and after January 1, 2015, the division shall update the fair rental reimbursement system for psychiatric residential treatment facilities. Precertification of inpatient days and residential treatment days must be obtained as required by the division. From and after July 1, 2009, all state-owned and state-operated facilities that provide inpatient psychiatric services to persons under age twenty-one (21) who are eligible for

Medicaid reimbursement shall be reimbursed for those services on a full reasonable cost basis.

(b) The division may reimburse for services provided by a licensed freestanding psychiatric hospital to Medicaid recipients over the age of twenty-one (21) in a method and manner consistent with the provisions of Section 43-13-117.5.

(24) [Deleted]

(25) [Deleted]

(26) Hospice care. As used in this paragraph, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within the home and outpatient and inpatient care that treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stresses that are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as provided in federal regulations.

(27) Group health plan premiums and cost-sharing if it is cost-effective as defined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(28) Other health insurance premiums that are cost-effective as defined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services. Medicare eligible must have Medicare Part B before other insurance premiums can be paid.

(29) The Division of Medicaid may apply for a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for developmentally disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Mental Health and/or funds transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and/or transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

(30) Pediatric skilled nursing services as determined by the division and in a manner consistent with regulations promulgated by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(31) Targeted case management services for children with special needs, under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(32) Care and services provided in Christian Science Sanatoria listed and certified by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., rendered in connection with treatment by prayer or spiritual means to the extent that those services are subject to reimbursement under Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act.

(33) Podiatrist services.

(34) Assisted living services as provided through home- and community-based services under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

(35) Services and activities authorized in Sections 43-27-101 and 43-27-103, using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(36) Nonemergency transportation services for Medicaid-eligible persons as determined by the division. The PEER Committee shall conduct a performance evaluation of the nonemergency transportation program to evaluate the administration of the program and the providers of transportation services to determine the most cost-effective ways of providing nonemergency transportation services to the patients served under the program. The performance evaluation shall be completed and



provided to the members of the Senate Medicaid Committee and the House Medicaid Committee not later than January 1, 2019, and every two (2) years thereafter.

(37) [Deleted]

(38) Chiropractic services. A chiropractor's manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, if x-ray demonstrates that a subluxation exists and if the subluxation has resulted in a neuromusculoskeletal condition for which manipulation is appropriate treatment, and related spinal x-rays performed to document these conditions. Reimbursement for chiropractic services shall not exceed Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) per year per beneficiary.

(39) Dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries. The division shall pay the Medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts for services available under Medicare, as determined by the division. From and after July 1, 2009, the division shall reimburse crossover claims for inpatient hospital services and crossover claims covered under Medicare Part B in the same manner that was in effect on January 1, 2008, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature to change this method.

(40) [Deleted]

(41) Services provided by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injuries or traumatic brain injuries, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, using up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds that are appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services from the Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund established under Section 37-33-261 and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(42) [Deleted]

(43) The division shall provide reimbursement, according to a payment schedule developed by the division, for smoking cessation medications for pregnant women during their pregnancy and other Medicaid-eligible women who are of child-bearing age.

(44) Nursing facility services for the severely disabled.

(a) Severe disabilities include, but are not limited to, spinal cord injuries, closed-head injuries and ventilator-dependent patients.

(b) Those services must be provided in a long-term care nursing facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with severe disabilities.

(45) Physician assistant services. Services furnished by a physician assistant who is licensed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and is practicing with physician supervision under regulations adopted by the board, under regulations adopted by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for physician assistant services of up to one hundred percent (100%) or the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician for physician assistant services that are provided after the normal working hours of the physician assistant, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division.

(46) The division shall make application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver to develop and provide services for children with serious emotional disturbances as defined in Section 43-14-1(1), which may include home- and community-based services, case management services or managed care services through mental health providers certified by the Department of Mental Health. The division may implement and provide services under this waived program only if funds for these services are specifically appropriated for this purpose by the Legislature, or if funds are voluntarily provided by affected agencies.

(47) (a) The division may develop and implement disease management programs for individuals with high-cost chronic diseases and conditions, including the use of grants, waivers, demonstrations or other projects as necessary.

(b) Participation in any disease management program implemented under this paragraph (47) is optional with the individual. An individual must affirmatively elect to participate in the disease management program in order to participate, and may elect to discontinue participation in the program at any time.

(48) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services.

(a) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services means services provided to eligible persons under twenty-one (21) years of age by a freestanding Medicare-certified hospital that has an average length of inpatient stay greater than twenty-five (25) days and that is primarily engaged in providing chronic or long-term medical care to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) The services under this paragraph (48) shall be reimbursed as a separate category of hospital services.

(49) The division may establish copayments and/or coinsurance for any Medicaid services for which copayments and/or coinsurance are allowable under federal law or regulation.

(50) Services provided by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons who are deaf and blind, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide home- and community-based services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services or if funds are voluntarily provided by another agency.

(51) Upon determination of Medicaid eligibility and in association with annual redetermination of Medicaid eligibility, beneficiaries shall be encouraged to undertake a physical examination that will establish a base-line level of health and identification of a usual and customary source of care (a medical home) to aid utilization of disease management tools. This physical examination and utilization of these disease management tools shall be consistent with current United States Preventive Services Task Force or other recognized authority recommendations.

For persons who are determined ineligible for Medicaid, the division will provide information and direction for accessing medical care and services in the area of their residence.

(52) Notwithstanding any provisions of this article, the division may pay enhanced reimbursement fees related to trauma care, as determined by the division in conjunction with the State Department of Health, using funds appropriated to the State Department of Health for trauma care and services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the State Department of Health. The division, in conjunction with the State Department of Health, may use grants, waivers, demonstrations, enhanced reimbursements, Upper Payment Limits Programs, supplemental payments, or other projects as necessary in the development and implementation of this reimbursement program.

(53) Targeted case management services for high-cost beneficiaries may be developed by the division for all services under this section.

(54) [Deleted]

(55) Therapy services. The plan of care for therapy services may be developed to cover a period of treatment for up to six (6) months, but in no event shall the plan of care exceed a six-month period of treatment. The projected period of treatment must be indicated on the initial plan of care and must be updated with each subsequent revised plan of care. Based on medical necessity, the division shall approve certification periods for less than or up to six (6) months, but in no event shall the certification period exceed the period of treatment indicated on the plan of care. The appeal process for any reduction in therapy services shall be consistent with the appeal process in federal regulations.

(56) Prescribed pediatric extended care centers services for medically dependent or technologically dependent children with complex medical conditions that require continual care as prescribed by the child's attending physician, as determined by the division.

(57) No Medicaid benefit shall restrict coverage for medically appropriate treatment prescribed by a physician and agreed to by a fully informed individual, or if the individual lacks legal capacity to consent by a person who has legal authority to consent on his or her behalf, based on an individual's diagnosis with a terminal condition. As used in this paragraph (57), "terminal condition" means any aggressive malignancy, chronic end-stage cardiovascular or cerebral vascular disease, or any other disease, illness or condition which a physician diagnoses as terminal.

(58) Treatment services for persons with opioid dependency or other highly addictive substance use disorders. The division is authorized to reimburse eligible providers for treatment of opioid dependency and other highly addictive substance use disorders, as determined by the division. Treatment related to these conditions shall not count against any physician visit limit imposed under this section.

(59) The division shall allow beneficiaries between the ages of ten (10) and eighteen (18) years to receive vaccines through a pharmacy venue. The division and the State Department of Health shall coordinate and notify OB-GYN providers that the Vaccines for Children program is available to providers free of charge.

(B) [Deleted]

(C) The division may pay to those providers who participate in and accept patient referrals from the division's emergency room redirection program a percentage, as determined by the division, of savings achieved according to the performance measures and reduction of costs required of that program. Federally qualified health centers may participate in the emergency room redirection program, and the division may pay those centers a percentage of any savings to the Medicaid program achieved by the centers' accepting patient referrals through the program, as provided in this subsection (C).

(D) (1) \* \* \* As used in this subsection (D), the following terms shall be defined as provided in this paragraph, except as otherwise provided in this subsection:

(a) "Committees" means the Medicaid Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and "committee" means either one of those committees.

(b) "Rate change" means an increase, decrease or other change in the payments or rates of reimbursement, or a change in any payment methodology that results in an increase, decrease or other change in the payments or rates of reimbursement, to any Medicaid provider that render any services authorized to be provided to Medicaid recipients under this article.

(2) \* \* \* Whenever the Division of Medicaid proposes a rate change, the division shall give notice to the chairmen of the committees at least thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed rate change is scheduled to take effect. The division shall furnish the chairmen with a concise summary of each proposed rate change along with the notice, and shall furnish the chairmen with a copy of any proposed rate change upon request. The division also shall provide a summary and copy of any proposed rate change to any other member of the Legislature upon request.

(3) If the chairman of either committee or both chairmen jointly object to the proposed rate change or any part thereof, the chairman or chairmen shall notify the division and provide the reasons for their objection in writing not later than seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division. The chairman or chairmen may make written recommendations to the division for changes to be made to a proposed rate change.

(4) (a) The chairman of either committee or both chairman jointly may hold a committee meeting to review a proposed rate change. If either chairman or both chairmen decide to hold a meeting, they shall notify the division of their intention in writing within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division, and shall set the date and time for the meeting in their notice to the division, which shall not be later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division.

(b) After the committee meeting, the committee or committees may object to the proposed rate change or any part thereof. The committee or committees shall notify the division and the reasons for their objection in writing not later than seven (7) calendar days after the meeting. The committee or committees may make written recommendations to the division for changes to be made to a proposed rate change.

(5) If both chairmen notify the division in writing within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division that they do not object to the proposed rate change and will not be holding a meeting to review the proposed rate change, the proposed rate change will take effect on the original date as scheduled by the division or on such other date as specified by the division.

(6) (a) If there are any objections to a proposed rate change or any part thereof from either or both of the chairmen or the committees, the division may withdraw the proposed rate change, make any of the recommended changes to the proposed rate change, or not make any changes to the proposed rate change.

(b) If the division does not make any changes to the proposed rate change, it shall notify the chairmen of that fact in writing, and the proposed rate change shall take effect on the original date as scheduled by the division or on such other date as specified by the division.

(c) If the division makes any changes to the proposed rate change, the division shall notify the chairmen of its actions in writing, and the revised proposed rate change shall take effect on the date as specified by the division.

(7) Nothing in this subsection (D) shall be construed as giving the chairmen or the committees any authority to veto, nullify or revise any rate change proposed by the division. The authority of the chairmen or the committees under this subsection shall be limited to reviewing, making objections to and making recommendations for changes to rate changes proposed by the division.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of this article, no new groups or categories of recipients and new types of care and services may be added without enabling legislation from the Mississippi Legislature, except that the division may authorize those changes without enabling legislation when the addition of recipients or services is ordered by a court of proper authority.

(F) The executive director shall keep the Governor advised on a timely basis of the funds available for expenditure and the projected expenditures. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, if current or projected expenditures of the division are reasonably anticipated to exceed the amount of funds appropriated to the division for any fiscal year, the Governor, after consultation with the executive director, shall take all appropriate measures to reduce costs, which may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Reducing or discontinuing any or all services that are deemed to be optional under Title XIX of the Social Security Act;

(2) Reducing reimbursement rates for any or all service types;

(3) Imposing additional assessments on health care providers; or

(4) Any additional cost-containment measures deemed appropriate by the Governor.

To the extent allowed under federal law, any reduction to services or reimbursement rates under this subsection (F) shall be accompanied by a reduction, to the fullest allowable amount, to the profit margin and administrative fee portions of capitated payments to organizations described in paragraph (1) of subsection (H).

Beginning in fiscal year 2010 and in fiscal years thereafter, when Medicaid expenditures are projected to exceed funds available for the fiscal year, the division shall submit the expected shortfall information to the PEER Committee not later than December 1 of the year in which the shortfall is projected to occur. PEER shall review the computations of the division and report its findings to the Legislative Budget Office not later than January 7 in any year.

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, it shall be the duty of each provider participating in the Medicaid program to keep and maintain books, documents and other records as prescribed by the Division of Medicaid in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

(H) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the division is authorized to implement (a) a managed care program, (b) a coordinated care program, (c) a coordinated care organization program, (d) a health maintenance organization program, (e) a patient-centered medical home program, (f) an accountable care organization program, (g) provider-sponsored health plan, or (h) any combination of the above programs. As a condition for the approval of any program under this subsection (H)(1), the division shall require that no managed care program, coordinated care program, coordinated care organization program, health maintenance organization program, or provider-sponsored health plan may:

(a) Pay providers at a rate that is less than the Medicaid All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) reimbursement rate;

(b) Override the medical decisions of hospital physicians or staff regarding patients admitted to a hospital for an emergency medical condition as defined by 42 US Code Section 1395dd. This restriction (b) does not prohibit the retrospective review of the appropriateness of the determination that an emergency medical condition exists by chart review or coding algorithm, nor does it prohibit prior authorization for nonemergency hospital admissions;

(c) Pay providers at a rate that is less than the normal Medicaid reimbursement rate. It is the intent of the Legislature that all managed care entities described in this subsection (H), in collaboration with the division, develop and implement innovative payment models that incentivize improvements in health care quality, outcomes, or value, as determined by the division. Participation in the provider network of any managed care, coordinated care, provider-sponsored health plan, or similar contractor shall not be conditioned on the provider's agreement to accept such alternative payment models;

(d) Implement a prior authorization and utilization review program for medical services, transportation services and prescription drugs that is more stringent than the prior authorization processes used by the division in its administration of the Medicaid program. Not later than December 2, 2021, the contractors that are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees on the status of the prior authorization and utilization review program for medical services, transportation services and prescription drugs that is required to be implemented under this subparagraph (d);

(e) [Deleted]

(f) Implement a preferred drug list that is more stringent than the mandatory preferred drug list established by the division under subsection (A)(9) of this section;

(g) Implement a policy which denies beneficiaries with hemophilia access to the federally funded hemophilia treatment centers as part of the Medicaid Managed Care network of providers.

Each health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall use a clear set of level of care guidelines in the determination of medical necessity and in all utilization management practices, including the prior authorization process, concurrent reviews, retrospective reviews and payments, that are consistent with widely accepted professional standards of care. Organizations participating in a managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division may not use any additional criteria that would result in denial of care that would be determined appropriate and, therefore, medically necessary under those levels of care guidelines.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the recipients eligible for enrollment into a Medicaid Managed Care Program authorized under this subsection (H) may include only those categories of recipients eligible for participation in the Medicaid Managed Care Program as of January 1, 2021, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the CMS-approved Section 1115 demonstration waivers in operation as of January 1, 2021. No expansion of Medicaid Managed Care Program contracts may be implemented by the division without enabling legislation from the Mississippi Legislature.

(3) (a) Any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established in this section shall provide to the Legislature and the division statistical data to be shared with provider groups in order to improve patient access, appropriate utilization, cost savings and health outcomes not later than October 1 of each year. Additionally, each contractor shall disclose to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Medicaid Committees the administrative expenses costs for the prior calendar year, and the number of full-equivalent employees located in the State of Mississippi dedicated to the Medicaid and CHIP lines of business as of June 30 of the current year.

(b) The division and the contractors participating in the managed care program, a coordinated care program or a provider-sponsored health plan shall be subject to annual program reviews or audits performed by the Office of the State Auditor, the PEER Committee, the Department of Insurance and/or independent third parties.

(c) Those reviews shall include, but not be limited to, at least two (2) of the following items:

- (i) The financial benefit to the State of Mississippi of the managed care program,
- (ii) The difference between the premiums paid to the managed care contractors and the payments made by those contractors to health care providers,
- (iii) Compliance with performance measures required under the contracts,
- (iv) Administrative expense allocation methodologies,
- (v) Whether nonprovider payments assigned as medical expenses are appropriate,
- (vi) Capitated arrangements with related party subcontractors,
- (vii) Reasonableness of corporate allocations,
- (viii) Value-added benefits and the extent to which they are used,
- (ix) The effectiveness of subcontractor oversight, including subcontractor review,
- (x) Whether health care outcomes have been improved, and
- (xi) The most common claim denial codes to determine the reasons for the denials.

The audit reports shall be considered public documents and shall be posted in their entirety on the division's website.

(4) All health maintenance organizations, coordinated care organizations, provider-sponsored health plans, or other organizations paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall reimburse all providers in those organizations at rates no lower than those provided under this section for beneficiaries who are not participating in those programs.

(5) No health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall require its providers or beneficiaries to use any pharmacy that ships, mails or delivers prescription drugs or legend drugs or devices.

(6) (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the contractors who are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall develop and implement a uniform credentialing process for providers. Under that uniform credentialing process, a provider who meets the criteria for credentialing will be credentialed with all of those contractors and no such provider will have to be separately credentialed by any individual contractor in order to receive reimbursement from the contractor. Not later than December 2, 2021, those contractors shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees on the status of the uniform credentialing process for providers that is required under this subparagraph (a).

(b) If those contractors have not implemented a uniform credentialing process as described in subparagraph (a) by December 1, 2021, the division shall develop and implement, not later than July 1, 2022, a single, consolidated credentialing process by which all providers will be credentialed. Under the division's single, consolidated credentialing process, no such contractor shall require its providers to be separately credentialed by the contractor in order to receive reimbursement from

the contractor, but those contractors shall recognize the credentialing of the providers by the division's credentialing process.

(c) The division shall require a uniform provider credentialing application that shall be used in the credentialing process that is established under subparagraph (a) or (b). If the contractor or division, as applicable, has not approved or denied the provider credentialing application within sixty (60) days of receipt of the completed application that includes all required information necessary for credentialing, then the contractor or division, upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and within five (5) business days of its receipt, shall issue a temporary provider credential/enrollment to the applicant if the applicant has a valid Mississippi professional or occupational license to provide the health care services to which the credential/enrollment would apply. The contractor or the division shall not issue a temporary credential/enrollment if the applicant has reported on the application a history of medical or other professional or occupational malpractice claims, a history of substance abuse or mental health issues, a criminal record, or a history of medical or other licensing board, state or federal disciplinary action, including any suspension from participation in a federal or state program. The temporary credential/enrollment shall be effective upon issuance and shall remain in effect until the provider's credentialing/enrollment application is approved or denied by the contractor or division. The contractor or division shall render a final decision regarding credentialing/enrollment of the provider within sixty (60) days from the date that the temporary provider credential/enrollment is issued to the applicant.

(d) If the contractor or division does not render a final decision regarding credentialing/enrollment of the provider within the time required in subparagraph (c), the provider shall be deemed to be credentialed by and enrolled with all of the contractors and eligible to receive reimbursement from the contractors.

(7) (a) Each contractor that is receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall provide to each provider for whom the contractor has denied the coverage of a procedure that was ordered or requested by the provider for or on behalf of a patient, a letter that provides a detailed explanation of the reasons for the denial of coverage of the procedure and the name and the credentials of the person who denied the coverage. The letter shall be sent to the provider in electronic format.

(b) After a contractor that is receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) has denied coverage for a claim submitted by a provider, the contractor shall issue to the provider within sixty (60) days a final ruling of denial of the claim that allows the provider to have a state fair hearing and/or agency appeal with the division. If a contractor does not issue a final ruling of denial within sixty (60) days as required by this subparagraph (b), the provider's claim shall be deemed to be automatically approved and the contractor shall pay the amount of the claim to the provider.

(c) After a contractor has issued a final ruling of denial of a claim submitted by a provider, the division shall conduct a state fair hearing and/or agency appeal on the matter of the disputed claim between the contractor and the provider within sixty (60) days, and shall render a decision on the matter within thirty (30) days after the date of the hearing and/or appeal.

(8) It is the intention of the Legislature that the division evaluate the feasibility of using a single vendor to administer pharmacy benefits provided under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H). Providers of pharmacy benefits shall cooperate with the division in any transition to a carve-out of pharmacy benefits under managed care.

(9) It is the intention of the Legislature that the division evaluate the feasibility of using a single vendor to administer dental benefits provided under a managed care delivery system established in this subsection (H). Providers of dental benefits shall cooperate with the division in any transition to a carve-out of dental benefits under managed care.

(10) It is the intent of the Legislature that any contractor receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established in this section shall implement innovative programs to improve the health and well-being of members diagnosed with prediabetes and diabetes.

(11) It is the intent of the Legislature that any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall work with providers of Medicaid services to improve the utilization of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). Not later than December 1, 2021, any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall provide to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees and House and Senate Public Health Committees a report of LARC utilization for State Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020 as well as any programs, initiatives, or efforts made by the contractors and providers to increase LARC utilization. This report shall be updated annually to include information for subsequent state fiscal years.

(12) The division is authorized to make not more than one (1) emergency extension of the contracts that are in effect on July 1, 2021, with contractors who are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H), as provided in this paragraph (12). The maximum period of any such extension shall be one (1) year, and under any such extensions, the contractors shall be subject to all of the provisions of this subsection (H). The extended contracts shall be revised to incorporate any provisions of this subsection (H).

(I) [Deleted]

(J) There shall be no cuts in inpatient and outpatient hospital payments, or allowable days or volumes, as long as the hospital assessment provided in Section 43-13-145 is in effect. This subsection (J) shall not apply to decreases in payments that are a result of: reduced hospital admissions, audits or payments under the APR-DRG or APC models, or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section.

(K) In the negotiation and execution of such contracts involving services performed by actuarial firms, the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid may negotiate a limitation on liability to the state of prospective contractors.

(L) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

43-13-117. (A) Medicaid as authorized by this article shall include payment of part or all of the costs, at the discretion of the division, with approval of the Governor and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, of the following types of care and services rendered to eligible applicants who have been determined to be eligible for that care and services, within the limits of state appropriations and federal matching funds:

(1) Inpatient hospital services.

(a) The division is authorized to implement an All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) reimbursement methodology for inpatient hospital services.

(b) No service benefits or reimbursement limitations in this subsection (A)(1) shall apply to payments under an APR-DRG or Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) model or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section unless specifically authorized by the division.

(2) Outpatient hospital services.

(a) Emergency services.

(b) Other outpatient hospital services. The division shall allow benefits for other medically necessary outpatient hospital services (such as chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and therapy), including outpatient services in a clinic or other facility that is not located inside the hospital, but that has been designated as an outpatient facility by the hospital, and that was in operation or under construction on July 1, 2009, provided that the costs and charges associated with the operation of the hospital clinic are included in the hospital's cost report. In addition, the Medicare thirty-five-mile rule will apply to those hospital clinics not located inside the hospital that are constructed after July 1, 2009. Where the same services are reimbursed as clinic services, the division may revise the rate or methodology of outpatient reimbursement to maintain consistency, efficiency, economy and quality of care.

(c) The division is authorized to implement an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) methodology for outpatient hospital services. The division shall give rural hospitals that have fifty (50) or fewer licensed beds the option to not be



reimbursed for outpatient hospital services using the APC methodology, but reimbursement for outpatient hospital services provided by those hospitals shall be based on one hundred one percent (101%) of the rate established under Medicare for outpatient hospital services. Those hospitals choosing to not be reimbursed under the APC methodology shall remain under cost-based reimbursement for a two-year period.

(d) No service benefits or reimbursement limitations in this subsection (A)(2) shall apply to payments under an APR-DRG or APC model or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section unless specifically authorized by the division.

(3) Laboratory and x-ray services.

(4) Nursing facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to nursing facilities for each day, not exceeding forty-two (42) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the forty-two-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) From and after July 1, 1997, the division shall implement the integrated case-mix payment and quality monitoring system, which includes the fair rental system for property costs and in which recapture of depreciation is eliminated. The division may reduce the payment for hospital leave and therapeutic home leave days to the lower of the case-mix category as computed for the resident on leave using the assessment being utilized for payment at that point in time, or a case-mix score of 1.000 for nursing facilities, and shall compute case-mix scores of residents so that only services provided at the nursing facility are considered in calculating a facility's per diem.

(c) From and after July 1, 1997, all state-owned nursing facilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis.

(d) On or after January 1, 2015, the division shall update the case-mix payment system resource utilization grouper and classifications and fair rental reimbursement system. The division shall develop and implement a payment add-on to reimburse nursing facilities for ventilator-dependent resident services.

(e) The division shall develop and implement, not later than January 1, 2001, a case-mix payment add-on determined by time studies and other valid statistical data that will reimburse a nursing facility for the additional cost of caring for a resident who has a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or other related dementia and exhibits symptoms that require special care. Any such case-mix add-on payment shall be supported by a determination of additional cost. The division shall also develop and implement as part of the fair rental reimbursement system for nursing facility beds, an Alzheimer's resident bed depreciation enhanced reimbursement system that will provide an incentive to encourage nursing facilities to convert or construct beds for residents with Alzheimer's or other related dementia.

(f) The division shall develop and implement an assessment process for long-term care services. The division may provide the assessment and related functions directly or through contract with the area agencies on aging.

The division shall apply for necessary federal waivers to assure that additional services providing alternatives to nursing facility care are made available to applicants for nursing facility care.

(5) Periodic screening and diagnostic services for individuals under age twenty-one (21) years as are needed to identify physical and mental defects and to provide health care treatment and other measures designed to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illness and conditions discovered by the screening services, regardless of whether these services are included in the state plan. The division may include in its periodic screening and diagnostic program those discretionary services authorized under the federal regulations adopted to implement Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. The division, in obtaining physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, and services for individuals with speech, hearing and language disorders, may enter into a cooperative agreement with the State Department of Education for the provision of those services to handicapped students by public school

districts using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Education to obtain federal matching funds through the division. The division, in obtaining medical and mental health assessments, treatment, care and services for children who are in, or at risk of being put in, the custody of the Mississippi Department of Human Services may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Mississippi Department of Human Services for the provision of those services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Department of Human Services to obtain federal matching funds through the division.

(6) Physician services. Fees for physician's services that are covered only by Medicaid shall be reimbursed at ninety percent (90%) of the rate established on January 1, 2018, and as may be adjusted each July thereafter, under Medicare. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for physician's services of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare for physician's services that are provided after the normal working hours of the physician, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division. The division may reimburse eligible providers, as determined by the division, for certain primary care services at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare. The division shall reimburse obstetricians and gynecologists for certain primary care services as defined by the division at one hundred percent (100%) of the rate established under Medicare.

(7) (a) Home health services for eligible persons, not to exceed in cost the prevailing cost of nursing facility services. All home health visits must be precertified as required by the division. In addition to physicians, certified registered nurse practitioners, physician assistants and clinical nurse specialists are authorized to prescribe or order home health services and plans of care, sign home health plans of care, certify and recertify eligibility for home health services and conduct the required initial face-to-face visit with the recipient of the services.

(b) [Repealed]

(8) Emergency medical transportation services as determined by the division.

(9) Prescription drugs and other covered drugs and services as determined by the division.

The division shall establish a mandatory preferred drug list. Drugs not on the mandatory preferred drug list shall be made available by utilizing prior authorization procedures established by the division.

The division may seek to establish relationships with other states in order to lower acquisition costs of prescription drugs to include single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs or generic drugs. In addition, if allowed by federal law or regulation, the division may seek to establish relationships with and negotiate with other countries to facilitate the acquisition of prescription drugs to include single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs or generic drugs, if that will lower the acquisition costs of those prescription drugs.

The division may allow for a combination of prescriptions for single-source and innovator multiple-source drugs and generic drugs to meet the needs of the beneficiaries.

The executive director may approve specific maintenance drugs for beneficiaries with certain medical conditions, which may be prescribed and dispensed in three-month supply increments.

Drugs prescribed for a resident of a psychiatric residential treatment facility must be provided in true unit doses when available. The division may require that drugs not covered by Medicare Part D for a resident of a long-term care facility be provided in true unit doses when available. Those drugs that were originally billed to the division but are not used by a resident in any of those facilities shall be returned to the billing pharmacy for credit to the division, in accordance with the guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy and any requirements of federal law and regulation. Drugs shall be dispensed to a recipient and only one (1) dispensing fee per month may be charged. The division shall develop a methodology for reimbursing for restocked drugs, which shall include a restock fee as determined by the division not exceeding Seven Dollars and Eighty-two Cents (\$7.82).

Except for those specific maintenance drugs approved by the executive director, the division shall not reimburse for any portion of a prescription that exceeds a thirty-one-day supply of the drug based on the daily dosage.

The division is authorized to develop and implement a program of payment for additional pharmacist services as determined by the division.

All claims for drugs for dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries that are paid for by Medicare must be submitted to Medicare for payment before they may be processed by the division's online payment system.

The division shall develop a pharmacy policy in which drugs in tamper-resistant packaging that are prescribed for a resident of a nursing facility but are not dispensed to the resident shall be returned to the pharmacy and not billed to Medicaid, in accordance with guidelines of the State Board of Pharmacy.

The division shall develop and implement a method or methods by which the division will provide on a regular basis to Medicaid providers who are authorized to prescribe drugs, information about the costs to the Medicaid program of single-source drugs and innovator multiple-source drugs, and information about other drugs that may be prescribed as alternatives to those single-source drugs and innovator multiple-source drugs and the costs to the Medicaid program of those alternative drugs.

Notwithstanding any law or regulation, information obtained or maintained by the division regarding the prescription drug program, including trade secrets and manufacturer or labeler pricing, is confidential and not subject to disclosure except to other state agencies.

The dispensing fee for each new or refill prescription, including nonlegend or over-the-counter drugs covered by the division, shall be not less than Three Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$3.91), as determined by the division.

The division shall not reimburse for single-source or innovator multiple-source drugs if there are equally effective generic equivalents available and if the generic equivalents are the least expensive.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the pharmacists providers be reimbursed for the reasonable costs of filling and dispensing prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries.

The division shall allow certain drugs, including physician-administered drugs, and implantable drug system devices, and medical supplies, with limited distribution or limited access for beneficiaries and administered in an appropriate clinical setting, to be reimbursed as either a medical claim or pharmacy claim, as determined by the division.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the division and any managed care entity described in subsection (H) of this section encourage the use of Alpha-Hydroxyprogesterone Caproate (17P) to prevent recurrent preterm birth.

(10) Dental and orthodontic services to be determined by the division.

The division shall increase the amount of the reimbursement rate for diagnostic and preventative dental services for each of the fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024 by five percent (5%) above the amount of the reimbursement rate for the previous fiscal year. The division shall increase the amount of the reimbursement rate for restorative dental services for each of the fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025 by five percent (5%) above the amount of the reimbursement rate for the previous fiscal year. It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement rate revision for preventative dental services will be an incentive to increase the number of dentists who actively provide Medicaid services. This dental services reimbursement rate revision shall be known as the "James Russell Dumas Medicaid Dental Services Incentive Program."

The Medical Care Advisory Committee, assisted by the Division of Medicaid, shall annually determine the effect of this incentive by evaluating the number of dentists who are Medicaid providers, the number who and the degree to which they are actively billing Medicaid, the geographic trends of where dentists are offering what types of Medicaid services and other statistics pertinent to the goals of this legislative intent. This data shall annually be presented to the Chair of the Senate Medicaid Committee and the Chair of the House Medicaid Committee.

The division shall include dental services as a necessary component of overall health services provided to children who are eligible for services.

(11) Eyeglasses for all Medicaid beneficiaries who have (a) had surgery on the eyeball or ocular muscle that results in a vision change for which eyeglasses or a change in eyeglasses is medically indicated within six (6) months of the surgery and is in accordance with policies established by the division, or (b) one (1) pair every five (5) years and in accordance with policies established by the division. In either instance, the eyeglasses must be prescribed by a physician skilled in diseases of the eye or an optometrist, whichever the beneficiary may select.

(12) Intermediate care facility services.

(a) The division shall make full payment to all intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities for each day, not exceeding sixty-three (63) days per year, that a patient is absent from the facility on home leave. Payment may be made for the following home leave days in addition to the sixty-three-day limitation: Christmas, the day before Christmas, the day after Christmas, Thanksgiving, the day before Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

(b) All state-owned intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis.

(c) Effective January 1, 2015, the division shall update the fair rental reimbursement system for intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

(13) Family planning services, including drugs, supplies and devices, when those services are under the supervision of a physician or nurse practitioner.

(14) Clinic services. Preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative or palliative services that are furnished by a facility that is not part of a hospital but is organized and operated to provide medical care to outpatients. Clinic services include, but are not limited to:

(a) Services provided by ambulatory surgical centers (ACSS) as defined in Section 41-75-1(a); and

(b) Dialysis center services.

(15) Home- and community-based services for the elderly and disabled, as provided under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, under waivers, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

(16) Mental health services. Certain services provided by a psychiatrist shall be reimbursed at up to one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare rate. Approved therapeutic and case management services (a) provided by an approved regional mental health/intellectual disability center established under Sections 41-19-31 through 41-19-39, or by another community mental health service provider meeting the requirements of the Department of Mental Health to be an approved mental health/intellectual disability center if determined necessary by the Department of Mental Health, using state funds that are provided in the appropriation to the division to match federal funds, or (b) provided by a facility that is certified by the State Department of Mental Health to provide therapeutic and case management services, to be reimbursed on a fee for service basis, or (c) provided in the community by a facility or program operated by the Department of Mental Health. Any such services provided by a facility described in subparagraph (b) must have the prior approval of the division to be reimbursable under this section.

(17) Durable medical equipment services and medical supplies. Precertification of durable medical equipment and medical supplies must be obtained as required by the division. The Division of Medicaid may require durable medical equipment providers to obtain a surety bond in the amount and to the specifications as established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. A maximum dollar amount of reimbursement for noninvasive ventilators or ventilation treatments properly ordered and being used in an appropriate care setting shall not be set by any health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section. Reimbursement by these organizations to durable medical equipment suppliers for home use of noninvasive and invasive ventilators shall be on a continuous monthly payment basis for the duration of medical need throughout a patient's valid prescription period.

(18) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, as provided in the Medicaid state plan amendment or amendments as defined in Section 43-13-145(10), the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income patients and that meet the federal requirements for those payments as provided in Section 1923 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations. It is the intent of the Legislature that the division shall draw down all available federal funds allotted to the state for disproportionate share hospitals. However, from and after January 1, 1999, public hospitals participating in the Medicaid disproportionate share program may be required to participate in an intergovernmental transfer program as provided in Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable regulations.

(b) (i) 1. The division may establish a Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, or an allowable delivery system or provider payment initiative authorized under 42 CFR 438.6(c), for hospitals, nursing facilities \* \* \* and physicians employed or contracted by hospitals \* \* \*.

2. The division shall establish a Medicaid Supplemental Payment Program, as permitted by the federal Social Security Act and a comparable allowable delivery system or provider payment initiative authorized under 42 CFR 438.6(c), for emergency ambulance transportation providers in accordance with this subsection (A)(18)(b).

(ii) The division shall assess each hospital, nursing facility, and emergency ambulance transportation provider for the sole purpose of financing the state portion of the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b). The hospital assessment shall be as provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a), and the nursing facility and the emergency ambulance transportation assessments, if established, shall be based on Medicaid utilization or other appropriate method, as determined by the division, consistent with federal regulations. The assessments will remain in effect as long as the state participates in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b). In addition to the hospital assessment provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a), hospitals with physicians participating in the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b) shall be required to participate in an intergovernmental transfer or assessment, as determined by the division, for the purpose of financing the state portion of the physician UPL payments or other payment(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b).

(iii) Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the provisions of this subsection (A)(18)(b), the division shall make additional reimbursement to hospitals, nursing facilities, and emergency ambulance transportation providers for the Medicare Upper Payment Limits Program or other program(s) authorized under this subsection (A)(18)(b), and, if the program is established for physicians, shall make additional reimbursement for physicians, as defined in Section 1902(a)(30) of the federal Social Security Act and any applicable federal regulations, provided the assessment in this subsection (A)(18)(b) is in effect.

(iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, effective upon implementation of the Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) provided in subparagraph (c)(i) below, the hospital portion of the inpatient Upper Payment Limits Program shall transition into and be replaced by the MHAP program. However, the division is authorized to develop and implement an alternative fee-for-service Upper Payment Limits model in accordance with federal laws and regulations if necessary to preserve supplemental funding. Further, the division, in consultation with the hospital industry shall develop alternative models for distribution of medical claims and supplemental payments for inpatient and outpatient hospital services, and such models may include, but shall not be limited to the following: increasing rates for inpatient and outpatient services; creating a low-income utilization pool of funds to reimburse hospitals for the costs of uncompensated care, charity care and bad debts as permitted and approved pursuant to federal regulations and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; supplemental payments based upon Medicaid utilization, quality,

service lines and/or costs of providing such services to Medicaid beneficiaries and to uninsured patients. The goals of such payment models shall be to ensure access to inpatient and outpatient care and to maximize any federal funds that are available to reimburse hospitals for services provided. Any such documents required to achieve the goals described in this paragraph shall be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2019, to the extent possible, but in no event shall the effective date of such payment models be later than July 1, 2020. The Chairmen of the Senate and House Medicaid Committees shall be provided a copy of the proposed payment model(s) prior to submission. Effective July 1, 2018, and until such time as any payment model(s) as described above become effective, the division, in consultation with the hospital industry, is authorized to implement a transitional program for inpatient and outpatient payments and/or supplemental payments (including, but not limited to, MHAP and directed payments), to redistribute available supplemental funds among hospital providers, provided that when compared to a hospital's prior year supplemental payments, supplemental payments made pursuant to any such transitional program shall not result in a decrease of more than five percent (5%) and shall not increase by more than the amount needed to maximize the distribution of the available funds.

(v) 1. To preserve and improve access to ambulance transportation provider services, the division shall seek CMS approval to make ambulance service access payments as set forth in this subsection (A)(18)(b) for all covered emergency ambulance services rendered on or after July 1, 2022, and shall make such ambulance service access payments for all covered services rendered on or after the effective date of CMS approval.

2. The division shall calculate the ambulance service access payment amount as the balance of the portion of the Medical Care Fund related to ambulance transportation service provider assessments plus any federal matching funds earned on the balance, up to, but not to exceed, the upper payment limit gap for all emergency ambulance service providers.

3. a. Except for ambulance services exempt from the assessment provided in this paragraph (18)(b), all ambulance transportation service providers shall be eligible for ambulance service access payments each state fiscal year as set forth in this paragraph (18)(b).

b. In addition to any other funds paid to ambulance transportation service providers for emergency medical services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries, each eligible ambulance transportation service provider shall receive ambulance service access payments each state fiscal year equal to the ambulance transportation service provider's upper payment limit gap. Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, ambulance service access payments shall be made no less than on a quarterly basis.

c. As used in this paragraph (18)(b)(v), the term "upper payment limit gap" means the difference between the total amount that the ambulance transportation service provider received from Medicaid and the average amount that the ambulance transportation service provider would have received from commercial insurers for those services reimbursed by Medicaid.

4. An ambulance service access payment shall not be used to offset any other payment by the division for emergency or nonemergency services to Medicaid beneficiaries.

(c) (i) Not later than December 1, 2015, the division shall, subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), establish, implement and operate a Mississippi Hospital Access Program (MHAP) for the purpose of protecting patient access to hospital care through hospital inpatient reimbursement programs provided in this section designed to maintain total hospital reimbursement for inpatient services rendered by in-state hospitals and the out-of-state hospital that is authorized by federal law to submit intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) to the State of Mississippi and is classified as Level I trauma center located in a county contiguous to the state line at the maximum levels permissible under applicable federal statutes and regulations, at which time the current inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program for hospital inpatient services shall transition to the MHAP.

(ii) Subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the MHAP shall provide increased inpatient capitation (PMPM) payments to managed care entities contracting with the division pursuant to subsection (H) of this section to support availability of hospital services or such other payments permissible under federal law necessary to accomplish the intent of this subsection.

(iii) The intent of this subparagraph (c) is that effective for all inpatient hospital Medicaid services during state fiscal year 2016, and so long as this provision shall remain in effect hereafter, the division shall to the fullest extent feasible replace the additional reimbursement for hospital inpatient services under the inpatient Medicare Upper Payment Limits (UPL) Program with additional reimbursement under the MHAP and other payment programs for inpatient and/or outpatient payments which may be developed under the authority of this paragraph.

(iv) The division shall assess each hospital as provided in Section 43-13-145(4)(a) for the purpose of financing the state portion of the MHAP, supplemental payments and such other purposes as specified in Section 43-13-145. The assessment will remain in effect as long as the MHAP and supplemental payments are in effect.

(19) (a) Perinatal risk management services. The division shall promulgate regulations to be effective from and after October 1, 1988, to establish a comprehensive perinatal system for risk assessment of all pregnant and infant Medicaid recipients and for management, education and follow-up for those who are determined to be at risk. Services to be performed include case management, nutrition assessment/counseling, psychosocial assessment/counseling and health education. The division shall contract with the State Department of Health to provide services within this paragraph (Perinatal High Risk Management/Infant Services System (PHRM/ISS)). The State Department of Health shall be reimbursed on a full reasonable cost basis for services provided under this subparagraph (a).

(b) Early intervention system services. The division shall cooperate with the State Department of Health, acting as lead agency, in the development and implementation of a statewide system of delivery of early intervention services, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The State Department of Health shall certify annually in writing to the executive director of the division the dollar amount of state early intervention funds available that will be utilized as a certified match for Medicaid matching funds. Those funds then shall be used to provide expanded targeted case management services for Medicaid eligible children with special needs who are eligible for the state's early intervention system. Qualifications for persons providing service coordination shall be determined by the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

(20) Home- and community-based services for physically disabled approved services as allowed by a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for physically disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(21) Nurse practitioner services. Services furnished by a registered nurse who is licensed and certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner, including, but not limited to, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, family nurse practitioners, family planning nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, obstetrics-gynecology nurse practitioners and neonatal nurse practitioners, under regulations adopted by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for nurse practitioner services of up to one hundred percent (100%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician for nurse practitioner services that are provided after the normal working hours of the nurse practitioner, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division.

(22) Ambulatory services delivered in federally qualified health centers, rural health centers and clinics of the local health departments of the State Department of Health for individuals eligible for Medicaid under this article based on reasonable costs as determined by the division. Federally qualified health centers shall be reimbursed by the Medicaid prospective payment system as approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The division shall recognize federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), rural health clinics (RHCs) and community mental health centers (CMHCs) as both an originating and distant site provider for the purposes of telehealth reimbursement. The division is further authorized and directed to reimburse FQHCs, RHCs and CMHCs for both distant site and originating site services when such services are appropriately provided by the same organization.

(23) Inpatient psychiatric services.

(a) Inpatient psychiatric services to be determined by the division for recipients under age twenty-one (21) that are provided under the direction of a physician in an inpatient program in a licensed acute care psychiatric facility or in a licensed psychiatric residential treatment facility, before the recipient reaches age twenty-one (21) or, if the recipient was receiving the services immediately before he or she reached age twenty-one (21), before the earlier of the date he or she no longer requires the services or the date he or she reaches age twenty-two (22), as provided by federal regulations. From and after January 1, 2015, the division shall update the fair rental reimbursement system for psychiatric residential treatment facilities. Precertification of inpatient days and residential treatment days must be obtained as required by the division. From and after July 1, 2009, all state-owned and state-operated facilities that provide inpatient psychiatric services to persons under age twenty-one (21) who are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement shall be reimbursed for those services on a full reasonable cost basis.

(b) The division may reimburse for services provided by a licensed freestanding psychiatric hospital to Medicaid recipients over the age of twenty-one (21) in a method and manner consistent with the provisions of Section 43-13-117.5.

(24) [Deleted]

(25) [Deleted]

(26) Hospice care. As used in this paragraph, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within the home and outpatient and inpatient care that treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic stresses that are experienced during the final stages of illness and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as provided in federal regulations.

(27) Group health plan premiums and cost-sharing if it is cost-effective as defined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(28) Other health insurance premiums that are cost-effective as defined by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services. Medicare eligible must have Medicare Part B before other insurance premiums can be paid.

(29) The Division of Medicaid may apply for a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for home- and community-based services for developmentally disabled people using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Mental Health and/or funds transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department, provided that funds for these services are specifically appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and/or transferred to the department by a political subdivision or instrumentality of the state.

(30) Pediatric skilled nursing services as determined by the division and in a manner consistent with regulations promulgated by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

(31) Targeted case management services for children with special needs, under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services,



using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(32) Care and services provided in Christian Science Sanatoria listed and certified by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., rendered in connection with treatment by prayer or spiritual means to the extent that those services are subject to reimbursement under Section 1903 of the federal Social Security Act.

(33) Podiatrist services.

(34) Assisted living services as provided through home- and community-based services under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, subject to the availability of funds specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

(35) Services and activities authorized in Sections 43-27-101 and 43-27-103, using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Human Services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(36) Nonemergency transportation services for Medicaid-eligible persons as determined by the division. The PEER Committee shall conduct a performance evaluation of the nonemergency transportation program to evaluate the administration of the program and the providers of transportation services to determine the most cost-effective ways of providing nonemergency transportation services to the patients served under the program. The performance evaluation shall be completed and provided to the members of the Senate Medicaid Committee and the House Medicaid Committee not later than January 1, 2019, and every two (2) years thereafter.

(37) [Deleted]

(38) Chiropractic services. A chiropractor's manual manipulation of the spine to correct a subluxation, if x-ray demonstrates that a subluxation exists and if the subluxation has resulted in a neuromusculoskeletal condition for which manipulation is appropriate treatment, and related spinal x-rays performed to document these conditions. Reimbursement for chiropractic services shall not exceed Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00) per year per beneficiary.

(39) Dually eligible Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries. The division shall pay the Medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts for services available under Medicare, as determined by the division. From and after July 1, 2009, the division shall reimburse crossover claims for inpatient hospital services and crossover claims covered under Medicare Part B in the same manner that was in effect on January 1, 2008, unless specifically authorized by the Legislature to change this method.

(40) [Deleted]

(41) Services provided by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons with spinal cord injuries or traumatic brain injuries, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, using up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds that are appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services from the Spinal Cord and Head Injury Trust Fund established under Section 37-33-261 and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the department.

(42) [Deleted]

(43) The division shall provide reimbursement, according to a payment schedule developed by the division, for smoking cessation medications for pregnant women during their pregnancy and other Medicaid-eligible women who are of child-bearing age.

(44) Nursing facility services for the severely disabled.

(a) Severe disabilities include, but are not limited to, spinal cord injuries, closed-head injuries and ventilator-dependent patients.

(b) Those services must be provided in a long-term care nursing facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with severe disabilities.

(45) Physician assistant services. Services furnished by a physician assistant who is licensed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and is practicing with physician supervision under regulations adopted by the board, under regulations adopted

by the division. Reimbursement for those services shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) of the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician. The division may provide for a reimbursement rate for physician assistant services of up to one hundred percent (100%) or the reimbursement rate for comparable services rendered by a physician for physician assistant services that are provided after the normal working hours of the physician assistant, as determined in accordance with regulations of the division.

(46) The division shall make application to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a waiver to develop and provide services for children with serious emotional disturbances as defined in Section 43-14-1(1), which may include home- and community-based services, case management services or managed care services through mental health providers certified by the Department of Mental Health. The division may implement and provide services under this waived program only if funds for these services are specifically appropriated for this purpose by the Legislature, or if funds are voluntarily provided by affected agencies.

(47) (a) The division may develop and implement disease management programs for individuals with high-cost chronic diseases and conditions, including the use of grants, waivers, demonstrations or other projects as necessary.

(b) Participation in any disease management program implemented under this paragraph (47) is optional with the individual. An individual must affirmatively elect to participate in the disease management program in order to participate, and may elect to discontinue participation in the program at any time.

(48) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services.

(a) Pediatric long-term acute care hospital services means services provided to eligible persons under twenty-one (21) years of age by a freestanding Medicare-certified hospital that has an average length of inpatient stay greater than twenty-five (25) days and that is primarily engaged in providing chronic or long-term medical care to persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) The services under this paragraph (48) shall be reimbursed as a separate category of hospital services.

(49) The division may establish copayments and/or coinsurance for any Medicaid services for which copayments and/or coinsurance are allowable under federal law or regulation.

(50) Services provided by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services for the care and rehabilitation of persons who are deaf and blind, as allowed under waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to provide home- and community-based services using state funds that are provided from the appropriation to the State Department of Rehabilitation Services or if funds are voluntarily provided by another agency.

(51) Upon determination of Medicaid eligibility and in association with annual redetermination of Medicaid eligibility, beneficiaries shall be encouraged to undertake a physical examination that will establish a base-line level of health and identification of a usual and customary source of care (a medical home) to aid utilization of disease management tools. This physical examination and utilization of these disease management tools shall be consistent with current United States Preventive Services Task Force or other recognized authority recommendations.

For persons who are determined ineligible for Medicaid, the division will provide information and direction for accessing medical care and services in the area of their residence.

(52) Notwithstanding any provisions of this article, the division may pay enhanced reimbursement fees related to trauma care, as determined by the division in conjunction with the State Department of Health, using funds appropriated to the State Department of Health for trauma care and services and used to match federal funds under a cooperative agreement between the division and the State Department of Health. The division, in conjunction with the State Department of Health, may use grants, waivers, demonstrations, enhanced reimbursements, Upper Payment Limits Programs, supplemental payments, or other projects as necessary in the development and implementation of this reimbursement program.

(53) Targeted case management services for high-cost beneficiaries may be developed by the division for all services under this section.

(54) [Deleted]

(55) Therapy services. The plan of care for therapy services may be developed to cover a period of treatment for up to six (6) months, but in no event shall the plan of care exceed a six-month period of treatment. The projected period of treatment must be indicated on the initial plan of care and must be updated with each subsequent revised plan of care. Based on medical necessity, the division shall approve certification periods for less than or up to six (6) months, but in no event shall the certification period exceed the period of treatment indicated on the plan of care. The appeal process for any reduction in therapy services shall be consistent with the appeal process in federal regulations.

(56) Prescribed pediatric extended care centers services for medically dependent or technologically dependent children with complex medical conditions that require continual care as prescribed by the child's attending physician, as determined by the division.

(57) No Medicaid benefit shall restrict coverage for medically appropriate treatment prescribed by a physician and agreed to by a fully informed individual, or if the individual lacks legal capacity to consent by a person who has legal authority to consent on his or her behalf, based on an individual's diagnosis with a terminal condition. As used in this paragraph (57), "terminal condition" means any aggressive malignancy, chronic end-stage cardiovascular or cerebral vascular disease, or any other disease, illness or condition which a physician diagnoses as terminal.

(58) Treatment services for persons with opioid dependency or other highly addictive substance use disorders. The division is authorized to reimburse eligible providers for treatment of opioid dependency and other highly addictive substance use disorders, as determined by the division. Treatment related to these conditions shall not count against any physician visit limit imposed under this section.

(59) The division shall allow beneficiaries between the ages of ten (10) and eighteen (18) years to receive vaccines through a pharmacy venue. The division and the State Department of Health shall coordinate and notify OB-GYN providers that the Vaccines for Children program is available to providers free of charge.

(60) Border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospital.

(a) Payments may only be made to a border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospital if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approve an increase in the annual request for the provider payment initiative authorized under 42 CFR Section 438.6(c) in an amount equal to or greater than the estimated annual payment to be made to the border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospital. The estimate shall be based on the hospital's prior year Mississippi managed care utilization.

(b) As used in this paragraph (60), the term "border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospital" means an out-of-state hospital located within a city bordering the eastern bank of the Mississippi River and the State of Mississippi that submits to the division a copy of a current and effective affiliation agreement with an accredited university and other documentation establishing that the hospital is university-affiliated, is licensed and designated as a pediatric hospital or pediatric primary hospital within its home state, maintains at least five (5) different pediatric specialty training programs, and maintains at least one hundred (100) operated beds dedicated exclusively for the treatment of patients under the age of twenty-one (21) years.

(c) The cost of providing services to Mississippi Medicaid beneficiaries under the age of twenty-one (21) years who are treated by a border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospital shall not exceed the cost of providing the same services to individuals in hospitals in the state.

(d) It is the intent of the Legislature that payments shall not result in any in-state hospital receiving payments lower than they would otherwise receive if not for the payments made to any border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospital.

(e) This paragraph (60) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

(B) \* \* \* Planning and development districts participating in the home- and community-based services program for the elderly and disabled as case management

providers shall be reimbursed for case management services at the maximum rate approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

(C) The division may pay to those providers who participate in and accept patient referrals from the division's emergency room redirection program a percentage, as determined by the division, of savings achieved according to the performance measures and reduction of costs required of that program. Federally qualified health centers may participate in the emergency room redirection program, and the division may pay those centers a percentage of any savings to the Medicaid program achieved by the centers' accepting patient referrals through the program, as provided in this subsection (C).

(D) (1) \*\*\* As used in this subsection (D), the following terms shall be defined as provided in this paragraph, except as otherwise provided in this subsection:

(a) "Committees" means the Medicaid Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and "committee" means either one of those committees.

(b) "Rate change" means an increase, decrease or other change in the payments or rates of reimbursement, or a change in any payment methodology that results in an increase, decrease or other change in the payments or rates of reimbursement, to any Medicaid provider that render any services authorized to be provided to Medicaid recipients under this article.

(2) \*\*\* Whenever the Division of Medicaid proposes a rate change, the division shall give notice to the chairmen of the committees at least thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed rate change is scheduled to take effect. The division shall furnish the chairmen with a concise summary of each proposed rate change along with the notice, and shall furnish the chairmen with a copy of any proposed rate change upon request. The division also shall provide a summary and copy of any proposed rate change to any other member of the Legislature upon request.

(3) If the chairman of either committee or both chairmen jointly object to the proposed rate change or any part thereof, the chairman or chairmen shall notify the division and provide the reasons for their objection in writing not later than seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division. The chairman or chairmen may make written recommendations to the division for changes to be made to a proposed rate change.

(4) (a) The chairman of either committee or both chairman jointly may hold a committee meeting to review a proposed rate change. If either chairman or both chairmen decide to hold a meeting, they shall notify the division of their intention in writing within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division, and shall set the date and time for the meeting in their notice to the division, which shall not be later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division.

(b) After the committee meeting, the committee or committees may object to the proposed rate change or any part thereof. The committee or committees shall notify the division and the reasons for their objection in writing not later than seven (7) calendar days after the meeting. The committee or committees may make written recommendations to the division for changes to be made to a proposed rate change.

(5) If both chairmen notify the division in writing within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division that they do not object to the proposed rate change and will not be holding a meeting to review the proposed rate change, the proposed rate change will take effect on the original date as scheduled by the division or on such other date as specified by the division.

(6) (a) If there are any objections to a proposed rate change or any part thereof from either or both of the chairmen or the committees, the division may withdraw the proposed rate change, make any of the recommended changes to the proposed rate change, or not make any changes to the proposed rate change.

(b) If the division does not make any changes to the proposed rate change, it shall notify the chairmen of that fact in writing, and the proposed rate change shall take effect on the original date as scheduled by the division or on such other date as specified by the division.

(c) If the division makes any changes to the proposed rate change, the division shall notify the chairmen of its actions in writing, and the revised proposed rate change shall take effect on the date as specified by the division.

(7) Nothing in this subsection (D) shall be construed as giving the chairmen or the committees any authority to veto, nullify or revise any rate change proposed by the division. The authority of the chairmen or the committees under this subsection shall be limited to reviewing, making objections to and making recommendations for changes to rate changes proposed by the division.

(E) Notwithstanding any provision of this article, no new groups or categories of recipients and new types of care and services may be added without enabling legislation from the Mississippi Legislature, except that the division may authorize those changes without enabling legislation when the addition of recipients or services is ordered by a court of proper authority.

(F) The executive director shall keep the Governor advised on a timely basis of the funds available for expenditure and the projected expenditures. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, if current or projected expenditures of the division are reasonably anticipated to exceed the amount of funds appropriated to the division for any fiscal year, the Governor, after consultation with the executive director, shall take all appropriate measures to reduce costs, which may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Reducing or discontinuing any or all services that are deemed to be optional under Title XIX of the Social Security Act;

(2) Reducing reimbursement rates for any or all service types;

(3) Imposing additional assessments on health care providers; or

(4) Any additional cost-containment measures deemed appropriate by the Governor.

To the extent allowed under federal law, any reduction to services or reimbursement rates under this subsection (F) shall be accompanied by a reduction, to the fullest allowable amount, to the profit margin and administrative fee portions of capitated payments to organizations described in paragraph (1) of subsection (H).

Beginning in fiscal year 2010 and in fiscal years thereafter, when Medicaid expenditures are projected to exceed funds available for the fiscal year, the division shall submit the expected shortfall information to the PEER Committee not later than December 1 of the year in which the shortfall is projected to occur. PEER shall review the computations of the division and report its findings to the Legislative Budget Office not later than January 7 in any year.

(G) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, it shall be the duty of each provider participating in the Medicaid program to keep and maintain books, documents and other records as prescribed by the Division of Medicaid in accordance with federal laws and regulations.

(H) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the division is authorized to implement (a) a managed care program, (b) a coordinated care program, (c) a coordinated care organization program, (d) a health maintenance organization program, (e) a patient-centered medical home program, (f) an accountable care organization program, (g) provider-sponsored health plan, or (h) any combination of the above programs. As a condition for the approval of any program under this subsection (H)(1), the division shall require that no managed care program, coordinated care program, coordinated care organization program, health maintenance organization program, or provider-sponsored health plan may:

(a) Pay providers at a rate that is less than the Medicaid All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR-DRG) reimbursement rate;

(b) Override the medical decisions of hospital physicians or staff regarding patients admitted to a hospital for an emergency medical condition as defined by 42 US Code Section 1395dd. This restriction (b) does not prohibit the retrospective review of the appropriateness of the determination that an emergency medical condition exists by chart review or coding algorithm, nor does it prohibit prior authorization for nonemergency hospital admissions;

(c) Pay providers at a rate that is less than the normal Medicaid reimbursement rate. It is the intent of the Legislature that all managed care entities described in this subsection (H), in collaboration with the division, develop and

implement innovative payment models that incentivize improvements in health care quality, outcomes, or value, as determined by the division. Participation in the provider network of any managed care, coordinated care, provider-sponsored health plan, or similar contractor shall not be conditioned on the provider's agreement to accept such alternative payment models;

(d) Implement a prior authorization and utilization review program for medical services, transportation services and prescription drugs that is more stringent than the prior authorization processes used by the division in its administration of the Medicaid program. Not later than December 2, 2021, the contractors that are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees on the status of the prior authorization and utilization review program for medical services, transportation services and prescription drugs that is required to be implemented under this subparagraph (d);

(e) [Deleted]

(f) Implement a preferred drug list that is more stringent than the mandatory preferred drug list established by the division under subsection (A)(9) of this section;

(g) Implement a policy which denies beneficiaries with hemophilia access to the federally funded hemophilia treatment centers as part of the Medicaid Managed Care network of providers.

Each health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall use a clear set of level of care guidelines in the determination of medical necessity and in all utilization management practices, including the prior authorization process, concurrent reviews, retrospective reviews and payments, that are consistent with widely accepted professional standards of care. Organizations participating in a managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division may not use any additional criteria that would result in denial of care that would be determined appropriate and, therefore, medically necessary under those levels of care guidelines.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the recipients eligible for enrollment into a Medicaid Managed Care Program authorized under this subsection (H) may include only those categories of recipients eligible for participation in the Medicaid Managed Care Program as of January 1, 2021, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the CMS-approved Section 1115 demonstration waivers in operation as of January 1, 2021. No expansion of Medicaid Managed Care Program contracts may be implemented by the division without enabling legislation from the Mississippi Legislature.

(3) (a) Any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established in this section shall provide to the Legislature and the division statistical data to be shared with provider groups in order to improve patient access, appropriate utilization, cost savings and health outcomes not later than October 1 of each year. Additionally, each contractor shall disclose to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Medicaid Committees the administrative expenses costs for the prior calendar year, and the number of full-equivalent employees located in the State of Mississippi dedicated to the Medicaid and CHIP lines of business as of June 30 of the current year.

(b) The division and the contractors participating in the managed care program, a coordinated care program or a provider-sponsored health plan shall be subject to annual program reviews or audits performed by the Office of the State Auditor, the PEER Committee, the Department of Insurance and/or independent third parties.

(c) Those reviews shall include, but not be limited to, at least two (2) of the following items:

(i) The financial benefit to the State of Mississippi of the managed care program,

(ii) The difference between the premiums paid to the managed care contractors and the payments made by those contractors to health care providers,  
(iii) Compliance with performance measures required under the contracts,  
(iv) Administrative expense allocation methodologies,  
(v) Whether nonprovider payments assigned as medical expenses are appropriate,  
(vi) Capitated arrangements with related party subcontractors,  
(vii) Reasonableness of corporate allocations,  
(viii) Value-added benefits and the extent to which they are used,  
(ix) The effectiveness of subcontractor oversight, including subcontractor review,  
(x) Whether health care outcomes have been improved, and  
(xi) The most common claim denial codes to determine the reasons for the denials.

The audit reports shall be considered public documents and shall be posted in their entirety on the division's website.

(4) All health maintenance organizations, coordinated care organizations, provider-sponsored health plans, or other organizations paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall reimburse all providers in those organizations at rates no lower than those provided under this section for beneficiaries who are not participating in those programs.

(5) No health maintenance organization, coordinated care organization, provider-sponsored health plan, or other organization paid for services on a capitated basis by the division under any managed care program or coordinated care program implemented by the division under this section shall require its providers or beneficiaries to use any pharmacy that ships, mails or delivers prescription drugs or legend drugs or devices.

(6) (a) Not later than December 1, 2021, the contractors who are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall develop and implement a uniform credentialing process for providers. Under that uniform credentialing process, a provider who meets the criteria for credentialing will be credentialed with all of those contractors and no such provider will have to be separately credentialed by any individual contractor in order to receive reimbursement from the contractor. Not later than December 2, 2021, those contractors shall submit a report to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees on the status of the uniform credentialing process for providers that is required under this subparagraph (a).

(b) If those contractors have not implemented a uniform credentialing process as described in subparagraph (a) by December 1, 2021, the division shall develop and implement, not later than July 1, 2022, a single, consolidated credentialing process by which all providers will be credentialed. Under the division's single, consolidated credentialing process, no such contractor shall require its providers to be separately credentialed by the contractor in order to receive reimbursement from the contractor, but those contractors shall recognize the credentialing of the providers by the division's credentialing process.

(c) The division shall require a uniform provider credentialing application that shall be used in the credentialing process that is established under subparagraph (a) or (b). If the contractor or division, as applicable, has not approved or denied the provider credentialing application within sixty (60) days of receipt of the completed application that includes all required information necessary for credentialing, then the contractor or division, upon receipt of a written request from the applicant and within five (5) business days of its receipt, shall issue a temporary provider

credential/enrollment to the applicant if the applicant has a valid Mississippi professional or occupational license to provide the health care services to which the credential/enrollment would apply. The contractor or the division shall not issue a temporary credential/enrollment if the applicant has reported on the application a history of medical or other professional or occupational malpractice claims, a history of substance abuse or mental health issues, a criminal record, or a history of medical or other licensing board, state or federal disciplinary action, including any suspension from participation in a federal or state program. The temporary credential/enrollment shall be effective upon issuance and shall remain in effect until the provider's credentialing/enrollment application is approved or denied by the contractor or division. The contractor or division shall render a final decision regarding credentialing/enrollment of the provider within sixty (60) days from the date that the temporary provider credential/enrollment is issued to the applicant.

(d) If the contractor or division does not render a final decision regarding credentialing/enrollment of the provider within the time required in subparagraph (c), the provider shall be deemed to be credentialed by and enrolled with all of the contractors and eligible to receive reimbursement from the contractors.

(7) (a) Each contractor that is receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall provide to each provider for whom the contractor has denied the coverage of a procedure that was ordered or requested by the provider for or on behalf of a patient, a letter that provides a detailed explanation of the reasons for the denial of coverage of the procedure and the name and the credentials of the person who denied the coverage. The letter shall be sent to the provider in electronic format.

(b) After a contractor that is receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) has denied coverage for a claim submitted by a provider, the contractor shall issue to the provider within sixty (60) days a final ruling of denial of the claim that allows the provider to have a state fair hearing and/or agency appeal with the division. If a contractor does not issue a final ruling of denial within sixty (60) days as required by this subparagraph (b), the provider's claim shall be deemed to be automatically approved and the contractor shall pay the amount of the claim to the provider.

(c) After a contractor has issued a final ruling of denial of a claim submitted by a provider, the division shall conduct a state fair hearing and/or agency appeal on the matter of the disputed claim between the contractor and the provider within sixty (60) days, and shall render a decision on the matter within thirty (30) days after the date of the hearing and/or appeal.

(8) It is the intention of the Legislature that the division evaluate the feasibility of using a single vendor to administer pharmacy benefits provided under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H). Providers of pharmacy benefits shall cooperate with the division in any transition to a carve-out of pharmacy benefits under managed care.

(9) \*\*\* The division shall evaluate the feasibility of using a single vendor to administer dental benefits provided under a managed care delivery system established in this subsection (H). Providers of dental benefits shall cooperate with the division in any transition to a carve-out of dental benefits under managed care.

(10) It is the intent of the Legislature that any contractor receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established in this section shall implement innovative programs to improve the health and well-being of members diagnosed with prediabetes and diabetes.

(11) It is the intent of the Legislature that any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall work with providers of Medicaid services to improve the utilization of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). Not later than December 1, 2021, any contractors receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H) shall provide to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees and House and Senate Public Health Committees a report of LARC utilization for State Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020 as well as any programs, initiatives, or efforts made by the contractors and providers to increase LARC utilization.



This report shall be updated annually to include information for subsequent state fiscal years.

(12) The division is authorized to make not more than one (1) emergency extension of the contracts that are in effect on July 1, 2021, with contractors who are receiving capitated payments under a managed care delivery system established under this subsection (H), as provided in this paragraph (12). The maximum period of any such extension shall be one (1) year, and under any such extensions, the contractors shall be subject to all of the provisions of this subsection (H). The extended contracts shall be revised to incorporate any provisions of this subsection (H).

(I) [Deleted]

(J) There shall be no cuts in inpatient and outpatient hospital payments, or allowable days or volumes, as long as the hospital assessment provided in Section 43-13-145 is in effect. This subsection (J) shall not apply to decreases in payments that are a result of: reduced hospital admissions, audits or payments under the APR-DRG or APC models, or a managed care program or similar model described in subsection (H) of this section.

(K) In the negotiation and execution of such contracts involving services performed by actuarial firms, the Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid may negotiate a limitation on liability to the state of prospective contractors.

(L) The Division of Medicaid shall reimburse for services provided to eligible Medicaid beneficiaries by a licensed birthing center in a method and manner to be determined by the division in accordance with federal laws and federal regulations. The division shall seek any necessary waivers, make any required amendments to its State Plan or revise any contracts authorized under subsection (H) of this section as necessary to provide the services authorized under this subsection. As used in this subsection, the term "birthing centers" shall have the meaning as defined in Section 41-77-1(a), which is a publicly or privately owned facility, place or institution constructed, renovated, leased or otherwise established where nonemergency births are planned to occur away from the mother's usual residence following a documented period of prenatal care for a normal uncomplicated pregnancy which has been determined to be low risk through a formal risk-scoring examination.

(M) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 43-13-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-121. (1) The division shall administer the Medicaid program under the provisions of this article, and may do the following:

(a) Adopt and promulgate reasonable rules, regulations and standards, with approval of the Governor, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Law, Section 25-43-1.101 et seq.:

(i) Establishing methods and procedures as may be necessary for the proper and efficient administration of this article;

(ii) Providing Medicaid to all qualified recipients under the provisions of this article as the division may determine and within the limits of appropriated funds;

(iii) Establishing reasonable fees, charges and rates for medical services and drugs; in doing so, the division shall fix all of those fees, charges and rates at the minimum levels absolutely necessary to provide the medical assistance authorized by this article, and shall not change any of those fees, charges or rates except as may be authorized in Section 43-13-117;

(iv) Providing for fair and impartial hearings;

(v) Providing safeguards for preserving the confidentiality of records; and

(vi) For detecting and processing fraudulent practices and abuses of the program;

(b) Receive and expend state, federal and other funds in accordance with court judgments or settlements and agreements between the State of Mississippi and the federal government, the rules and regulations promulgated by the division, with the approval of the Governor, and within the limitations and restrictions of this article and within the limits of funds available for that purpose;

(c) Subject to the limits imposed by this article and subject to the provisions of subsection (8) of this section, to submit a Medicaid plan to the United States Department of Health and Human Services for approval under the provisions of the federal Social Security Act, to act for the state in making negotiations relative to the submission and approval of that plan, to make such arrangements, not inconsistent with the law, as may be required by or under federal law to obtain and retain that approval and to secure for the state the benefits of the provisions of that law.

No agreements, specifically including the general plan for the operation of the Medicaid program in this state, shall be made by and between the division and the United States Department of Health and Human Services unless the Attorney General of the State of Mississippi has reviewed the agreements, specifically including the operational plan, and has certified in writing to the Governor and to the executive director of the division that the agreements, including the plan of operation, have been drawn strictly in accordance with the terms and requirements of this article;

(d) In accordance with the purposes and intent of this article and in compliance with its provisions, provide for aged persons otherwise eligible for the benefits provided under Title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act by expenditure of funds available for those purposes;

(e) To make reports to the United States Department of Health and Human Services as from time to time may be required by that federal department and to the Mississippi Legislature as provided in this section;

(f) Define and determine the scope, duration and amount of Medicaid that may be provided in accordance with this article and establish priorities therefor in conformity with this article;

(g) Cooperate and contract with other state agencies for the purpose of coordinating Medicaid provided under this article and eliminating duplication and inefficiency in the Medicaid program;

(h) Adopt and use an official seal of the division;

(i) Sue in its own name on behalf of the State of Mississippi and employ legal counsel on a contingency basis with the approval of the Attorney General;

(j) To recover any and all payments incorrectly made by the division to a recipient or provider from the recipient or provider receiving the payments. The division shall be authorized to collect any overpayments to providers sixty (60) days after the conclusion of any administrative appeal unless the matter is appealed to a court of proper jurisdiction and bond is posted. Any appeal filed after July 1, 2015, shall be to the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, within sixty (60) days after the date that the division has notified the provider by certified mail sent to the proper address of the provider on file with the division and the provider has signed for the certified mail notice, or sixty (60) days after the date of the final decision if the provider does not sign for the certified mail notice. To recover those payments, the division may use the following methods, in addition to any other methods available to the division:

(i) The division shall report to the Department of Revenue the name of any current or former Medicaid recipient who has received medical services rendered during a period of established Medicaid ineligibility and who has not reimbursed the division for the related medical service payment(s). The Department of Revenue shall withhold from the state tax refund of the individual, and pay to the division, the amount of the payment(s) for medical services rendered to the ineligible individual that have not been reimbursed to the division for the related medical service payment(s).

(ii) The division shall report to the Department of Revenue the name of any Medicaid provider to whom payments were incorrectly made that the division has not been able to recover by other methods available to the division. The Department of Revenue shall withhold from the state tax refund of the provider, and pay to the division, the amount of the payments that were incorrectly made to the provider that have not been recovered by other available methods;

(k) To recover any and all payments by the division fraudulently obtained by a recipient or provider. Additionally, if recovery of any payments fraudulently obtained by a recipient or provider is made in any court, then, upon motion of the Governor, the judge of the court may award twice the payments recovered as damages;

(l) Have full, complete and plenary power and authority to conduct such investigations as it may deem necessary and requisite of alleged or suspected violations or abuses of the provisions of this article or of the regulations adopted under this article, including, but not limited to, fraudulent or unlawful act or deed by applicants for Medicaid or other benefits, or payments made to any person, firm or corporation under the terms, conditions and authority of this article, to suspend or disqualify any provider of services, applicant or recipient for gross abuse, fraudulent or unlawful acts for such periods, including permanently, and under such conditions as the division deems proper and just, including the imposition of a legal rate of interest on the amount improperly or incorrectly paid. Recipients who are found to have misused or abused Medicaid benefits may be locked into one (1) physician and/or one (1) pharmacy of the recipient's choice for a reasonable amount of time in order to educate and promote appropriate use of medical services, in accordance with federal regulations. If an administrative hearing becomes necessary, the division may, if the provider does not succeed in his or her defense, tax the costs of the administrative hearing, including the costs of the court reporter or stenographer and transcript, to the provider. The convictions of a recipient or a provider in a state or federal court for abuse, fraudulent or unlawful acts under this chapter shall constitute an automatic disqualification of the recipient or automatic disqualification of the provider from participation under the Medicaid program.

A conviction, for the purposes of this chapter, shall include a judgment entered on a plea of nolo contendere or a nonadjudicated guilty plea and shall have the same force as a judgment entered pursuant to a guilty plea or a conviction following trial. A certified copy of the judgment of the court of competent jurisdiction of the conviction shall constitute prima facie evidence of the conviction for disqualification purposes;

(m) Establish and provide such methods of administration as may be necessary for the proper and efficient operation of the Medicaid program, fully utilizing computer equipment as may be necessary to oversee and control all current expenditures for purposes of this article, and to closely monitor and supervise all recipient payments and vendors rendering services under this article. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law, the division is authorized to enter into a ten-year contract(s) with a vendor(s) to provide services described in this paragraph (m). Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the division is authorized to extend its Medicaid Management Information System, including all related components and services, and Decision Support System, including all related components and services, contracts in effect on June 30, 2020, for a period not to exceed two (2) years without complying with state procurement regulations;

(n) To cooperate and contract with the federal government for the purpose of providing Medicaid to Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees, under the provisions of Public Law 94-23 and Public Law 94-24, including any amendments to those laws, only to the extent that the Medicaid assistance and the administrative cost related thereto are one hundred percent (100%) reimbursable by the federal government. For the purposes of Section 43-13-117, persons receiving Medicaid under Public Law 94-23 and Public Law 94-24, including any amendments to those laws, shall not be considered a new group or category of recipient; and

(o) The division shall impose penalties upon Medicaid only, Title XIX participating long-term care facilities found to be in noncompliance with division and certification standards in accordance with federal and state regulations, including interest at the same rate calculated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under federal regulations.

(2) The division also shall exercise such additional powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred upon the division by act of the Legislature.

(3) The division, and the State Department of Health as the agency for licensure of health care facilities and certification and inspection for the Medicaid and/or Medicare programs, shall contract for or otherwise provide for the consolidation of on-site inspections of health care facilities that are necessitated by the respective programs and functions of the division and the department.

(4) The division and its hearing officers shall have power to preserve and enforce order during hearings; to issue subpoenas for, to administer oaths to and to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses, or the production of books, papers,

documents and other evidence, or the taking of depositions before any designated individual competent to administer oaths; to examine witnesses; and to do all things conformable to law that may be necessary to enable them effectively to discharge the duties of their office. In compelling the attendance and testimony of witnesses, or the production of books, papers, documents and other evidence, or the taking of depositions, as authorized by this section, the division or its hearing officers may designate an individual employed by the division or some other suitable person to execute and return that process, whose action in executing and returning that process shall be as lawful as if done by the sheriff or some other proper officer authorized to execute and return process in the county where the witness may reside. In carrying out the investigatory powers under the provisions of this article, the executive director or other designated person or persons may examine, obtain, copy or reproduce the books, papers, documents, medical charts, prescriptions and other records relating to medical care and services furnished by the provider to a recipient or designated recipients of Medicaid services under investigation. In the absence of the voluntary submission of the books, papers, documents, medical charts, prescriptions and other records, the Governor, the executive director, or other designated person may issue and serve subpoenas instantly upon the provider, his or her agent, servant or employee for the production of the books, papers, documents, medical charts, prescriptions or other records during an audit or investigation of the provider. If any provider or his or her agent, servant or employee refuses to produce the records after being duly subpoenaed, the executive director may certify those facts and institute contempt proceedings in the manner, time and place as authorized by law for administrative proceedings. As an additional remedy, the division may recover all amounts paid to the provider covering the period of the audit or investigation, inclusive of a legal rate of interest and a reasonable attorney's fee and costs of court if suit becomes necessary. Division staff shall have immediate access to the provider's physical location, facilities, records, documents, books, and any other records relating to medical care and services rendered to recipients during regular business hours.

(5) If any person in proceedings before the division disobeys or resists any lawful order or process, or misbehaves during a hearing or so near the place thereof as to obstruct the hearing, or neglects to produce, after having been ordered to do so, any pertinent book, paper or document, or refuses to appear after having been subpoenaed, or upon appearing refuses to take the oath as a witness, or after having taken the oath refuses to be examined according to law, the executive director shall certify the facts to any court having jurisdiction in the place in which it is sitting, and the court shall thereupon, in a summary manner, hear the evidence as to the acts complained of, and if the evidence so warrants, punish that person in the same manner and to the same extent as for a contempt committed before the court, or commit that person upon the same condition as if the doing of the forbidden act had occurred with reference to the process of, or in the presence of, the court.

(6) In suspending or terminating any provider from participation in the Medicaid program, the division shall preclude the provider from submitting claims for payment, either personally or through any clinic, group, corporation or other association to the division or its fiscal agents for any services or supplies provided under the Medicaid program except for those services or supplies provided before the suspension or termination. No clinic, group, corporation or other association that is a provider of services shall submit claims for payment to the division or its fiscal agents for any services or supplies provided by a person within that organization who has been suspended or terminated from participation in the Medicaid program except for those services or supplies provided before the suspension or termination. When this provision is violated by a provider of services that is a clinic, group, corporation or other association, the division may suspend or terminate that organization from participation. Suspension may be applied by the division to all known affiliates of a provider, provided that each decision to include an affiliate is made on a case-by-case basis after giving due regard to all relevant facts and circumstances. The violation, failure or inadequacy of performance may be imputed to a person with whom the provider is affiliated where that conduct was accomplished within the course of his or her official duty or was effectuated by him or her with the knowledge or approval of that person.

(7) The division may deny or revoke enrollment in the Medicaid program to a provider if any of the following are found to be applicable to the provider, his or her agent, a managing employee or any person having an ownership interest equal to five percent (5%) or greater in the provider:

(a) Failure to truthfully or fully disclose any and all information required, or the concealment of any and all information required, on a claim, a provider application or a provider agreement, or the making of a false or misleading statement to the division relative to the Medicaid program.

(b) Previous or current exclusion, suspension, termination from or the involuntary withdrawing from participation in the Medicaid program, any other state's Medicaid program, Medicare or any other public or private health or health insurance program. If the division ascertains that a provider has been convicted of a felony under federal or state law for an offense that the division determines is detrimental to the best interest of the program or of Medicaid beneficiaries, the division may refuse to enter into an agreement with that provider, or may terminate or refuse to renew an existing agreement.

(c) Conviction under federal or state law of a criminal offense relating to the delivery of any goods, services or supplies, including the performance of management or administrative services relating to the delivery of the goods, services or supplies, under the Medicaid program, any other state's Medicaid program, Medicare or any other public or private health or health insurance program.

(d) Conviction under federal or state law of a criminal offense relating to the neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with the delivery of any goods, services or supplies.

(e) Conviction under federal or state law of a criminal offense relating to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription or dispensing of a controlled substance.

(f) Conviction under federal or state law of a criminal offense relating to fraud, theft, embezzlement, breach of fiduciary responsibility or other financial misconduct.

(g) Conviction under federal or state law of a criminal offense punishable by imprisonment of a year or more that involves moral turpitude, or acts against the elderly, children or infirm.

(h) Conviction under federal or state law of a criminal offense in connection with the interference or obstruction of any investigation into any criminal offense listed in paragraphs (c) through (i) of this subsection.

(i) Sanction for a violation of federal or state laws or rules relative to the Medicaid program, any other state's Medicaid program, Medicare or any other public health care or health insurance program.

(j) Revocation of license or certification.

(k) Failure to pay recovery properly assessed or pursuant to an approved repayment schedule under the Medicaid program.

(l) Failure to meet any condition of enrollment.

(8) (a) As used in this subsection (8), the following terms shall be defined as provided in this paragraph, except as otherwise provided in this subsection:

(i) "Committees" means the Medicaid Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and "committee" means either one of those committees.

(ii) "State Plan" means the agreement between the State of Mississippi and the federal government regarding the nature and scope of Mississippi's Medicaid Program.

(iii) "State Plan Amendment" means a change to the State Plan, which must be approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) before its implementation.

(b) Whenever the Division of Medicaid proposes a State Plan Amendment, the division shall give notice to the chairmen of the committees at least thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed State Plan Amendment is filed with CMS. The division shall furnish the chairmen with a concise summary of each proposed State Plan Amendment along with the notice, and shall furnish the chairmen with a copy of any

proposed State Plan Amendment upon request. The division also shall provide a summary and copy of any proposed State Plan Amendment to any other member of the Legislature upon request.

(c) If the chairman of either committee or both chairmen jointly object to the proposed State Plan Amendment or any part thereof, the chairman or chairmen shall notify the division and provide the reasons for their objection in writing not later than seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division. The chairman or chairmen may make written recommendations to the division for changes to be made to a proposed State Plan Amendment.

(d) (i) The chairman of either committee or both chairman jointly may hold a committee meeting to review a proposed State Plan Amendment. If either chairman or both chairmen decide to hold a meeting, they shall notify the division of their intention in writing within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division, and shall set the date and time for the meeting in their notice to the division, which shall not be later than fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division.

(ii) After the committee meeting, the committee or committees may object to the proposed State Plan Amendment or any part thereof. The committee or committees shall notify the division and the reasons for their objection in writing not later than seven (7) calendar days after the meeting. The committee or committees may make written recommendations to the division for changes to be made to a proposed State Plan Amendment.

(e) If both chairmen notify the division in writing within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the notice from the division that they do not object to the proposed State Plan Amendment and will not be holding a meeting to review the proposed State Plan Amendment, the division may proceed to file the proposed State Plan Amendment with CMS.

(f) (i) If there are any objections to a proposed rate change or any part thereof from either or both of the chairmen or the committees, the division may withdraw the proposed State Plan Amendment, make any of the recommended changes to the proposed State Plan Amendment, or not make any changes to the proposed State Plan Amendment.

(ii) If the division does not make any changes to the proposed State Plan Amendment, it shall notify the chairmen of that fact in writing, and may proceed to file the State Plan Amendment with CMS.

(iii) If the division makes any changes to the proposed State Plan Amendment, the division shall notify the chairmen of its actions in writing, and may proceed to file the State Plan Amendment with CMS.

(g) Nothing in this subsection (8) shall be construed as giving the chairmen or the committees any authority to veto, nullify or revise any State Plan Amendment proposed by the division. The authority of the chairmen or the committees under this subsection shall be limited to reviewing, making objections to and making recommendations for changes to State Plan Amendments proposed by the division.

(ii) If the division does not make any changes to the proposed State Plan Amendment, it shall notify the chairmen of that fact in writing, and may proceed to file the proposed State Plan Amendment with CMS.

(iii) If the division makes any changes to the proposed State Plan Amendment, the division shall notify the chairmen of the changes in writing, and may proceed to file the proposed State Plan Amendment with CMS.

(d) Nothing in this subsection (8) shall be construed as giving the chairmen of the committees any authority to veto, nullify or revise any State Plan Amendment proposed by the division. The authority of the chairmen of the committees under this subsection shall be limited to reviewing, making objections to and making recommendations for suggested changes to State Plan Amendments proposed by the division.

SECTION 3. Section 43-13-139, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-13-139. Nothing contained in this article shall be construed to prevent the Governor, in his discretion, from discontinuing or limiting medical assistance to any

individuals who are classified or deemed to be within any optional group or optional category of recipients as prescribed under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act or the implementing federal regulations. If the Congress or the United States Department of Health and Human Services ceases to provide federal matching funds for any group or category of recipients or any type of care and services, the division shall cease state funding for such group or category or such type of care and services, notwithstanding any provision of this article. If any state plan amendment submitted to comply with the provisions of Section 43-13-117 is disapproved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the division may operate under the state plan as previously approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services in order to preserve federal matching funds. The division shall provide notice of the disapproval to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Medicaid Committees.

SECTION 4. Section 41-71-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-71-1. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Home health agency" means a public or privately owned agency or organization, or a subdivision of such an agency or organization, properly authorized to conduct business in Mississippi, which is primarily engaged in providing to individuals, at the written direction of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or clinical nurse specialist, in the individual's place of residence, skilled nursing services provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse licensed to practice in Mississippi, and one or more of the following services or items:

- (i) Physical, occupational or speech therapy;
- (ii) Medical social services;
- (iii) Part-time or intermittent services of a home health

aide;

- (iv) Other services as approved by the licensing agency;
- (v) Medical supplies, other than drugs and biologicals, and

the use of medical appliances; or

(vi) Medical services provided by an intern or resident in training at a hospital under a teaching program of such hospital.

(b) "Licensing agency" means the State Department of Health.

SECTION 5. Section 41-71-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-71-13. The licensing agency shall adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce rules, regulations and standards, including classifications, with respect to home health agencies licensed, or which may be licensed, to further the accomplishment of the purpose of this chapter in protecting and promoting the health, safety and welfare of the public by insuring adequate care of individuals receiving such services. Such rules, regulations and standards shall be adopted and promulgated by the licensing agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-43-1 et seq., and shall be recorded and indexed in a book to be maintained by the licensing agency in its office in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, entitled "Records of Rules, Regulations and Standards." The book shall be open and available to all home health agencies and the public generally at all reasonable times.

Such rules, regulations and standards shall authorize licensed physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and clinical nurse specialists to prescribe or order home health services and plans of care, certify and recertify eligibility for home health services and conduct the required initial face-to-face visit with recipient of the services.

SECTION 6. The amendments to Sections 41-71-1 and 41-71-13 in this act are retroactive to May 8, 2020, and any action taken on or after May 8, 2020, by a home health agency, physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or clinical nurse specialist, or by any other person or entity with regard to a home health agency, physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant or clinical nurse specialist, that would have been valid and lawful if those amendments had been in effect at the time that the action was ratified, approved and confirmed.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-117, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID'S RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT, SERVICES, CHARGES AND FEES FROM BEING INCREASED, DECREASED OR OTHERWISE CHANGED UNLESS THEY ARE AUTHORIZED BY AN AMENDMENT TO THIS SECTION BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE MEDICAID COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO REVIEW PROPOSED CHANGES IN PROVIDER RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT OR PAYMENT METHODOLOGIES BY THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID BEFORE THE CHANGES WILL TAKE EFFECT; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR RESTORATIVE DENTAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023, 2024 AND 2025 BY 5% ABOVE THE AMOUNT OF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING NONINVASIVE VENTILATORS OR VENTILATION TREATMENTS PROPERLY ORDERED AND BEING USED IN AN APPROPRIATE CARE SETTING; TO REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT TO DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS FOR HOME USE OF NONINVASIVE AND INVASIVE VENTILATORS TO BE ON A CONTINUOUS MONTHLY PAYMENT BASIS FOR THE DURATION OF MEDICAL NEED THROUGHOUT A PATIENT'S VALID PRESCRIPTION PERIOD; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO ESTABLISH A MEDICARE UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS PROGRAM OR ANOTHER ALLOWABLE DELIVERY SYSTEM AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL LAW FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMULA THAT THE DIVISION SHALL USE FOR CALCULATING AMBULANCE SERVICE ACCESS PAYMENT AMOUNTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION SHALL REIMBURSE FOR OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE AGE OF 21 BY BORDER CITY UNIVERSITY-AFFILIATED PEDIATRIC TEACHING HOSPITALS; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF USING A SINGLE VENDOR TO ADMINISTER DENTAL BENEFITS PROVIDED UNDER A MANAGED CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE THAT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS PARTICIPATING IN THE HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED AS CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE MAXIMUM RATE APPROVED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO REIMBURSE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES BY A LICENSED BIRTHING CENTER IN A METHOD AND MANNER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAWS AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO SEEK ANY NECESSARY WAIVERS, MAKE ANY REQUIRED AMENDMENTS TO ITS STATE PLAN OR REVISE ANY MANAGED CARE CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION AS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SUCH BIRTHING CENTER SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-121, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE MEDICAID COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO REVIEW PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS OF THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID BEFORE THE PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS ARE FILED WITH THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEDICAID COMMITTEES HAVE NO AUTHORITY UNDER THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS TO VETO OR REVISE ANY PROPOSED ACTIONS BY THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID, BUT ARE LIMITED TO REVIEWING, MAKING OBJECTIONS TO AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUGGESTED CHANGES TO PROPOSED ACTIONS BY THE DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-139, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IF ANY STATE PLAN AMENDMENT SUBMITTED TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 43-13-117 IS DISAPPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DIVISION MAY OPERATE UNDER THE STATE PLAN AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED



BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS; TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE DISAPPROVAL TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE MEDICAID COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-71-1 AND 41-71-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS TO PRESCRIBE OR ORDER HOME HEALTH SERVICES AND PLANS OF CARE, CERTIFY AND RECERTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES AND CONDUCT THE REQUIRED INITIAL FACE-TO-FACE VISIT WITH THE RECIPIENT OF THE SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMENDMENTS IN THE ACT ARE RETROACTIVE TO MAY 8, 2020; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Jason White, Clay Deweese

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Kevin Blackwell, Joey Fillingane, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--114.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eure, Huddleston, Mims, Stamps, Zuber. Total--6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2507: MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 65-1-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1185, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

65-1-8. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall have the following general powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) To coordinate and develop a comprehensive, balanced transportation policy for the State of Mississippi;

(b) To promote the coordinated and efficient use of all available and future modes of transportation;

(c) To make recommendations to the Legislature regarding alterations or modifications in any existing transportation policies;

(d) To study means of encouraging travel and transportation of goods by the combination of motor vehicle and other modes of transportation;

(e) To take such actions as are necessary and proper to discharge its duties pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 496, Laws of 1992, and any other provision of law;

(f) To receive and provide for the expenditure of any funds made available to it by the Legislature, the federal government or any other source.

(2) In addition to the general powers, duties and responsibilities listed in subsection (1) of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission shall have the following specific powers:

(a) To make rules and regulations whereby the Transportation Department shall change or relocate any and all highways herein or hereafter fixed as constituting a part of the state highway system, as may be deemed necessary or economical in the construction or maintenance thereof; to acquire by gift, purchase, condemnation or otherwise, land or other property whatsoever that may be necessary for a state highway system as herein provided, with full consideration to be given to the stimulation of local public and private investment when acquiring such property in the vicinity of Mississippi towns, cities and population centers;

(b) To enforce by mandamus, or other proper legal remedies, all legal rights or rights of action of the Mississippi Transportation Commission with other public bodies, corporations or persons;

(c) To make and publish rules, regulations and ordinances for the control of and the policing of the traffic on the state highways, and to prevent their abuse by any or all persons, natural or artificial, by trucks, tractors, trailers or any other heavy or destructive vehicles or machines, or by any other means whatsoever, by establishing weights of loads or of vehicles, types of tires, width of tire surfaces, length and width of vehicles, with reasonable variations to meet approximate weather conditions, and all other proper police and protective regulations, and to provide ample means for the enforcement of same. The violation of any of the rules, regulations or ordinances so prescribed by the commission shall constitute a misdemeanor. No rule, regulation or ordinance shall be made that conflicts with any statute now in force or which may hereafter be enacted, or with any ordinance of municipalities. A monthly publication giving general information to the boards of supervisors, employees and the public may be issued under such rules and regulations as the commission may determine;

(d) To give suitable numbers to highways and to change the number of any highway that shall become a part of the state highway system. However, nothing herein shall authorize the number of any highway to be changed so as to conflict with any designation thereof as a U.S. numbered highway. Where, by a specific act of the Legislature, the commission has been directed to give a certain number to a highway, the commission shall not have the authority to change such number;

(e) (i) To make proper and reasonable rules, regulations, and ordinances for the placing, erection, removal or relocation of telephone, telegraph or other poles, signboards, fences, gas, water, sewerage, oil or other pipelines, and other obstructions that may, in the opinion of the commission, contribute to the hazards upon any of the state highways, or in any way interfere with the ordinary travel upon such

highways, or the construction, reconstruction or maintenance thereof, and to make reasonable rules and regulations for the proper control thereof. Any violation of such rules or regulations or noncompliance with such ordinances shall constitute a misdemeanor;

(ii) Except as otherwise provided for in this paragraph, whenever the order of the commission shall require the removal of, or other changes in the location of telephone, telegraph or other poles, signboards, gas, water, sewerage, oil or other pipelines; or other similar obstructions on the right-of-way or such other places where removal is required by law, the owners thereof shall at their own expense move or change the same to conform to the order of the commission. Any violation of such rules or regulations or noncompliance with such orders shall constitute a misdemeanor;

(iii) Rural water districts, rural water systems, nonprofit water associations and municipal public water systems in municipalities with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less, according to the latest federal decennial census, shall not be required to bear the cost and expense of removal and relocation of water and sewer lines and facilities constructed or in place in the rights-of-way of state highways. The cost and expense of such removal and relocation, including any unpaid prior to July 1, 2002, shall be paid by the Department of Transportation;

(iv) Municipal public sewer systems and municipal gas systems owned by municipalities with a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less, according to the latest federal decennial census, shall not be required to bear the cost and expense of removal and relocation of lines and facilities constructed or in place in the rights-of-way of state highways. The cost and expense of such removal and relocation, including any unpaid prior to July 1, 2003, shall be paid by the Department of Transportation;

(f) To regulate and abandon grade crossings on any road fixed as a part of the state highway system, and whenever the commission, in order to avoid a grade crossing with the railroad, locates or constructs said road on one side of the railroad, the commission shall have the power to abandon and close such grade crossing, and whenever an underpass or overhead bridge is substituted for a grade crossing, the commission shall have power to abandon such grade crossing and any other crossing adjacent thereto. Included in the powers herein granted shall be the power to require the railroad at grade crossings, where any road of the state highway system crosses the same, to place signal posts with lights or other warning devices at such crossings at the expense of the railroad, and to regulate and abandon underpass or overhead bridges and, where abandoned because of the construction of a new underpass or overhead bridge, to close such old underpass or overhead bridge, or, in its discretion, to return the same to the jurisdiction of the county board of supervisors;

(g) To make proper and reasonable rules and regulations to control the cutting or opening of the road surfaces for subsurface installations;

(h) To make proper and reasonable rules and regulations for the removal from the public rights-of-way of any form of obstruction, to cooperate in improving their appearance, and to prescribe minimum clearance heights for seed conveyors, pipes, passageways or other structure of private or other ownership above the highways;

(i) To establish, and have the Transportation Department maintain and operate, and to cooperate with the state educational institutions in establishing, enlarging, maintaining and operating a laboratory or laboratories for testing materials and for other proper highway purposes;

(j) To provide, under the direction and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, suitable offices, shops and barns in the City of Jackson;

(k) To establish and have enforced set-back regulations;

(l) To cooperate with proper state authorities in producing limerock for highway purposes and to purchase same at cost;

(m) To provide for the purchase of necessary equipment and vehicles and to provide for the repair and housing of same, to acquire by gift, purchase, condemnation or otherwise, land or lands and buildings in fee simple, and to authorize the Transportation Department to construct, lease or otherwise provide necessary and proper permanent district offices for the construction and maintenance divisions of the department, and for the repair and housing of the equipment and vehicles of the

department; however, in each Supreme Court district only two (2) permanent district offices shall be set up, but a permanent status shall not be given to any such offices until so provided by act of the Legislature and in the meantime, all shops of the department shall be retained at their present location. As many local or subdistrict offices, shops or barns may be provided as is essential and proper to economical maintenance of the state highway system;

(n) To cooperate with the Department of Archives and History in having placed and maintained suitable historical markers, including those which have been approved and purchased by the State Historical Commission, along state highways, and to have constructed and maintained roadside driveways for convenience and safety in viewing them when necessary;

(o) To cooperate, in its discretion, with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks in planning and constructing roadside parks upon the right-of-way of state highways, whether constructed, under construction, or planned; said parks to utilize where practical barrow pits used in construction of state highways for use as fishing ponds. Said parks shall be named for abundant flora and fauna existing in the area or for the first flora or fauna found on the site;

(p) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, to make such contracts and execute such instruments containing such reasonable and necessary appropriate terms, provisions and conditions as in its absolute discretion it may deem necessary, proper or advisable, for the purpose of obtaining or securing financial assistance, grants or loans from the United States of America or any department or agency thereof, including contracts with several counties of the state pertaining to the expenditure of such funds;

(q) To cooperate with the Federal Highway Administration in the matter of location, construction and maintenance of the Great River Road, to expend such funds paid to the commission by the Federal Highway Administration or other federal agency, and to authorize the Transportation Department to erect suitable signs marking this highway, the cost of such signs to be paid from state highway funds other than earmarked construction funds;

(r) To cooperate, in its discretion, with the Mississippi Forestry Commission and the School of Forestry, Mississippi State University, in a forestry management program, including planting, thinning, cutting and selling, upon the right-of-way of any highway, constructed, acquired or maintained by the Transportation Department, and to sell and dispose of any and all growing timber standing, lying or being on any right-of-way acquired by the commission for highway purposes in the future; such sale or sales to be made in accordance with the sale of personal property which has become unnecessary for public use as provided for in Section 65-1-123, Mississippi Code of 1972;

(s) To expend funds in cooperation with the Division of Plant Industry, Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, the United States government or any department or agency thereof, or with any department or agency of this state, to control, suppress or eradicate serious insect pests, rodents, plant parasites and plant diseases on the state highway rights-of-way;

(t) To provide for the placement, erection and maintenance of motorist services business signs and supports within state highway rights-of-way in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations governing the placement of traffic control devices on state highways, and to establish and collect reasonable fees from the businesses having information on such signs;

(u) To request and to accept the use of persons convicted of an offense, whether a felony or a misdemeanor, for work on any road construction, repair or other project of the Transportation Department. The commission is also authorized to request and to accept the use of persons who have not been convicted of an offense but who are required to fulfill certain court-imposed conditions pursuant to Section 41-29-150(d)(1) or 99-15-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, or the Pretrial Intervention Act, being Sections 99-15-101 through 99-15-127, Mississippi Code of 1972. The commission is authorized to enter into any agreements with the Department of Corrections, the State Parole Board, any criminal court of this state, and any other proper official regarding the working, guarding, safekeeping, clothing and subsistence of such persons performing work for the Transportation Department. Such persons shall not be deemed agents,

employees or involuntary servants of the Transportation Department while performing such work or while going to and from work or other specified areas;

(v) To provide for the administration of the railroad revitalization program pursuant to Section 57-43-1 et seq.;

(w) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the purchase of service pins for employees of the Mississippi Transportation Department;

(x) To cooperate with the State Tax Commission by providing for weight enforcement field personnel to collect and assess taxes, fees and penalties and to perform all duties as required pursuant to Section 27-55-501 et seq., Sections 27-19-1 et seq., 27-55-1 et seq., 27-59-1 et seq. and 27-61-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, with regard to vehicles subject to the jurisdiction of the Office of Weight Enforcement. All collections and assessments shall be transferred daily to the State Tax Commission;

(y) The Mississippi Transportation Commission may delegate the authority to enter into a supplemental agreement to a contract previously approved by the commission if the supplemental agreement involves an additional expenditure not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00);

(z) (i) The Mississippi Transportation Commission, in its discretion, may enter into agreements with any county, municipality, county transportation commission, business, corporation, partnership, association, individual or other legal entity, for the purpose of accelerating the completion date of scheduled highway construction projects.

(ii) Such an agreement may permit the cost of a highway construction project to be advanced to the commission by a county, municipality, county transportation commission, business, corporation, partnership, association, individual or other legal entity, and repaid to such entity by the commission when highway construction funds become available; provided, however, that repayment of funds advanced to the Mississippi Transportation Commission shall be made no sooner than the commission's identified projected revenue schedule for funding of that particular construction project, and no other scheduled highway construction project established by statute or by the commission may be delayed by an advanced funding project authorized under this paragraph (z). Repayments to a public or private entity that advances funds to the Mississippi Transportation Commission under this paragraph (z) may not include interest or other fees or charges, and the total amount repaid shall not exceed the total amount of funds advanced to the commission by the entity; however, the inclusion of public entities in this provision does not invalidate any existing agreements authorized under this paragraph (z) before the effective date of this act. The commission shall retain the ability to service, refinance or restructure any indebtedness incurred through any such existing agreements.

(iii) In considering whether to enter into such an agreement, the commission shall consider the availability of financial resources, the effect of such agreement on other ongoing highway construction, the urgency of the public's need for swift completion of the project and any other relevant factors.

(iv) Such an agreement shall be executed only upon a finding by the commission, spread upon its minutes, that the acceleration of the scheduled project is both feasible and beneficial. The commission shall also spread upon its minutes its findings with regard to the factors required to be considered pursuant to subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (z);

(aa) The Mississippi Transportation Commission, in its discretion, may purchase employment practices liability insurance, and may purchase an excess policy to cover catastrophic losses incurred under the commission's self-insured workers' compensation program authorized under Section 71-3-5. Such policies shall be written by the agent or agents of a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Mississippi. The deductibles shall be in an amount deemed reasonable and prudent by the commission, and the premiums thereon shall be paid from the State Highway Fund. Purchase of insurance under this paragraph shall not serve as an actual or implied waiver of sovereign immunity or of any protection afforded the commission under the Mississippi Tort Claims Act;

(bb) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the purchase of promotional materials for safety purposes, highway beautification purposes and recruitment purposes;

(cc) To lease antenna space on communication towers which it owns;

(dd) To receive funds from the Southeastern Association of Transportation Officials and from other nonstate sources and expend those funds for educational scholarships in transportation related fields of study. The commission may adopt rules or regulations as necessary for the implementation of the program. A strict accounting shall be made of all funds deposited with the commission and all funds dispersed.

(ee) To contract with any county, if the county chooses to enter such contract, to perform any maintenance on the state highways and Interstate highways in that county and any rights-of-way to such highways.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1185, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT REPAYMENTS TO A PUBLIC ENTITY THAT ADVANCES FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MAY NOT INCLUDE INTEREST OR OTHER FEES, AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT repaid shall not exceed the total amount of funds advanced to the commission; TO SPECIFY THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT INVALIDATE ANY EXISTING AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL RETAIN THE ABILITY TO SERVICE, REFINANCE OR RESTRUCTURE ANY INDEBTEDNESS INCURRED THROUGH ANY SUCH EXISTING AGREEMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Josh Harkins, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Charles Busby, Steve Massengill, Missy McGee

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Stamps. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2820:** COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; create and require MDOH to establish and administer.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2820: Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Health shall establish and administer the Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program for the purpose of providing funds to hospitals that increased treatment capacity related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program shall make grants to hospitals as a reimbursement for expenses incurred during the period beginning on March 3, 2021, through December 31, 2023, in the following manner:

(a) Funds shall first be expended for the reimbursement to hospitals for the creation of ICU beds at a maximum amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per bed. If the reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the reimbursement to each hospital per ICU bed created.

(b) After such reimbursement is made in paragraph (a) of this subsection, any remaining funds shall be used to reimburse hospitals for the creation of negative pressure beds at a maximum amount of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) per bed. If the reimbursement for allowable expenditures submitted by all hospitals exceeds the amount of funds appropriated to this program, then the Department of Health shall allocate the reimbursement to each hospital per negative pressure bed created.

(2) The Department of Health shall:

(a) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the purposes of this act.

(b) Require all applications for grants to be filed no later than December 31, 2023.

(c) Require recipients of funds under this program to certify that the reimbursement for the creation of the intensive care units or negative pressure room is for allowable expenditures under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act; and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

(d) Certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the office under this act is in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of ARPA.

(3) The department shall not:

(a) Reimburse hospitals for funds expended by the "Mississippi ICU Infrastructure Act," Sections 41-14-1 through 41-14-11.

(b) Reimburse hospitals for professional fees expended in the creation of the beds.

(4) The Department of Health may retain up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the funds appropriated to the program established in this act to pay reasonable expenses incurred in the administration of the program.

(5) The department shall operate and administer the grant program from funds appropriated by the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds.

(6) The Department of Health shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee before October 1 of each year an annual report containing, at a minimum, the number of submitted applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each hospital for both ICU beds and negative pressure beds, and the number of ICU beds and negative pressure beds that were provided a reimbursement.

(7) This act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 2. Section 41-7-191, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-7-191. (1) No person shall engage in any of the following activities without obtaining the required certificate of need:

(a) The construction, development or other establishment of a new health care facility, which establishment shall include the reopening of a health care facility that has ceased to operate for a period of sixty (60) months or more;

(b) The relocation of a health care facility or portion thereof, or major medical equipment, unless such relocation of a health care facility or portion thereof, or major medical equipment, which does not involve a capital expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility, is within five thousand two hundred eighty (5,280) feet from the main entrance of the health care facility;

(c) Any change in the existing bed complement of any health care facility through the addition or conversion of any beds or the alteration, modernizing or refurbishing of any unit or department in which the beds may be located; however, if a health care facility has voluntarily delicensed some of its existing bed complement, it may later relicense some or all of its delicensed beds without the necessity of having to acquire a certificate of need. The State Department of Health shall maintain a record of the delicensing health care facility and its voluntarily delicensed beds and continue counting those beds as part of the state's total bed count for health care planning purposes. If a health care facility that has voluntarily delicensed some of its beds later desires to relicense some or all of its voluntarily delicensed beds, it shall notify the State Department of Health of its intent to increase the number of its licensed beds. The State Department of Health shall survey the health care facility within thirty (30) days of that notice and, if appropriate, issue the health care facility a new license reflecting the new contingent of beds. However, in no event may a health care facility that has voluntarily delicensed some of its beds be reissued a license to operate beds in excess of its bed count before the voluntary delicensure of some of its beds without seeking certificate of need approval;

(d) Offering of the following health services if those services have not been provided on a regular basis by the proposed provider of such services within the period of twelve (12) months prior to the time such services would be offered:

- (i) Open-heart surgery services;
- (ii) Cardiac catheterization services;
- (iii) Comprehensive inpatient rehabilitation services;
- (iv) Licensed psychiatric services;
- (v) Licensed chemical dependency services;
- (vi) Radiation therapy services;
- (vii) Diagnostic imaging services of an invasive nature, i.e.

invasive digital angiography;

(viii) Nursing home care as defined in subparagraphs (iv), (vi) and (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h);

- (ix) Home health services;
- (x) Swing-bed services;
- (xi) Ambulatory surgical services;
- (xii) Magnetic resonance imaging services;
- (xiii) [Deleted]



- (xiv) Long-term care hospital services;
- (xv) Positron emission tomography (PET) services;

(e) The relocation of one or more health services from one physical facility or site to another physical facility or site, unless such relocation, which does not involve a capital expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility, (i) is to a physical facility or site within five thousand two hundred eighty (5,280) feet from the main entrance of the health care facility where the health care service is located, or (ii) is the result of an order of a court of appropriate jurisdiction or a result of pending litigation in such court, or by order of the State Department of Health, or by order of any other agency or legal entity of the state, the federal government, or any political subdivision of either, whose order is also approved by the State Department of Health;

(f) The acquisition or otherwise control of any major medical equipment for the provision of medical services; however, (i) the acquisition of any major medical equipment used only for research purposes, and (ii) the acquisition of major medical equipment to replace medical equipment for which a facility is already providing medical services and for which the State Department of Health has been notified before the date of such acquisition shall be exempt from this paragraph; an acquisition for less than fair market value must be reviewed, if the acquisition at fair market value would be subject to review;

(g) Changes of ownership of existing health care facilities in which a notice of intent is not filed with the State Department of Health at least thirty (30) days prior to the date such change of ownership occurs, or a change in services or bed capacity as prescribed in paragraph (c) or (d) of this subsection as a result of the change of ownership; an acquisition for less than fair market value must be reviewed, if the acquisition at fair market value would be subject to review;

(h) The change of ownership of any health care facility defined in subparagraphs (iv), (vi) and (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h), in which a notice of intent as described in paragraph (g) has not been filed and if the Executive Director, Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, has not certified in writing that there will be no increase in allowable costs to Medicaid from revaluation of the assets or from increased interest and depreciation as a result of the proposed change of ownership;

(i) Any activity described in paragraphs (a) through (h) if undertaken by any person if that same activity would require certificate of need approval if undertaken by a health care facility;

(j) Any capital expenditure or deferred capital expenditure by or on behalf of a health care facility not covered by paragraphs (a) through (h);

(k) The contracting of a health care facility as defined in subparagraphs (i) through (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h) to establish a home office, subunit, or branch office in the space operated as a health care facility through a formal arrangement with an existing health care facility as defined in subparagraph (ix) of Section 41-7-173(h);

(l) The replacement or relocation of a health care facility designated as a critical access hospital shall be exempt from subsection (1) of this section so long as the critical access hospital complies with all applicable federal law and regulations regarding such replacement or relocation;

(m) Reopening a health care facility that has ceased to operate for a period of sixty (60) months or more, which reopening requires a certificate of need for the establishment of a new health care facility.

(2) The State Department of Health shall not grant approval for or issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new construction of, addition to, or expansion of any health care facility defined in subparagraphs (iv) (skilled nursing facility) and (vi) (intermediate care facility) of Section 41-7-173(h) or the conversion of vacant hospital beds to provide skilled or intermediate nursing home care, except as hereinafter authorized:

(a) The department may issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new construction of any health care facility defined in subparagraphs (iv) and (vi) of Section 41-7-173(h) as part of a life care retirement facility, in any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico in which is located a National Aeronautics and Space Administration facility, not to exceed forty (40) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there

shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the health care facility that were authorized under this paragraph (a).

(b) The department may issue certificates of need in Harrison County to provide skilled nursing home care for Alzheimer's disease patients and other patients, not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing facilities that were authorized under this paragraph (b).

(c) The department may issue a certificate of need for the addition to or expansion of any skilled nursing facility that is part of an existing continuing care retirement community located in Madison County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (c), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph (c) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.

(d) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need to any hospital located in DeSoto County for the new construction of a skilled nursing facility, not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) beds, in DeSoto County. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing facility that were authorized under this paragraph (d).

(e) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need for the construction of a nursing facility or the conversion of beds to nursing facility beds at a personal care facility for the elderly in Lowndes County that is owned and operated by a Mississippi nonprofit corporation, not to exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing facility that were authorized under this paragraph (e).

(f) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need for conversion of a county hospital facility in Itawamba County to a nursing facility, not to exceed sixty (60) beds, including any necessary construction, renovation or expansion. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing facility that were authorized under this paragraph (f).

(g) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need for the construction or expansion of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility beds in either Hinds, Madison or Rankin County, not to exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the nursing facility that were authorized under this paragraph (g).

(h) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need for the construction or expansion of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility beds in either Hancock, Harrison or Jackson County, not to exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on

participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the facility that were authorized under this paragraph (h).

(i) The department may issue a certificate of need for the new construction of a skilled nursing facility in Leake County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (i), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need. The provision of Section 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance of the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for the purposes of this paragraph. The total number of nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need issued under this paragraph (i) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds. If the skilled nursing facility authorized by the certificate of need issued under this paragraph is not constructed and fully operational within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1994, the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall not issue a license for the skilled nursing facility at any time after the expiration of the eighteen-month period.

(j) The department may issue certificates of need to allow any existing freestanding long-term care facility in Tishomingo County and Hancock County that on July 1, 1995, is licensed with fewer than sixty (60) beds. For the purposes of this paragraph (j), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. From and after July 1, 1999, there shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the beds in the long-term care facilities that were authorized under this paragraph (j).

(k) The department may issue a certificate of need for the construction of a nursing facility at a continuing care retirement community in Lowndes County. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph (k) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds. From and after July 1, 2001, the prohibition on the facility participating in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) that was a condition of issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph (k) shall be revised as follows: The nursing facility may participate in the Medicaid program from and after July 1, 2001, if the owner of the facility on July 1, 2001, agrees in writing that no more than thirty (30) of the beds at the facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program, and that no claim will be submitted for Medicaid reimbursement for more than thirty (30) patients in the facility in any month or for any patient in the facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the owner of the facility shall be a condition of licensure of the facility, and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after July 1, 2001. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more than thirty (30) of the beds in the facility for participation in the Medicaid program. If the facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has violated the written agreement.

(l) Provided that funds are specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature, the department may issue a certificate of need to a rehabilitation hospital in Hinds County for the construction of a sixty-bed long-term care nursing facility dedicated to the care and treatment of persons with severe disabilities including persons with spinal cord and closed-head injuries and ventilator dependent patients. The provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance with projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived for the purpose of this paragraph.

(m) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need to a county-owned hospital in the Second Judicial District of Panola County for the conversion of not more than seventy-two (72) hospital beds to nursing facility beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that none of the beds at the nursing facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for Medicaid reimbursement in the nursing facility in any day or for any patient in the nursing facility. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the nursing facility if the ownership of the nursing facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify any of the beds in the nursing facility for participation in the Medicaid program. If the nursing facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the nursing facility on a regular or continuing basis any patients who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license of the nursing facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the nursing facility has violated the condition upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 2001, the department shall deny the application for the certificate of need and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 2001, the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the certificate of need is contested, the department shall require substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

(n) The department may issue a certificate of need for the new construction, addition or conversion of skilled nursing facility beds in Madison County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (n), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need issued under this paragraph (n) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 1998, the department shall deny the application for the certificate of

need and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1998, the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the certificate of need is contested, the department shall require substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

(o) The department may issue a certificate of need for the new construction, addition or conversion of skilled nursing facility beds in Leake County, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (o), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need. The total number of nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need issued under this paragraph (o) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 2001, the department shall deny the application for the certificate of need and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 2001, the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the certificate of need is contested, the department shall require substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

(p) The department may issue a certificate of need for the construction of a municipally owned nursing facility within the Town of Belmont in Tishomingo County, not to exceed sixty (60) beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the skilled nursing facility will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the skilled nursing facility who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the skilled nursing facility, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the skilled nursing facility will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this paragraph (p), and if such skilled nursing facility at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the skilled nursing facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate

of need. The provision of Section 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance of the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan is waived for the purposes of this paragraph. If the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph is not issued within twelve (12) months after July 1, 1998, the department shall deny the application for the certificate of need and shall not issue the certificate of need at any time after the twelve-month period, unless the issuance is contested. If the certificate of need is issued and substantial construction of the nursing facility beds has not commenced within eighteen (18) months after July 1, 1998, the State Department of Health, after a hearing complying with due process, shall revoke the certificate of need if it is still outstanding, and the department shall not issue a license for the nursing facility at any time after the eighteen-month period. However, if the issuance of the certificate of need is contested, the department shall require substantial construction of the nursing facility beds within six (6) months after final adjudication on the issuance of the certificate of need.

(q) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the State Department of Health shall issue certificates of need during each of the next four (4) fiscal years for the construction or expansion of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility beds in each county in the state having a need for fifty (50) or more additional nursing facility beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, in the manner provided in this paragraph (q). The total number of nursing facility beds that may be authorized by any certificate of need authorized under this paragraph (q) shall not exceed sixty (60) beds.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (v), during each of the next four (4) fiscal years, the department shall issue six (6) certificates of need for new nursing facility beds, as follows: During fiscal years 2000, 2001 and 2002, one (1) certificate of need shall be issued for new nursing facility beds in the county in each of the four (4) Long-Term Care Planning Districts designated in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan that has the highest need in the district for those beds; and two (2) certificates of need shall be issued for new nursing facility beds in the two (2) counties from the state at large that have the highest need in the state for those beds, when considering the need on a statewide basis and without regard to the Long-Term Care Planning Districts in which the counties are located. During fiscal year 2003, one (1) certificate of need shall be issued for new nursing facility beds in any county having a need for fifty (50) or more additional nursing facility beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, that has not received a certificate of need under this paragraph (q) during the three (3) previous fiscal years. During fiscal year 2000, in addition to the six (6) certificates of need authorized in this subparagraph, the department also shall issue a certificate of need for new nursing facility beds in Amite County and a certificate of need for new nursing facility beds in Carroll County.

(iii) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (v), the certificate of need issued under subparagraph (ii) for nursing facility beds in each Long-Term Care Planning District during each fiscal year shall first be available for nursing facility beds in the county in the district having the highest need for those beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan. If there are no applications for a certificate of need for nursing facility beds in the county having the highest need for those beds by the date specified by the department, then the certificate of need shall be available for nursing facility beds in other counties in the district in descending order of the need for those beds, from the county with the second highest need to the county with the lowest need, until an application is received for nursing facility beds in an eligible county in the district.

(iv) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (v), the certificate of need issued under subparagraph (ii) for nursing facility beds in the two (2) counties from the state at large during each fiscal year shall first be available for nursing facility beds in the two (2) counties that have the highest need in the state for those beds, as shown in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, when considering the need on a statewide basis and without regard to the Long-Term Care Planning Districts in which the counties are located. If there are no applications for a certificate of need for nursing facility beds in either of the two (2) counties having the highest need for those beds on a statewide basis by the date specified by the department, then the certificate of need shall be available for nursing facility beds in other counties from the state at large in descending order of the need for those beds on a statewide basis, from the county with the second

highest need to the county with the lowest need, until an application is received for nursing facility beds in an eligible county from the state at large.

(v) If a certificate of need is authorized to be issued under this paragraph (q) for nursing facility beds in a county on the basis of the need in the Long-Term Care Planning District during any fiscal year of the four-year period, a certificate of need shall not also be available under this paragraph (q) for additional nursing facility beds in that county on the basis of the need in the state at large, and that county shall be excluded in determining which counties have the highest need for nursing facility beds in the state at large for that fiscal year. After a certificate of need has been issued under this paragraph (q) for nursing facility beds in a county during any fiscal year of the four-year period, a certificate of need shall not be available again under this paragraph (q) for additional nursing facility beds in that county during the four-year period, and that county shall be excluded in determining which counties have the highest need for nursing facility beds in succeeding fiscal years.

(vi) If more than one (1) application is made for a certificate of need for nursing home facility beds available under this paragraph (q), in Yalobusha, Newton or Tallahatchie County, and one (1) of the applicants is a county-owned hospital located in the county where the nursing facility beds are available, the department shall give priority to the county-owned hospital in granting the certificate of need if the following conditions are met:

1. The county-owned hospital fully meets all applicable criteria and standards required to obtain a certificate of need for the nursing facility beds; and

2. The county-owned hospital's qualifications for the certificate of need, as shown in its application and as determined by the department, are at least equal to the qualifications of the other applicants for the certificate of need.

(r) (i) Beginning on July 1, 1999, the State Department of Health shall issue certificates of need during each of the next two (2) fiscal years for the construction or expansion of nursing facility beds or the conversion of other beds to nursing facility beds in each of the four (4) Long-Term Care Planning Districts designated in the fiscal year 1999 State Health Plan, to provide care exclusively to patients with Alzheimer's disease.

(ii) Not more than twenty (20) beds may be authorized by any certificate of need issued under this paragraph (r), and not more than a total of sixty (60) beds may be authorized in any Long-Term Care Planning District by all certificates of need issued under this paragraph (r). However, the total number of beds that may be authorized by all certificates of need issued under this paragraph (r) during any fiscal year shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) beds, and the total number of beds that may be authorized in any Long-Term Care Planning District during any fiscal year shall not exceed forty (40) beds. Of the certificates of need that are issued for each Long-Term Care Planning District during the next two (2) fiscal years, at least one (1) shall be issued for beds in the northern part of the district, at least one (1) shall be issued for beds in the central part of the district, and at least one (1) shall be issued for beds in the southern part of the district.

(iii) The State Department of Health, in consultation with the Department of Mental Health and the Division of Medicaid, shall develop and prescribe the staffing levels, space requirements and other standards and requirements that must be met with regard to the nursing facility beds authorized under this paragraph (r) to provide care exclusively to patients with Alzheimer's disease.

(s) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need to a nonprofit skilled nursing facility using the Green House model of skilled nursing care and located in Yazoo City, Yazoo County, Mississippi, for the construction, expansion or conversion of not more than nineteen (19) nursing facility beds. For purposes of this paragraph (s), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph (s).

(t) The State Department of Health shall issue certificates of need to the owner of a nursing facility in operation at the time of Hurricane Katrina in Hancock County that was not operational on December 31, 2005, because of damage sustained from Hurricane Katrina to authorize the following: (i) the construction of a new nursing facility in Harrison County; (ii) the relocation of forty-nine (49) nursing facility beds from the Hancock County facility to the new Harrison County facility; (iii) the establishment of not more than twenty (20) non-Medicaid nursing facility beds at the Hancock County facility; and (iv) the establishment of not more than twenty (20) non-Medicaid beds at the new Harrison County facility. The certificates of need that authorize the non-Medicaid nursing facility beds under subparagraphs (iii) and (iv) of this paragraph (t) shall be subject to the following conditions: The owner of the Hancock County facility and the new Harrison County facility must agree in writing that no more than fifty (50) of the beds at the Hancock County facility and no more than forty-nine (49) of the beds at the Harrison County facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program, and that no claim will be submitted for Medicaid reimbursement for more than fifty (50) patients in the Hancock County facility in any month, or for more than forty-nine (49) patients in the Harrison County facility in any month, or for any patient in either facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the owner of the nursing facilities shall be a condition of the issuance of the certificates of need under this paragraph (t), and the agreement shall be fully binding on any later owner or owners of either facility if the ownership of either facility is transferred at any time after the certificates of need are issued. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more than fifty (50) of the beds at the Hancock County facility or more than forty-nine (49) of the beds at the Harrison County facility for participation in the Medicaid program. If the Hancock County facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more than fifty (50) patients who are participating in the Medicaid program, or if the Harrison County facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more than forty-nine (49) patients who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility that is in violation of the agreement, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has violated the agreement.

(u) The State Department of Health shall issue a certificate of need to a nonprofit venture for the establishment, construction and operation of a skilled nursing facility of not more than sixty (60) beds to provide skilled nursing care for ventilator dependent or otherwise medically dependent pediatric patients who require medical and nursing care or rehabilitation services to be located in a county in which an academic medical center and a children's hospital are located, and for any construction and for the acquisition of equipment related to those beds. The facility shall be authorized to keep such ventilator dependent or otherwise medically dependent pediatric patients beyond age twenty-one (21) in accordance with regulations of the State Board of Health. For purposes of this paragraph (u), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived, and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived. The beds authorized by this paragraph shall be counted as pediatric skilled nursing facility beds for health planning purposes under Section 41-7-171 et seq. There shall be no prohibition of or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized by this paragraph.

(3) The State Department of Health may grant approval for and issue certificates of need to any person proposing the new construction of, addition to, conversion of beds of or expansion of any health care facility defined in subparagraph (x) (psychiatric residential treatment facility) of Section 41-7-173(h). The total number of beds which may be authorized by such certificates of need shall not exceed three hundred thirty-four (334) beds for the entire state.

(a) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a privately owned psychiatric residential treatment facility in Simpson County for the conversion of sixteen (16) intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF-MR) beds to psychiatric residential treatment facility



beds, provided that facility agrees in writing that the facility shall give priority for the use of those sixteen (16) beds to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in out-of-state facilities.

(b) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other beds to psychiatric residential treatment facility beds in Warren County, not to exceed sixty (60) psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, provided that the facility agrees in writing that no more than thirty (30) of the beds at the psychiatric residential treatment facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the use of any patients other than those who are participating only in the Medicaid program of another state, and that no claim will be submitted to the Division of Medicaid for Medicaid reimbursement for more than thirty (30) patients in the psychiatric residential treatment facility in any day or for any patient in the psychiatric residential treatment facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the psychiatric residential treatment facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more than thirty (30) of the beds in the psychiatric residential treatment facility for participation in the Medicaid program for the use of any patients other than those who are participating only in the Medicaid program of another state. If the psychiatric residential treatment facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more than thirty (30) patients who are participating in the Mississippi Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has violated the condition upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement.

The State Department of Health, on or before July 1, 2002, shall transfer the certificate of need authorized under the authority of this paragraph (b), or reissue the certificate of need if it has expired, to River Region Health System.

(c) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection, the department shall issue a certificate of need to a hospital currently operating Medicaid-certified acute psychiatric beds for adolescents in DeSoto County, for the establishment of a forty-bed psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto County, provided that the hospital agrees in writing (i) that the hospital shall give priority for the use of those forty (40) beds to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in out-of-state facilities, and (ii) that no more than fifteen (15) of the beds at the psychiatric residential treatment facility will be certified for participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.), and that no claim will be submitted for Medicaid reimbursement for more than fifteen (15) patients in the psychiatric residential treatment facility in any day or for any patient in the psychiatric residential treatment facility who is in a bed that is not Medicaid-certified. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be a condition of the issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, and the agreement shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the psychiatric residential treatment facility if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. After this written agreement is executed, the Division of Medicaid and the State Department of Health shall not certify more than fifteen (15) of the beds in the psychiatric residential treatment facility for participation in the Medicaid program. If the psychiatric residential treatment facility violates the terms of the written agreement by admitting or keeping in the facility on a regular or continuing basis more than fifteen (15) patients who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the license of the facility, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has violated the condition upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this paragraph and in the written agreement.

(d) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection, the department may issue a certificate or certificates of need for the construction or expansion of psychiatric residential treatment facility beds or the conversion of other beds to

psychiatric treatment facility beds, not to exceed thirty (30) psychiatric residential treatment facility beds, in either Alcorn, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Lee, Itawamba, Monroe, Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Calhoun, Lafayette, Union, Benton or Tippah County.

(e) Of the total number of beds authorized under this subsection (3) the department shall issue a certificate of need to a privately owned, nonprofit psychiatric residential treatment facility in Hinds County for an eight-bed expansion of the facility, provided that the facility agrees in writing that the facility shall give priority for the use of those eight (8) beds to Mississippi residents who are presently being treated in out-of-state facilities.

(f) The department shall issue a certificate of need to a one-hundred-thirty-four-bed specialty hospital located on twenty-nine and forty-four one-hundredths (29.44) commercial acres at 5900 Highway 39 North in Meridian (Lauderdale County), Mississippi, for the addition, construction or expansion of child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds in Lauderdale County. As a condition of issuance of the certificate of need under this paragraph, the facility shall give priority in admissions to the child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds authorized under this paragraph to patients who otherwise would require out-of-state placement. The Division of Medicaid, in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, shall furnish the facility a list of all out-of-state patients on a quarterly basis. Furthermore, notice shall also be provided to the parent, custodial parent or guardian of each out-of-state patient notifying them of the priority status granted by this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of child/adolescent psychiatric residential treatment facility beds that may be authorized under the authority of this paragraph shall be sixty (60) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this paragraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

(4) (a) From and after March 25, 2021, the department may issue a certificate of need to any person for the new construction of any hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital that will contain any child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, or for the conversion of any other health care facility to a hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital that will contain any child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person(s) receiving the certificate(s) of need authorized under this paragraph (a) or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need. In issuing any new certificate of need for any child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds, either by new construction or conversion of beds of another category, the department shall give preference to beds which will be located in an area of the state which does not have such beds located in it, and to a location more than sixty-five (65) miles from existing beds. Upon receiving 2020 census data, the department may amend the State Health Plan regarding child/adolescent psychiatric and child/adolescent chemical dependency beds to reflect the need based on new census data.

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(ii) The department may issue a certificate of need for the conversion of existing beds in a county hospital in Choctaw County from acute care beds to child/adolescent chemical dependency beds. For purposes of this subparagraph (ii), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of beds that may be authorized under authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the hospital receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

(iii) The department may issue a certificate or certificates of need for the construction or expansion of child/adolescent psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds to child/adolescent psychiatric beds in Warren County. For

purposes of this subparagraph (iii), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

If by January 1, 2002, there has been no significant commencement of construction of the beds authorized under this subparagraph (iii), or no significant action taken to convert existing beds to the beds authorized under this subparagraph, then the certificate of need that was previously issued under this subparagraph shall expire. If the previously issued certificate of need expires, the department may accept applications for issuance of another certificate of need for the beds authorized under this subparagraph, and may issue a certificate of need to authorize the construction, expansion or conversion of the beds authorized under this subparagraph.

(iv) The department shall issue a certificate of need to the Region 7 Mental Health/Retardation Commission for the construction or expansion of child/adolescent psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds to child/adolescent psychiatric beds in any of the counties served by the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph (iv), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed twenty (20) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

(v) The department may issue a certificate of need to any county hospital located in Leflore County for the construction or expansion of adult psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds to adult psychiatric beds, not to exceed twenty (20) beds, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the adult psychiatric beds will not at any time be certified for participation in the Medicaid program and that the hospital will not admit or keep any patients who are participating in the Medicaid program in any of such adult psychiatric beds. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the hospital if the ownership of the hospital is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the adult psychiatric beds will not be certified for participation in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this subparagraph (v), and if such hospital at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the hospital, has any of such adult psychiatric beds certified for participation in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any Medicaid patients in such adult psychiatric beds, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the hospital at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the hospital has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this subparagraph and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need.

(vi) The department may issue a certificate or certificates of need for the expansion of child psychiatric beds or the conversion of other beds to child psychiatric beds at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. For purposes of this subparagraph (vi), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived. The total number of beds that may be authorized under the authority of this subparagraph shall not exceed fifteen (15) beds. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the hospital receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subparagraph or for the beds converted pursuant to the authority of that certificate of need.

(b) From and after July 1, 1990, no hospital, psychiatric hospital or chemical dependency hospital shall be authorized to add any child/adolescent psychiatric

or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds or convert any beds of another category to child/adolescent psychiatric or child/adolescent chemical dependency beds without a certificate of need under the authority of subsection (1)(c) and subsection (4)(a) of this section.

(5) The department may issue a certificate of need to a county hospital in Winston County for the conversion of fifteen (15) acute care beds to geriatric psychiatric care beds.

(6) The State Department of Health shall issue a certificate of need to a Mississippi corporation qualified to manage a long-term care hospital as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(xii) in Harrison County, not to exceed eighty (80) beds, including any necessary renovation or construction required for licensure and certification, provided that the recipient of the certificate of need agrees in writing that the long-term care hospital will not at any time participate in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) or admit or keep any patients in the long-term care hospital who are participating in the Medicaid program. This written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need shall be fully binding on any subsequent owner of the long-term care hospital, if the ownership of the facility is transferred at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need. Agreement that the long-term care hospital will not participate in the Medicaid program shall be a condition of the issuance of a certificate of need to any person under this subsection (6), and if such long-term care hospital at any time after the issuance of the certificate of need, regardless of the ownership of the facility, participates in the Medicaid program or admits or keeps any patients in the facility who are participating in the Medicaid program, the State Department of Health shall revoke the certificate of need, if it is still outstanding, and shall deny or revoke the license of the long-term care hospital, at the time that the department determines, after a hearing complying with due process, that the facility has failed to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate of need was issued, as provided in this subsection and in the written agreement by the recipient of the certificate of need. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived.

(7) The State Department of Health may issue a certificate of need to any hospital in the state to utilize a portion of its beds for the "swing-bed" concept. Any such hospital must be in conformance with the federal regulations regarding such swing-bed concept at the time it submits its application for a certificate of need to the State Department of Health, except that such hospital may have more licensed beds or a higher average daily census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in federal regulations for participation in the swing-bed program. Any hospital meeting all federal requirements for participation in the swing-bed program which receives such certificate of need shall render services provided under the swing-bed concept to any patient eligible for Medicare (Title XVIII of the Social Security Act) who is certified by a physician to be in need of such services, and no such hospital shall permit any patient who is eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare or eligible only for Medicaid to stay in the swing beds of the hospital for more than thirty (30) days per admission unless the hospital receives prior approval for such patient from the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor. Any hospital having more licensed beds or a higher average daily census (ADC) than the maximum number specified in federal regulations for participation in the swing-bed program which receives such certificate of need shall develop a procedure to ensure that before a patient is allowed to stay in the swing beds of the hospital, there are no vacant nursing home beds available for that patient located within a fifty-mile radius of the hospital. When any such hospital has a patient staying in the swing beds of the hospital and the hospital receives notice from a nursing home located within such radius that there is a vacant bed available for that patient, the hospital shall transfer the patient to the nursing home within a reasonable time after receipt of the notice. Any hospital which is subject to the requirements of the two (2) preceding sentences of this subsection may be suspended from participation in the swing-bed program for a reasonable period of time by the State Department of Health if the department, after a hearing complying with due process, determines that the hospital has failed to comply with any of those requirements.

(8) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the new construction of, addition to or expansion of a

health care facility as defined in subparagraph (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h), except as hereinafter provided: The department may issue a certificate of need to a nonprofit corporation located in Madison County, Mississippi, for the construction, expansion or conversion of not more than twenty (20) beds in a community living program for developmentally disabled adults in a facility as defined in subparagraph (viii) of Section 41-7-173(h). For purposes of this subsection (8), the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program for the person receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subsection (8).

(9) The Department of Health shall not grant approval for or issue a certificate of need to any person proposing the establishment of, or expansion of the currently approved territory of, or the contracting to establish a home office, subunit or branch office within the space operated as a health care facility as defined in Section 41-7-173(h)(i) through (viii) by a health care facility as defined in subparagraph (ix) of Section 41-7-173(h).

(10) Health care facilities owned and/or operated by the state or its agencies are exempt from the restraints in this section against issuance of a certificate of need if such addition or expansion consists of repairing or renovation necessary to comply with the state licensure law. This exception shall not apply to the new construction of any building by such state facility. This exception shall not apply to any health care facilities owned and/or operated by counties, municipalities, districts, unincorporated areas, other defined persons, or any combination thereof.

(11) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or addition to any health care facility defined in subparagraph (ii) (psychiatric hospital), subparagraph (iv) (skilled nursing facility), subparagraph (vi) (intermediate care facility), subparagraph (viii) (intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded) and subparagraph (x) (psychiatric residential treatment facility) of Section 41-7-173(h) which is owned by the State of Mississippi and under the direction and control of the State Department of Mental Health, and the addition of new beds or the conversion of beds from one category to another in any such defined health care facility which is owned by the State of Mississippi and under the direction and control of the State Department of Mental Health, shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need under Section 41-7-171 et seq., notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the contrary.

(12) The new construction, renovation or expansion of or addition to any veterans homes or domiciliaries for eligible veterans of the State of Mississippi as authorized under Section 35-1-19 shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need, notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the contrary.

(13) The repair or the rebuilding of an existing, operating health care facility that sustained significant damage from a natural disaster that occurred after April 15, 2014, in an area that is proclaimed a disaster area or subject to a state of emergency by the Governor or by the President of the United States shall be exempt from all of the requirements of the Mississippi Certificate of Need Law (Section 41-7-171 et seq.) and any and all rules and regulations promulgated under that law, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The repair or the rebuilding of any such damaged health care facility must be within one (1) mile of the pre-disaster location of the campus of the damaged health care facility, except that any temporary post-disaster health care facility operating location may be within five (5) miles of the pre-disaster location of the damaged health care facility;

(b) The repair or the rebuilding of the damaged health care facility (i) does not increase or change the complement of its bed capacity that it had before the Governor's or the President's proclamation, (ii) does not increase or change its levels and types of health care services that it provided before the Governor's or the President's proclamation, and (iii) does not rebuild in a different county; however, this paragraph does not restrict or prevent a health care facility from decreasing its bed capacity that it had before the Governor's or the President's proclamation, or from decreasing the levels of or decreasing or eliminating the types of health care services that it provided before the

Governor's or the President's proclamation, when the damaged health care facility is repaired or rebuilt;

(c) The exemption from Certificate of Need Law provided under this subsection (13) is valid for only five (5) years from the date of the Governor's or the President's proclamation. If actual construction has not begun within that five-year period, the exemption provided under this subsection is inapplicable; and

(d) The Division of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification of the State Department of Health shall provide the same oversight for the repair or the rebuilding of the damaged health care facility that it provides to all health care facility construction projects in the state.

For the purposes of this subsection (13), "significant damage" to a health care facility means damage to the health care facility requiring an expenditure of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(14) The State Department of Health shall issue a certificate of need to any hospital which is currently licensed for two hundred fifty (250) or more acute care beds and is located in any general hospital service area not having a comprehensive cancer center, for the establishment and equipping of such a center which provides facilities and services for outpatient radiation oncology therapy, outpatient medical oncology therapy, and appropriate support services including the provision of radiation therapy services. The provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) regarding substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived for the purpose of this subsection.

(15) The State Department of Health may authorize the transfer of hospital beds, not to exceed sixty (60) beds, from the North Panola Community Hospital to the South Panola Community Hospital. The authorization for the transfer of those beds shall be exempt from the certificate of need review process.

(16) The State Department of Health shall issue any certificates of need necessary for Mississippi State University and a public or private health care provider to jointly acquire and operate a linear accelerator and a magnetic resonance imaging unit. Those certificates of need shall cover all capital expenditures related to the project between Mississippi State University and the health care provider, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of the linear accelerator, the magnetic resonance imaging unit and other radiological modalities; the offering of linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging services; and the cost of construction of facilities in which to locate these services. The linear accelerator and the magnetic resonance imaging unit shall be (a) located in the City of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, Mississippi; (b) operated jointly by Mississippi State University and the public or private health care provider selected by Mississippi State University through a request for proposals (RFP) process in which Mississippi State University selects, and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning approves, the health care provider that makes the best overall proposal; (c) available to Mississippi State University for research purposes two-thirds (2/3) of the time that the linear accelerator and magnetic resonance imaging unit are operational; and (d) available to the public or private health care provider selected by Mississippi State University and approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning one-third (1/3) of the time for clinical, diagnostic and treatment purposes. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan are waived.

(17) The State Department of Health shall issue a certificate of need for the construction of an acute care hospital in Kemper County, not to exceed twenty-five (25) beds, which shall be named the "John C. Stennis Memorial Hospital." In issuing the certificate of need under this subsection, the department shall give priority to a hospital located in Lauderdale County that has two hundred fifteen (215) beds. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived. There shall be no prohibition or restrictions on participation in the Medicaid program (Section 43-13-101 et seq.) for the person or entity receiving the certificate of need authorized under this subsection or for the beds constructed under the authority of that certificate of need.

(18) The planning, design, construction, renovation, addition, furnishing and equipping of a clinical research unit at any health care facility defined in Section 41-7-173(h) that is under the direction and control of the University of Mississippi Medical Center and located in Jackson, Mississippi, and the addition of new beds or the conversion of beds from one (1) category to another in any such clinical research unit, shall not require the issuance of a certificate of need under Section 41-7-171 et seq., notwithstanding any provision in Section 41-7-171 et seq. to the contrary.

(19) [Repealed]

(20) Nothing in this section or in any other provision of Section 41-7-171 et seq. shall prevent any nursing facility from designating an appropriate number of existing beds in the facility as beds for providing care exclusively to patients with Alzheimer's disease.

(21) Nothing in this section or any other provision of Section 41-7-171 et seq. shall prevent any health care facility from the new construction, renovation, conversion or expansion of new beds in the facility designated as intensive care units, negative pressure rooms, or isolation rooms pursuant to the provisions of Sections 41-14-1 through 41-14-11, or Section 1 of this act. For purposes of this subsection, the provisions of Section 41-7-193(1) requiring substantial compliance with the projection of need as reported in the current State Health Plan and the provisions of Section 41-7-197 requiring a formal certificate of need hearing process are waived.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

(a) "Local health care provider" or "provider" means a facility that is licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course of business in the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited to, skilled nursing facilities, direct primary care clinics, provider owned clinics, rural health clinics, academic medical centers, community health centers and/or independent physician practices.

(b) "Transitional assistance" means any assistance related to changing a provider's current health care delivery model to a model more appropriate for the community that the provider serves, including, but not limited to:

(i) Conducting a market study of health care services needed and provided in the community;

(ii) Acquiring and implementing new technological tools and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, telemedicine delivery methods, development of health information exchange platforms to electronically share medical records, electronic health record optimization, purchasing connected devices, upgrading digital devices, improving broadband connectivity, public health reporting, and implementing online or mobile patient appointment management applications; and

(iii) Supporting the implementation of population health management.

(2) There is established the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program to be administered by the State Department of Health. The program and any grant awarded under the program shall be for the purpose of strengthening and improving the health care system and increasing access to health care services providers to help communities achieve and maintain optimal health by providing transitional assistance to providers. The department may award an innovation grant to a local health care provider that applies in accordance with this section.

(3) Eligible local health care providers shall provide the following information to the department in their application for a grant:

(a) A description of the location or locations for which the grant monies will be expended, including the name and locations of where the provider administers health care services;

(b) A statement of the amount of grant monies requested;

(c) A description of the needs of the provider, the transitional assistance for which the grant monies will be expended and how such transitional assistance will meet the stated needs;

(d) Evidence that the provider has played an active role in the community to combat the spread of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, testing, vaccination and antibody treatment; and

(e) Any other information that the department deems necessary to administer this section.

(4) Applicants are limited to one (1) application per business entity as determined by the applicant's business filing status with the Secretary of State. Subsidiaries of the entity are not eligible to submit separate applications. Health systems that affiliate, own or control multiple clinics are only eligible to submit to one (1) application under the parent entity.

The department shall determine the amount of the grant to be awarded to each applicant based on the factors detailed in the application, with the maximum amount of a grant that may be awarded to an applicant being Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).

(5) The COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program created under this section shall be funded by appropriation of the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL EXPANDED CAPACITY PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO HOSPITALS TO INCREASE TREATMENT CAPACITY RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT THE CONSTRUCTION OR ADDITION OF INTENSIVE CARE UNITS OR NEGATIVE PRESSURE ROOMS FUNDED BY THIS PROGRAM FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTHCARE CERTIFICATE OF NEED LAW; TO ESTABLISH THE COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI LOCAL PROVIDER INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM AND ANY GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDERS TO HELP COMMUNITIES ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN OPTIMAL HEALTH BY PROVIDING TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDERS; TO SPECIFY THE INFORMATION THAT APPLICANTS FOR GRANTS MUST SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICANTS ARE LIMITED TO ONE APPLICATION PER BUSINESS ENTITY AND SUBSIDIARIES OF THE ENTITY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT SEPARATE APPLICATIONS; TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A GRANT THAT MAY BE AWARDED TO AN APPLICANT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED BY APPROPRIATION OF THE LEGISLATURE FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, John A. Polk, Joey Fillingane

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, Missy McGee, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson,



Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Mims, Scott, Stamps. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise how MS Works funds may be spent by and certain collaborations with.

On request of Rep. Bell (21st), unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2723**:

Unanimous Consent for Conference Report on SB 2723

On line 250 after "shall", show the following language, currently in the statute, as deleted text:

~~\*\*\* contain the deliverables stated in terms that allow for the assessment of work performance against measurable performance standards and shall include milestones for completion of each deliverable under the contract. For each contract for services entered into by the Office of Workforce Development, the office shall develop a quality assurance surveillance plan that specifies quality control obligations of the contractor as well as measurable inspection and acceptance criteria corresponding to the performance standards contained in the contract's statement of work~~

Confirm the addition of "et seq." (which appears in the corrected online version, but not in the filed paper copy) at the end of line 251.

On line 271, underline the semicolon. Add a period immediately before the semicolon, and show the period as deleted text.

On line 277, underline "; and". Add a period immediately before the semicolon, and show the period as deleted text.

In order to conform Section 47-5-541 to the amendments to the same section made by House Bill No. 863, which has passed both the House and the Senate, strike lines 1011-1039, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 4. Section 47-5-541, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 863, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

47-5-541. (1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The terms of the board of directors in place before July 1, 2022, shall expire June 30, 2022. From and after July 1, 2022, the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall be composed of the following \*\*\* five (5) members \*\*\*: \*\*\*

(a) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee;

(b) One (1) representative of the faith-based community, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(c) One (1) representative of the business community, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(d) The Executive Director of AccelerateMS or his or her designee;  
and

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board or his or her designee.

\*\*\* For the initial appointments, \*\*\* the representative of the faith-based community shall serve for a term of one (1) year; the representative of the business community shall serve for a term of two (2) years; the Executive Director of the AccelerateMS or his or her designee shall serve for a term of three (3) years and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years. All succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. The term of the Commissioner of Corrections shall run concurrent with his or her term or terms as commissioner. Initial appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after \*\*\* July 1, 2022. \*\*\* Any vacancy on the board prior to the expiration of a term for any reason, including resignation, removal, disqualification, death or disability shall be filled in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection for the balance of the unexpired term. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be selected by the members of the board. However, the Commissioner of Corrections \*\*\* shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the corporation.

Amend the title to conform by inserting the following on line 18 after "1972,":  
AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 863, 2022 REGULAR SESSION,

Representative Bell (21st) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2723**: (Office of Workforce Development; revise how MS Works funds may be spent by and certain collaborations with.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2245**: (Voyeurism; revise sentencing.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Reynolds introduced special guests, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office: Director, General Robert Fu-Wen Lo; Vice Counsel, Michelle K.P. Lu; Director of Economic Division, Benjamin Hsu and Director of Education, Andrea S.Y. Yang.

Representative Roberson introduced special guest, WWII Veteran Howard Bennett of Sumrall, Mississippi, S. C. R. No. 593.

At 10:39 AM on motion of Rep. Stevenson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:55 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 10:56 AM on motion of Rep. Hood the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:00 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**J. R. No. 202**: Mississippi Senate; reapportion.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Darnell, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Hood, Horan, Horne, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--68.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Clark, Clarke, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, B, Faulkner, Ford, J, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, McCray, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Reynolds, Rosebud, Sanders, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Young. Total--49.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Stamps. Total-2.

Present--Foster, Gibbs, D, Holloway. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Rep. Hood unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of conference report for:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and make various technical amendments to services section.

At 11:07 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:11 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:12 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:36 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Oliver, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections to the conference report on the following bill **S. B. No. 2120**:

Senate Bill No. 2120 Conference Report  
Unanimous Consent Request

I would like to request the unanimous consent of the House/Senate to make the following correction to the conference report for Senate Bill No. 2120:

On line 212, change the figures in the last column from "119,800" to "119,500"

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2512:** City of Southaven; extend repeal date on restaurant tax.

**YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2512.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Eure, Evans, B, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, McCarty, McCray, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yates, Zuber. Total--72.

Nays--Aguirre, Barnett, Beckett, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, C, Calvert, Creekmore, Criswell, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, M, Guice, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, Mims, Oliver, Owen, Roberson, Scott, Smith, Steversen, Turner, Williamson, Yancey. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Currie, Faulkner, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston, Ladner, Lancaster, Miles, Rushing, Sanford, Stamps, Young. Total-14.

Present--Clark, Hines, Porter, Thompson, Williams-Barnes. Total--5.  
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2513:** City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2513.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Beckett, Bennett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Eubanks, Evans, M, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, Oliver, Owen, Read, Scott, Williamson. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Arnold, Barnett, Guice, Huddleston, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, Rushing, Sanford, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Turner, Young. Total-16.

Present--Clark, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, McKnight. Total--4.  
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2998:** Town of Sardis; authorize the levy of a tax on hotel, motel and restaurant sales.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2998.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barton, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Barnett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, McKnight, Oliver, Read. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Arnold, Beckett, Bell, C, Calvert, Clarke, Creekmore, Evans, M, Hines, Huddleston, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, McGee, Miles, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Turner, Yates, Young. Total-25.

Present--Bennett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 2999:** City of Horn Lake; extend the repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2999.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Haney, Harness, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Reynolds, Robinson, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Straughter, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Zuber. Total--68.

Nays--Bain, Barnett, Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Eubanks, Guice, Hood, Hopkins, Horne, McKnight, Miles, Oliver, Owen, Read, Roberson, Scott, Williamson, Yancey. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Arnold, Beckett, Bell, C, Creekmore, Currie, Evans, M, Huddleston, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, McGee, Powell, Rushing, Sanford, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Turner, Young. Total-21.

Present--Bennett, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Faulkner, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Rosebud, Taylor, Thompson, Yates. Total--12.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Barton called up:

**S. B. No. 3209:** City of Hernando; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund capital improvements related to parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3209.** On motion of Rep. Barton the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Horne, Oliver. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Beckett, Bell, C, Calvert, Creekmore, Evans, M, Huddleston, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, Rushing, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson. Total-14.

Present--Bennett, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--63

Rep. Currie called up the conference report #2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 453:** Tourism; establish programs for certain assistance, designate "One Mississippi" as contemporary music genre official State Song.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 453: Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The COVID-19 public health emergency has had a significant negative impact on Mississippi's tourism industry and its nonprofit museums. American Rescue Plan Act funds are specifically targeted toward assisting in the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sectors. The funds provided in this act are necessary expenditures related to COVID-19, the purpose of which is to publicize the resumption of tourism activities and steps taken to ensure a safe tourism experience and to support the travel and hospitality economy of Mississippi.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Destination marketing organization" means:

(i) Special local governmental units created by local and private laws of the State of Mississippi for the purpose of tourism promotion, funded by

special local tax levies, and staffed with professionals engaged in out-of-state tourism marketing and tourism product development for municipalities, counties and/or regions; or

(ii) Publicly-funded local organizations that engage in out-of-state tourism marketing and tourism development for municipalities, counties and/or regions.

(b) "Marketing activities" means multimedia marketing and advertising, including digital media, broadcast media and printed media, including travel publications, production, travel market sector analysis, consumer travel sentiment, public relations, communication strategy, direct sales bookings, group tour bookings, tourism development and administrative costs to execute marketing activities related to the business disruption effects of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 as expressed in Section 1 of this act.

(2) (a) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to assist destination marketing organizations in paying costs for marketing activities as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall determine, in conjunction with the destination marketing organizations, the allocation of funds under this section and shall disburse funds as follows:

(i) Not more than Nine Million Four Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-seven Dollars (\$9,427,557.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing organizations in a manner that will provide monies to a destination marketing organization in an amount equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the destination marketing organization's marketing and advertising expenditures during the 2019 fiscal year, and

(ii) Not more than Twenty Million Five Hundred Seventy-two Thousand Four Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$20,572,443.00) of such monies shall be allocated to destination marketing organizations based on the proportion that a destination marketing organization's contribution toward total tourism visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report bears to all destination marketing organizations' contributions toward total tourism visitors in the state according to the 2019 Fiscal Year Visit Mississippi Visitors Profile Report. However, a destination marketing organization shall not receive an amount less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under this subparagraph (ii).

(b) Within fifteen (15) days after the effective date of this act, the Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the funds allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) to eligible destination marketing organizations. Before receiving funds under this subsection (2), a destination marketing organization must certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that:

(i) The funds will only be used for marketing activities, and

(ii) The destination marketing organization will comply with applicable federal and state regulations and requirements related to American Rescue Plan Act funds, and

(iii) The destination marketing organization will obligate all funds by December 31, 2024 and fully expend all funds by December 31, 2026.

(c) Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this subsection (2) shall keep and maintain records related to expenditures. Destination marketing organizations receiving funds under this subsection (2) shall also track impacts of their marketing activities through special levy tax receipts, hotel occupancy indicators, other tourism industry metrics, and analytics from marketing campaigns, as appropriate. Such destination marketing organizations shall provide semi-annual reports on expenditures and economic impacts of their marketing activities to the Department of Finance and Administration, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Department of Audit.

(d) Subject to applicable purchasing laws, destination marketing organizations will give preference, when available and practical, to Mississippi-based companies for any new contracts entered into for marketing activities.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Audit shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing assistance to Mississippi nonprofit museums as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section to nonprofit museums located in municipalities with a population of not more than Fifty Thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial census to assist in paying costs associated with advertising and other forms of promoting and publicizing nonprofit museums and museum related activities, and repairs and renovations of and upgrades and improvements to such museums for health and safety purposes related to the Coronavirus Disease 19. Of the monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section, twenty-five percent (25%) of such monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for assistance of less than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00); thirty-five percent (35%) of such monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for assistance of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) or more but less than Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) and forty percent (40%) of such monies shall be used to provide assistance for requests for assistance of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) or more. A museum desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration. The application must include a description of the purposes for which the assistance is requested, the amount of the assistance requested and any other information required by the department.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 4. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall establish a program for the purpose of providing funds to Mississippi Main Street Association as provided in this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall disburse funds under this section to Mississippi Main Street Association to be used for the purpose of making revitalization grants to Mississippi communities as follows:

2020 population	Number of communities	Grant amount	Total grants
More than 25,000	8	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
Not more than 25,000	40	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,000,000.00
Total			\$ 5,000,000.00

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have all powers necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 5. (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The State of Mississippi is known as the "Birthplace of America's Music," and is credited for producing Elvis Presley, the "King of Rock and Roll," Jimmie Rodgers, the "Father of Country Music," and B.B. King, the "King of the Blues," and these Mississippi trailblazers, alongside hundreds of others, have impacted and influenced the music industry like no others in modern history; and

(b) That many states of the United States have two (2) or more official state songs, including: Tennessee; West Virginia; Arkansas; Florida; Louisiana and South Carolina; and

(c) Mississippi's musical heritage has positioned the Magnolia State as a true renaissance of musical genres, scaling past, present and even future trends,



and from rock and roll, country and the blues, to gospel, opera and everything in between, Mississippi has not only transformed the course of America's music, it has revolutionized it, and because of this, it is important that the official songs of the State of Mississippi truly reflect the state's phenomenal musical heritage, while enthusiastically looking forward to its future; and

(d) The Legislature desires to provide the state with numerous state songs so that Mississippians may enjoy state songs that are appropriate for all occasions, events and daily activities.

(2) The lyrics and music to the song "One Mississippi," written by Steve Azar, are designated as the contemporary music genre official song of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 6. (1) There is established the Mississippi State Songs Study Committee for the purpose of developing and reporting to the Legislature its recommendation for various genres of official songs of the State of Mississippi, including, but not limited to, country, rhythm and blues, rock and roll and gospel. The official songs of the State of Mississippi shall honor the past while embracing the promise of the future.

(2) The committee shall consist of the following members:

(a) The Director of the Division of Tourism of the Mississippi Development Authority;

(b) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Tourism Association;

(c) The Chair of the House of Representatives Tourism Committee;

(d) The Chair of the Senate Tourism Committee;

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission; and

(f) The Director of the Two Mississippi Museums.

The chair of the committee shall be chosen by majority vote of the members of the committee. The committee shall meet as soon as practicable after the effective date of this act upon the joint call of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Lieutenant Governor, and shall organize for business. A majority vote of the members of the committee shall be required for the adoption of any reports and recommendations.

(3) The committee shall have the following functions and duties:

(a) To hold regular public meetings when and where it sees fit;

(b) To receive written public comments in a manner and under the terms and conditions as it sees fit;

(c) To collect, examine and consider all information that it determines may be helpful in making a recommendation for the various genres of official songs for the State of Mississippi;

(d) To consult with experts, representatives of organizations and associations, and others, as it sees fit, whose knowledge or expertise may assist the committee in making its recommendation;

(e) To make any inquiries and conduct any business that may assist the committee in developing the various genres of official songs for the State of Mississippi;

(f) Keep minutes of its meetings, and make those minutes available to the public; and

(g) To make a written recommendation for the various genres of official songs for the State of Mississippi, which shall be presented to the Legislature not later than December 31, 2022.

(4) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their service on the committee, but may receive reimbursement for mileage and actual expenses as provided in Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the extent that funds are available for that purpose.

SECTION 7. Chapter 654, Laws of 1962, which designated "Go Mississippi" as the official song of the State of Mississippi, is repealed.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF

PROVIDING FUNDS TO DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN MARKETING ACTIVITIES; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS" AND "MARKETING ACTIVITIES" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO CERTAIN NONPROFIT MUSEUMS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADVERTISING AND OTHER FORMS OF PROMOTING AND PUBLICIZING NONPROFIT MUSEUMS AND MUSEUM RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH MUSEUMS FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY PURPOSES RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 19; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING REVITALIZATION GRANTS TO MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITIES; TO DESIGNATE "ONE MISSISSIPPI," WRITTEN BY STEVE AZAR, AS THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GENRE OFFICIAL STATE SONG; TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SONGS STUDY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP VARIOUS GENRES OF OFFICIAL SONGS FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION AND MEETINGS; TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE LEGISLATURE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2022; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 654, LAWS OF 1962, WHICH DESIGNATED "GO MISSISSIPPI" AS THE OFFICIAL STATE SONG; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Karl Oliver, John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, John A. Polk, Bart Williams  
On motion of Rep. Currie the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Sanford, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Huddleston, Stamps. Total-3.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

At 3:18 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:25 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Barton unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing Local and Private bills.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1757:** Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals.

**H. B. No. 1767:** Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of.

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; extend repealer on.

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification.

**H. B. No. 679:** The Victoria Huggins Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create.

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi.

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; revise composition of board of directors of corporation.

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination.

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development.

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create.

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District.

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation.

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**J. R. No. 202:** Mississippi Senate; reapportion.

**S. C. R. No. 551:** Mourn the passing of former Representative and Senator Delma Furniss of Rena Lara, MS, and commend his public and charitable service.

**S. B. No. 2007:** Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture.

**S. B. No. 2076:** Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of.

**S. B. No. 2158:** Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs.

**S. B. No. 2357:** Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance.

**S. B. No. 2077:** Mississippi Healthy Food Families Program; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit, revise distance restrictions for certain locations.

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction.

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities.

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2029:** Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal.

**S. B. No. 2511:** Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement.

**S. B. No. 2738:** Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**J. R. No. 1:** Mississippi House of Representatives; reapportion.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County.

**H. B. No. 906:** State offenders serving sentences in county jail; may serve sentences in any county jail.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Infant, Rayden Myles Reed, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gorman "G.P." Paul Hamilton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Henry Reynolds, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. James Benjamin Gatewood, which motion prevailed.

Representative Weathersby moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hale Fariss Bomar, Cooper Phocian Windham, and Thomas Allen Byrd, which motion prevailed.

Representative Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frank Lally, Isaac Bell, Stanley Crain, SSG Antonio McGravey, Marsha King,

Tina Dorsey, Lynell Smith, Sidney Mayley, Alvin Peters, Mary Marshall, Rochelle Gaddis, Thelma Bradley, Alesia Levette, Robin Madden, William Tate, Chancy Crumpton, Maggie Chamberlain, Damara Thompson, Luevell Harper, Elvina Barnes, Sedrick McCord, Nolan Harper, Robert Brown, TyQuavious Smith, Christine Cameron, Lori Mims, Larry D. Johnson, Ezell Butler, Mae Morgan, and Cynthia Harrington, which motion prevailed.

At 3:32 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, April 1, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

(EIGHTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Manly Barton.

Rep. Barton led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Huddleston.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Friday, April 1, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 1416:** Students in public schools; allow to participate in political activities with certain restrictions. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Friday, April 1, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 821:** Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:31 PM

**H. B. No. 1365:** Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:35 PM

**H. B. No. 1441:** Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:36 PM

**H. B. No. 1533:** Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:37 PM

**H. B. No. 1534:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:38 PM

**H. B. No. 1535:** Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:39 PM

**H. B. No. 1536:** Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:40 PM

**H. B. No. 1565:** City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau. Friday, April 1, 2022, 4:40 PM

**H. B. No. 1674:** Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:41 PM

**H. B. No. 1735:** City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:43 PM

**H. B. No. 1740:** City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:44 PM

**H. B. No. 1742:** City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:45 PM

**H. B. No. 1743:** City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:46 PM

**H. B. No. 1744:** Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:47 PM

**H. B. No. 1745:** George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:48 PM

**H. B. No. 1748:** Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:49 PM

**H. B. No. 1755:** City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:50 PM

**H. B. No. 1756:** City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:51 PM

**H. B. No. 1760:** Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:52 PM

**H. B. No. 1763:** Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

**H. C. R. No. 90:** (Representative Gunn) Legislature; change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session. Rules.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**H. C. R. No. 90:** Legislature; change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 589:** Commend Summer Field Program at USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on its 75th Anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 590:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of McComb. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 591:** Designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness Day in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 592:** Commend State Parole Board member Betty Lou Jones on the occasion of her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 593:** Recognize service and legacy of WWII Veteran Howard Bennett of Sumrall, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 594:** Commend Booneville High School "Lady Blue Devils" for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.



**S. C. R. No. 595:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 596:** Commend Belmont High School "Cardinals" Boys Golf Team for winning 2021 MHSAA 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 597:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Boys Basketball Team for winning 2022 Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 598:** Commend Booneville "Lady Blue Devils" Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team for winning 2021 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 599:** Commend Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Volleyball Team for winning first State Championship in program history. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 600:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devil" Marching Band for winning 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 601:** Commend Hancock High School "Lady Hawks" Girls Bowling Team for three consecutive State Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 602:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Women's Basketball Team for MACCC Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 603:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Men's Basketball Team for third consecutive MACCC title. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 453:** Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2 and Mississippi Destination Development Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

Adopted: 03/31/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 90:** Legislature; change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session.

**S. C. R. No. 605:** Suspend rules for further consideration of HB 451; delete repealer on the nonadmitted policy fee.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 1108:** Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children.

Adopted: 03/31/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

**S. B. No. 2820:** Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer.

Adopted: 03/31/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. C. R. No. 77:** Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn.

**S. C. R. No. 604:** Paying tribute to United States Army Korean War casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwyn, Mississippi, finally laid to rest.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 589:** Commend Summer Field Program at USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on its 75th Anniversary. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 590:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of McComb. Rules.

**S. C. R. No. 591:** Designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness Day in Mississippi." Rules.

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**S. C. R. No. 602:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Women's Basketball Team for MACCC Championship. Rules.

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Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2120: Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

45-1-12. (1) The salaries of all officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who have completed the course of instruction in an authorized highway patrol training school on general law enforcement, and are serving as a sworn officer of the Highway Patrol in the enforcement of the laws of the State of Mississippi, including service in \* \* \* any other division of the Department of Public Safety, and the sworn law enforcement officers of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, shall be determined and paid in accordance with the scale for officers salaries as provided in this subsection:

Department of Public Safety Sworn Officers Salary Schedule

\* \* \*

Rank	Years of Experience		
	Less than 4	Over	
	Over 8	Over 12	4
Trooper	* * *40,314		
Trooper FC		* * *43,497	
Corporal	* * *46,680		
Sergeant		* * *49,862	
Rank	Years of Experience		
	Over 16	Over	
	Over 24	Over 29	20
Staff Sgt.	* * *53,045		
Sr. Staff Sgt.		* * *56,228	
Sgt. 1st Class	* * *59,410	* * *	

62,593									
Rank						Years of Experience			
	Over 5					Over 10Over			
	Over 20					Over 25			
						Over 29			
Master Sgt.	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	15
	56,228					59,410			
	65,776					68,959			
Lieutenant	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
	65,776					68,959			
	75,324					78,507			
Captain	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
	84,872					88,055			
Major	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
	94,420					97,603			
Lt. Colonel	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
	103,968					107,151			
Colonel	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	
						118,821			
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Department of Public Safety/MS Bureau of Narcotics  
Sworn Officers Salary Schedule

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LE-Agent II									
LE-Agent III	***46,680								
LE-Agent IV						***49,862			
Rank									
	Over 16					Over			
	Over 24					Over 29			
LE-Agent V	***53,045					***56,228			
LE-Agent VI									
Rank									
						Years of Experience			
	Over 7	Over 12	Over 17	Over 22	Over 27	Over 32			
Lieutenant	***	***	***	***	***	***			
	65,776					68,959	72,141		
	75,324					78,507	81,689		
Captain	***	***	***	***	***	***			
	84,872					88,055	91,237		
Major	***	***	***	***	***	***			
	94,420					97,603	100,786		
Lt. Colonel	***	***	***	***	***	***			
	103,968					107,151	110,334		
Colonel	***	***	***	***	***	***			
						118,821	118,821		
	118,821					118,821	118,821		

(2) All sworn officers in the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics employed on a full-time basis shall be paid a salary in accordance

with the above scale. The rank and years of experience of each sworn officer to be used in establishing the salary shall be determined by the rank and years of experience on July 1 of \*\*\* fiscal year 2022. All sworn officers in the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics employed on a full-time basis shall be paid for any months beginning on or after January 1, 2022, for which they did not receive a salary as prescribed in this section.

(3) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the above scale, the following job classifications of the State Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Highway Patrol:

Rank	Job Classes
(a) Trooper	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer I LE-Investigator II
(b) Trooper First Class	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer II LE-Investigator III
(c) Corporal	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer III LE-Investigator IV
(d) Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer IV LE-Investigator V
(e) Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer V
(f) Senior Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer VI Tech Spec
(g) Master Sgt/Sgt. F/C	DPS-Assistant Inspector DPS-Highway Patrol Officer VII
(h) Lieutenant	DPS-Investigator I DPS-Supv. Driver Serv. DPS-Air Operations Officer DPS-Dir. Corr. Intelligence DPS-Dist. Executive Officer DPS-Regional Supv. Driver. Serv.
(i) Captain	DPS-Branch Director LE-Dir/Training LE-Dist. Investigator
(j) Major	DPS-Staff Officer (MHP)
(k) Lt. Colonel	DPS-Bureau Director II DPS-Deputy Administrator; DPS-Chief of Staff
(l) Colonel/Chief of Patrol	Dir-Office of MS Hwy Safety Patrol

(4) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the above scale, the following job classifications of the State Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics:

Rank	Job Classes
(a) Agents	LE-Agent I LE-Agent II LE-Agent III LE-Agent IV LE-Agent V LE-Agent VI
(b) Lieutenant	BN-District Investigator (LT)
(c) Captain	BN-District Commander
(d) Major	BN-Bureau Director II Office Director I
(e) Lt. Colonel	BN-Deputy Administrator
(f) Colonel	Director, Bureau of Narcotics

(5) In any fiscal year after July 1, 2015, in the event the Legislature provides across-the-board salary increases to state employees whose compensation is paid from the State General Fund and subject to specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature, the State Personnel Board shall revise the salary scale above to provide the same

percentage or dollar amount increase as has been appropriated for other state employees.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to file with the Legislative Budget Office and the State Fiscal Officer such data and information as may be required to enable the said Legislative Budget Office and State Fiscal Officer to budget and distribute the funds necessary to compensate the sworn officers of the Department of Public Safety according to the requirements of the salary scale. Such data and information so filed may be revised from time to time as necessitated to reflect the current number and experience of sworn officers employed by the department.

[From and after July 1, 2022, this section shall read as follows:]

45-1-12. (1) The salaries of all officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who have completed the course of instruction in an authorized highway patrol training school on general law enforcement, and are serving as a sworn officer of the Highway Patrol in the enforcement of the laws of the State of Mississippi, including service in \* \* \* any other division of the Department of Public Safety, and the sworn law enforcement officers of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, shall be determined and paid in accordance with the scale for officers salaries as provided in this subsection:

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Staff Sgt.	* * *57,950		20
Sr. Staff Sgt.		* * *60,700	
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Rank	Years of Experience		
	Over 5 Over 20	Over 10 Over 25	
Master Sgt.	* * * * * 60,700 68,950	* * * 63,450 71,700	15
Lieutenant	* * * * * 69,750 78,000	* * * 72,500 80,750	
Captain	* * * * * 88,000	* * * 82,000 91,000	
Major	* * * * * 97,000	* * * 100,000	
Lt. Colonel	* * * * * 106,000	* * * 109,000	
Colonel	* * * * * 119,500	* * * 119,500	119,500

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Department of Public Safety/MS Bureau of Narcotics

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LE-Agent V	***57,950		
LE-Agent VI		***60,700	
Rank	Over 7 Over 12 Over 17 Over 22 Over 27 Over 32	Years of Experience	
Lieutenant	***		
		69,750 72,500 75,250	
		78,000 80,750 83,750	
Captain	***		
		82,000 85,000	
		88,000 91,000 94,000	
Major	***		
		94,000	
		97,000 100,000 103,000	
Lt. Colonel	***		
		103,000	
		106,000 109,000 112,000	
Colonel	***		
		119,500	
		119,500 119,500 119,800	

(2) All sworn officers in the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics employed on a full-time basis shall be paid a salary in accordance with the above scale. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any rank of any sworn officer not based upon a merit based promotion or years of experience shall be at the will and pleasure of the appointing authority as approved by the State Personnel Board. The rank and years of experience of each sworn officer to be used in establishing the salary shall be determined by the rank and years of experience on July 1 of the current fiscal year.

(3) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the above scale, the following job classifications of the State Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Highway Patrol:

Rank	Job Classes
(a) Trooper	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer I LE-Investigator II
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(f) Senior Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer VI Tech Spec
(g) Master Sgt/Sgt. F/C	DPS-Assistant Inspector DPS-Highway Patrol
Officer VII	



		DPS-Investigator I
		DPS-Supv. Driver Serv.
(h) Lieutenant	DPS-Air Operations	Officer
		DPS-Dir. Corr. Intelligence
		DPS-Dist. Executive Officer
Driver. Serv.		DPS-Regional Supv.
		DPS-Branch Director
		LE-Dir/Training
		LE-Dist. Investigator
(i) Captain		DPS-Staff Officer (MHP)
(j) Major	DPS-Bureau Director II	
(k) Lt. Colonel	DPS-Deputy Administrator;	
	DPS-Chief of Staff	
(l) Colonel/Chief of Patrol	Dir-Office of MS Hwy Safety Patrol	

(4) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the above scale, the following job classifications of the State Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics:

Rank	Job Classes
(a) Agents	LE-Agent I
	LE-Agent II
	LE-Agent III
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	LE-Agent V
	LE-Agent VI
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(c) Captain	BN-District Commander
(d) Major	BN-Bureau Director II
	Office Director I
(e) Lt. Colonel	BN-Deputy Administrator
(f) Colonel	Director, Bureau of Narcotics

(5) In any fiscal year after July 1, 2015, in the event the Legislature provides across-the-board salary increases to state employees whose compensation is paid from the State General Fund and subject to specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature, the State Personnel Board shall revise the salary scale above to provide the same percentage or dollar amount increase as has been appropriated for other state employees.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to file with the Legislative Budget Office and the State Fiscal Officer such data and information as may be required to enable the said Legislative Budget Office and State Fiscal Officer to budget and distribute the funds necessary to compensate the sworn officers of the Department of Public Safety according to the requirements of the salary scale. Such data and information so filed may be revised from time to time as necessitated to reflect the current number and experience of sworn officers employed by the department.

(7) The Commissioner of Public Safety, with approval by the State Personnel Board, is authorized to set the salaries equitably of sworn law enforcement officers assigned to the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division and Capitol Police based upon the pay scale contained in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE SALARIES OF ALL OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL AND THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Mike Thompson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Johnson. Total-2.

Present--Hale. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 446: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Mississippi Main Street Association. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Mississippi Main Street Association, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Mississippi Main Street Association to be used for the promotion of tourism throughout Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Gautier athletics. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Pascagoula - Gautier School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Pascagoula - Gautier School District to be expended for the support of athletic programs of district schools located in the City of Gautier, Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 3. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the South Jones Touchdown Club. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the South Jones Touchdown Club, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the South Jones Touchdown Club for the support of the high school athletic programs.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 4. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying such person as a supporter of Starkville Academy athletics. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the principal of Starkville Academy, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Starkville Academy.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 5. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi to be used for programming for Mississippi Girl Scouts.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 6. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag which identifies such person as a supporter of the Pro-Life Billboard Initiative. The distinctive tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each tag.

(2) Application for a distinctive tag authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The

application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the tags under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be distributed to the Diocese of Biloxi Pro-Life.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a tag issued under this section. The regular tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive tag. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each tag issued, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of original tags issued under this section.

SECTION 7. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag which identifies such person as a supporter of lung cancer awareness. The distinctive tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the American Lung Association in Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each tag.

(2) Application for a distinctive tag authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in



the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the tags under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be distributed to the American Lung Association in Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on tags issued under this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a tag issued under this section. The regular tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive tag. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each tag issued, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of original tags issued under this section.

SECTION 8. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of any one (1) of the following:

- (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;
- (b) Seabee Historical Foundation;
- (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi;
- (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;
- (e) Morton High School;
- (f) Forest Municipal School District;
- (g) Lake High School;
- (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;
- (j) East Rankin Academy;
- (k) Houston High School;
- (l) Magnolia Heights School;
- (m) Regents School of Oxford;
- (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;
- (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;
- (p) Greene County Wildcats;
- (q) Mississippi Disc Golf.

(2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(4) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(5) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the appropriate beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 9. Section 27-19-56.15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.15. (1) (a) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2012, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and

other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), shall be issued a distinctive license tag that displays the emblem of any public or private university of his choice located in another state.

(b) The design of the emblems for the distinctive license tags authorized under this subsection shall be determined by agreement between the Department of Revenue and the governing authorities of public or private universities in the states where the universities are located. Such other design characteristics and information to be contained on such distinctive license tags shall be determined by the Department of Revenue.

(c) Application for the distinctive license tag authorized under this subsection shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(d) (i) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees that it receives under this subsection into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph (d), shall distribute such collections as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of the additional fees collected from each distinctive license tag issued under this subsection shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(ii) The Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of Auburn University as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this item 1, Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Adult Education Department of the Rankin County School District for the purpose of providing funds for the Rankin County School District GED Scholarship Endowment. However, from and after January 1, 2013, Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Habitat for Humanity/Metro Jackson, Inc.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(iii) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of the University of Alabama as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Friends of Children's Hospital.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(iv) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of the University of South Alabama as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Trauma Care Systems Fund established in Section 41-59-75.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(v) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of the University of Oklahoma as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Mississippi Gulf Coast Y.M.C.A., Inc.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(vi) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of the Louisiana State University as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Bayou Bengal Booster Club of Mississippi to be utilized by the club to make contributions to charitable organizations that are approved by the Chancellor of Louisiana State University.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(vii) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of the University of Memphis as follows:

1. Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Baptist Memorial Hospital DeSoto.

2. Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Methodist Healthcare Foundation for the Methodist Olive Branch Hospital.

3. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

4. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

5. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(viii) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of Clemson University as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Magnolia Clemson Club.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(ix) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of Texas A&M University as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Aggie Scholarship Committee, Inc.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(x) The State Treasurer shall distribute fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags displaying the emblem of Florida State University as follows:

1. Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Florida State University Veterans Alliance Fund.

2. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

3. Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

4. One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on such distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(2) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(3) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(4) In order for a distinctive license tag for a university to be issued pursuant to this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for such university license tag prior to July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

SECTION 10. Section 27-19-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 192, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-19-53. (1) (a) (i) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a veteran of service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who is rated as having seventy-five percent (75%) permanent service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration is privileged to purchase annually under this subsection two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags in his or her county of legal residence, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in total cost for each plate or tag, regardless of make or model of motor vehicle. The registration year of such motor vehicle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31.

(ii) Any legal resident of the State of Mississippi who is a veteran of service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who is rated as having seventy-five percent (75%) permanent service-connected disability by the Veterans' Administration is privileged to purchase annually under this subsection one (1) motorcycle license plate or tag in his or her county of legal residence, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in total cost for each plate or tag. The registration year of such motorcycle shall commence the first day of the month in which application for registration is made, as provided in Section 27-19-31.

(b) Not more than two (2) such motor vehicle license plates or tags shall be issued under this subsection to each such qualified veteran. Not more than one (1) such motorcycle license plate or tag shall be issued under this subsection to each such qualified veteran.

(c) This section pertains only to taxes or plates for private passenger motor vehicles or pickup trucks or motorcycles.

(d) Proof of ownership of a particular motor vehicle or motorcycle for which a license plate or tag is requested must be shown at time of application for such plate or tag.

(e) Vehicles and motorcycles owned by such veterans are exempt under this subsection from all ad valorem and privilege taxes; however, the surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued a license plate or tag under this subsection

shall be entitled to apply for or retain a license tag issued under this subsection and may continue annually to renew registration for two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags and one (1) motorcycle license plate or tag under this subsection for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. In addition, if a deceased person who was eligible to be issued a license plate or tag under this subsection did not apply for or was not issued a license plate or tag, the surviving spouse of such deceased person shall be entitled to apply for and be issued a license plate or tag under this subsection and may continue annually to renew registration for two (2) motor vehicle license plates or tags and one (1) motorcycle license tag or plate under this subsection for as long as the spouse remains unmarried. At the time of application or renewal registration, a surviving spouse who desires to retain a distinctive plate or tag issued under this subsection shall file with the county tax collector a sworn statement that the spouse is unmarried. Any such vehicle or motorcycle when so registered shall be exempt from all ad valorem and privilege taxes.

(2) Any person who is entitled to obtain license tags under subsection (1) of this section may be issued one (1) additional such license tag for any other vehicle registered in his or her name upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as otherwise prescribed by law for the particular vehicle.

(3) The Department of Revenue is directed to furnish each veteran obtaining a license tag under this section an emblem, which the veteran shall attach securely to the tag, showing that the tag was issued to a disabled American veteran.

(4) A license issued under this section shall not be transferable to any other person.

(5) Any person evading or violating any of the provisions of this section, or attempting to secure benefits under this section to which he is not entitled, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned in the county jail for not less than ninety (90) days, or both.

(6) From and after July 1, 2022, the special tag authorized under this section shall bear the name and emblem of each branch of the United States Armed Forces.

SECTION 11. Section 27-19-56.93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.93. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle, who is a resident of this state, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a special breast cancer awareness license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the \* \* \* Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, may prescribe, and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2004, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner

does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to the \* \* \* Mississippi Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed proportionately in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 12. Section 27-19-56.292, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.292. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle or motorcycle, or both, who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle or motorcycle, or both, registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Association. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Association, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2012, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's or motorcycle's



established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 13. Section 27-19-56.314, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.314. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, \* \* \* 2022, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag

applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury to the credit of the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The fund shall be available for expenditure at the discretion of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the benefit of the MIND Center.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \*\*\* 2025.

SECTION 14. Section 27-19-56.342, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.342. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Callaway High School. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Callaway High School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less

Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Callaway High School for support of the school's athletics program.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

SECTION 15. Section 27-19-56.365, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.365. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Jim Hill High School. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Jim Hill High School, may

prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Jim Hill High School.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2025.

SECTION 16. Section 27-19-56.373, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.373. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount

provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Meridian High School. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Principal of Meridian High School, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Meridian High School.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2025.

SECTION 17. Section 27-19-56.402, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.402. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) \* \* \* Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \* \* \* 2025.

SECTION 18. Section 27-19-56.442, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

27-19-56.442. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Memphis Grizzlies professional basketball team. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the National Basketball Association, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2017, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of \* \* \* Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) \* \* \* Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to \* \* \* St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag

shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, \*\*\* 2025.

SECTION 19. Section 27-19-56.486, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.486. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Mississippi Book Festival. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Book Festival, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2019, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Mississippi Book Festival.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive



license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2025.

SECTION 20. Section 27-19-56.524, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.524. (1) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a veteran. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue with concurrence by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

(b) (i) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this subsection (1) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. The Department of Revenue shall deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.12 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate under this subsection (1) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (1). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written evidence required in paragraph (c) of this subsection (1). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in this subsection (1).

(c) An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, \* \* \* a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, or a valid license or permit issued under Section 63-1-35 and which identifies the person as a veteran. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

(d) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by such owner and returned to the tax collector.

(2) (a) (i) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Bronze Star, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor

vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (2), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying him as a recipient of the Bronze Star.

(ii) A person who is privileged to obtain a distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag identifying such person as a recipient of the Bronze Star and who is eligible to obtain a special license plate under Section 27-19-56 is privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag bearing the International Symbol of Access adopted by Rehabilitation International in 1969 at its Eleventh World Congress on Rehabilitation of the disabled and identifying such person as a recipient of the Bronze Star.

(iii) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a), the tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Bronze Star; however, if the person is applying for a distinctive tag pursuant to paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection (2), the applicant shall also meet the requirements of Section 27-19-56. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (2) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (2), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (2) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.62 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (2) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (2). The person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (2); however, if the person is applying for renewal of a distinctive tag described in paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection (2), the applicant shall also meet the requirements of Section 27-19-56. The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate or tag shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (1).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (2) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (2) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be

deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (2) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (2). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (2). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (2), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (2), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (2).

(3) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam Conflict and were awarded a Vietnam Service Ribbon, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motor vehicle license plates or tags for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying his status as a Vietnam veteran. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue with concurrence by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

(b) (i) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this subsection (3) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. The Department of Revenue shall deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.85 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (3) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (3). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written evidence required in paragraph (c) of this subsection (3). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b).

(c) An applicant for such distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, or a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private passenger vehicle (to include station wagons, recreational motor vehicles and pickup trucks) registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making application therefor, and when issued to such person shall be used upon the vehicle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for such vehicle.

(d) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motor vehicle owners; and in the event the owner of a vehicle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the vehicle, such plate shall be retained by such owner and returned to the tax collector.

(4) (a) In recognition of the patriotic service rendered by Mississippians who are veterans of the United States Armed Forces, beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any such person is privileged to obtain distinctive motorcycle license plates or tags for each motorcycle registered in his name identifying his status as a veteran. The distinctive plates or tags shall be of a color and design designated by the Department of Revenue with concurrence by the Mississippi Veterans Affairs.

(b) (i) The distinctive license plates shall be prepared by the Department of Revenue and shall be issued through the tax collectors of the counties in the same manner as are other motor vehicle license plates or tags. An additional annual tag fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be collected by the tax collector for such license plates or tags and shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive tag under this subsection (4) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. The Department of Revenue shall deposit such fee to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veteran homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.125 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (4) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (4). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (c) of this subsection (4). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (b).

(c) An applicant for the distinctive plates shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. The evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs \* \* \* a valid military identification card, or a valid license or permit issued under Section 63-1-35 and which identifies the person as a veteran; however, a distinctive license plate or tag shall not be issued under this subsection (4) to any person who was dishonorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces. The distinctive license plates or tags so issued shall be used only upon a personally or jointly owned private motorcycle registered in the name, or jointly in the name, of the person making the application, and when issued to the person shall be used upon the motorcycle for which issued in lieu of the standard license plate or license tag normally issued for the motorcycle.

(d) The distinctive license plates shall not be transferable between motorcycle owners; and in the event the owner of a motorcycle bearing a distinctive plate shall sell, trade, exchange or otherwise dispose of the motorcycle, the plate shall be retained by the owner and returned to the tax collector.

(5) (a) There shall be issued beginning July 1, 2020, special motor vehicle license tags honoring the family members of service members who have died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war. The license tag shall be officially designated as the Gold Star license plate.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5), any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and a family member of a service member who has died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection (5), shall be issued a Gold Star license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name. The distinctive license tag shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of supporters of this license tag, may prescribe; however, the license tag shall bear in a conspicuous place a gold star with blue

fringe on a white background with a red border that is the symbol for a fallen service member and shall have the words "Gold Star Family" and the branch of the United States Armed Forces in which the family member served displayed on it.

(c) One (1) Gold Star license tag issued to the mother of the service member who died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war after September 11, 2001, and one (1) Gold Star license tag issued to the unremarried spouse of the service member who died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war after September 11, 2001, shall be exempt from ad valorem taxes, privilege taxes and all other taxes and fees.

(d) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this subsection (5) shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (5) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(e) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (5), beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (5) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (5), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (5) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive tag under Section 27-19-56.162 before July 8, 2020, may renew the tag under this subsection (5) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (5). However, the person shall not be required to provide the documentation and proof required in paragraph (i) of this subsection (5). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (1).

(f) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this subsection (5) from the issuance or renewal of the distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (5). The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited to the credit of a fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (5) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(g) A Gold Star license tag issued pursuant to this subsection (5) may be personalized in the manner provided for in Section 27-19-48 upon payment of the additional fee prescribed in that section.

(h) In order to qualify as a family member, the person must be directly related to the fallen service member as their unremarried spouse, child, stepchild, legal mother or father, sibling related by blood or legal adoption, step-sibling, grandparent, grandchild, aunt, uncle or stepparent who is currently married to the mother or father of the fallen service member.

(i) Whether a service member is deemed to have died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war shall be determined by the classification of death as listed by the United States Department of Defense and may be verified from documentation directly from the Department of Defense or from its subordinate agencies such as the Coast Guard, Reserve or National Guard. A classification of having died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war by the Department of Defense shall be prima facie evidence that the service member died in such manner. Documentation of the fact that the service member died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was engaged in hostile activities or a time of war and proof of relationship to the service member shall be required by the county tax collector before issuing a Gold Star license plate. The county tax collector may waive the documentation if he or she has actual knowledge of the family relationship and that the service member died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States while the United States was involved in hostile activities or a time of war.

(j) The Gold Star license plate shall be issued only to family members of service members that resided in Mississippi at the time of the death of the service member.

(k) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (5). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (5). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (5), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(l) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (5), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (5).

(6) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Iraq, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (6), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as an Iraq veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal,

the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Iraq. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (6) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (6), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (6) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.186 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (6) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (6). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (6). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (6).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (6) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (6) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (6) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (6). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (6). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (6), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (6), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (6).

(7) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal,

the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Afghanistan, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (7), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as an Afghanistan veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in, or in support of operations in, Afghanistan. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (7) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (7), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (7) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive tag under Section 27-19-56.187 before July 8, 2020, may renew the tag under this subsection (7) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive tag under this subsection (2). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (7). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (7).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (7) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (7) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (7) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.



(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (7). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (7). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (7), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (7), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (7).

(8) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are recipients of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (8), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name identifying him as a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, shall prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (8), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (8) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive tag under Section 27-19-56.199 before July 8, 2020, may renew the tag under this subsection (8) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive tag under this subsection (8). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (8). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (8).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (8) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (8) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are

residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (8) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (8). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (8). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (8), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (8), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (8).

(9) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who served in combat in the United States Armed Forces, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (9), any such person shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as a combat veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, shall develop decals to be affixed to the license tag indicating the type of military service.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant served in combat in the United States Armed Forces. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2020, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (9) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (9), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (9) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(ii) A person issued a distinctive plate or tag under Section 27-19-56.450 before July 8, 2020, may renew the plate or tag under this subsection (9) in the manner provided for the issuance and renewal of a distinctive plate or tag under this subsection (9). However, the person shall not be required to provide the written proof required in paragraph (b) of this subsection (9). The additional fee collected from the renewal of such a distinctive plate shall be distributed in the manner provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection (9).

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (9) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (9) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (9) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (9) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (9) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (9). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (9). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (9), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (9), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (9).

(10) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (10), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in his or her name identifying him or her as a veteran of Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. Applicants for such distinctive license tags shall present to the issuing official written proof that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran who served in the United States Armed Forces in Operation Desert Storm or Operation Desert Shield. The application and the

additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) (i) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2021, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (10) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (10), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (10) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (10) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (10) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (10) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (10) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (10) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (10). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (10). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (10), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (10), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (10).

(11) (a) In recognition of the patriotic services rendered by Mississippians who are honorably discharged female veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces, any such person, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional annual fee in the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection (11), shall be privileged to obtain one (1) distinctive motor vehicle license plate or tag for each motor vehicle registered in her name identifying her as a female veteran. The tags shall be of such color and design as the Department of Revenue, with the advice of the

Mississippi Veterans Affairs, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(b) Application for the distinctive license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. An applicant for such distinctive license tag shall present to the issuing official written evidence of the veteran's service. Such evidence shall include a copy of the applicant's DD-214 form, a Report of Separation from Military Service, a military discharge document, or a written certification of military service from the Mississippi Veterans Affairs. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(c) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2022, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (11) shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this subsection (11), which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this subsection (11) and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(d) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day received. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this subsection (11) to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(i) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (11) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund to be administered by the board of the Mississippi Veterans Affairs for the support of indigent veterans who are residents of the state veterans homes and the support of the operations of the state veterans homes and cemeteries.

(ii) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (11) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(iii) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (11) shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(iv) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued or renewed pursuant to this subsection (11) shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(e) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this subsection (11). The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this subsection (11). The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (11), which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(f) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued or renewed under this subsection (11), the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued or renewed under this subsection (11).

SECTION 21. Section 27-19-56.3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.3. (1) (a) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is an elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. Each distinctive license tag issued under this section shall have displayed thereon the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi and the word "HOUSE" or "SENATE," as appropriate, and, in addition thereto, such numbers or letters, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The State Tax Commission shall determine the color and design of each distinctive license tag issued under this section and whether or not a county name shall be required to be displayed on the tag.

(b) Any owner of a motor vehicle who served at least two (2) complete four (4) year terms as an elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives or Mississippi Senate, and who is receiving retirement compensation under the Public Employees' Retirement System created under Section 25-11-101, and/or the Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan created under Section 25-11-301, upon complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name. Each distinctive license tag issued under this section shall have displayed thereon the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi and the word "RETIRED HOUSE" or "RETIRED SENATE," as appropriate, and, in addition thereto, such numbers or letters, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag. The State Tax Commission shall determine the color and design of each distinctive license tag issued under this section and whether or not a county name shall be required to be displayed on the tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less three percent (3%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the State Tax Commission on a monthly basis as prescribed by the commission. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrent with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, or if the owner retires or resigns from or otherwise vacates his membership in the Legislature, he must surrender the tag to the local county tax collector.

(4) The State Tax Commission shall deposit all fees collected under this section into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the State Tax Commission shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of distinctive license tags. The State Treasurer shall distribute an amount equal to Seven Dollars (\$7.00) of the additional fees collected for each such distinctive license tag issued under this section to the State General Fund, and the remainder of such additional fees collected shall be distributed by the State Treasurer to the credit of the special fund created in Section 7-9-70.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In addition to any other provisions of this section, any person eligible for a distinctive license tag under this section may, regardless of whether the person obtains such a license tag, obtain a replica tag of the distinctive license tag authorized in this section. A replica tag may not be displayed on any motor vehicle and may not be used for any motor vehicle license tag purpose. A person may obtain a replica tag from the Department of Revenue and the additional fee for the tag shall be the cost of the replica tag and any applicable shipping or delivery charge or other related charge incurred by the department.

SECTION 22. Section 27-19-48, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-48. (1) (a) Owners of motor vehicles and noncommercial trailers who are residents of this state, upon complying with the laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and trailers, and upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks, other noncommercial motor vehicles and trailers, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4)(a) of this section, shall be issued a personalized license tag of the same color as regular license tags to consist of the name of the county and not more than seven (7) letters of the alphabet or seven (7) numbers in lieu of the license tag numbering system prescribed by law. The purchaser of the personalized license tag may choose the combination of such letters or numbers, but no two (2) motor vehicles or trailers shall have the same combination of letters or numbers. In the event that the same combination of letters has been chosen by two (2) or more purchasers, the Department of Revenue shall assign a different number to each such purchaser which shall appear on the license tag following the combination of letters; however, this combination shall not exceed seven (7) letters and/or numbers. The combination of letters and/or numbers written across the license tag shall be sufficiently large to be easily read but shall not be less than three (3) inches in height. No combination of letters or numbers which comprise words or expressions that are considered obscene, slandering, insulting or vulgar in ordinary usage shall be permitted, with the Commissioner of Revenue having the responsibility of making this determination. If, however, such license plate is issued in error or otherwise and is determined by the commissioner to be obscene, slanderous, insulting, vulgar or offensive, the commissioner shall notify the owner that the license plate must be surrendered and that another personalized license plate may be selected by him and issued at no cost.

(b) As an alternative to the personalized license tag being of the same color as regular license tags, an owner of a motor vehicle or noncommercial trailer may choose a personalized tag with a black background and a white pinstripe border. "Mississippi" shall be printed at the top, and the name of the county shall be printed at the bottom. The application and the additional fee, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue within seven (7) days of the date the application is made. In all other respects, and except for the amount and distribution of the additional fee in subsection (4) of this section, tags issued under this paragraph (b) shall follow the guidelines for tags issued under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) Should the vehicle or trailer owner not desire another personalized license plate, the fee for such plate shall be refunded. In the event the owner fails to surrender the license plate after receiving proper notification, the commissioner shall issue an order directing that the license plate be seized by agents of the Department of Revenue or any other duly authorized law enforcement personnel.

(2) For the purposes of this section the terms "motor vehicle" and "vehicle" include motorcycles.

(3) Application for the personalized license tags shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the Department of Revenue. The application form shall contain space for the applicant to make five (5) different choices for the combination of the letters and numbers in the order in which the combination is desired by the applicant. The application and the additional fee, less five percent (5%) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue within seven (7) days of the date the application is made. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(4) (a) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after November 1, 1986, any person applying for a personalized license tag shall pay an additional fee which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's or trailer's established license tag year. The additional fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) or, for alternative tags issued under subsection (1)(b) of this section, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a personalized tag and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the personalized tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the personalized tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector. The additional fee due at the time of renewal registration shall be collected by the county tax collector and remitted to the Department of Revenue on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department.

(b) The Department of Revenue shall deposit all taxes and fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the Department of Revenue shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute the fees as follows:

(i) For tags issued under subsection (1)(a) of this section, Sixteen Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$16.25) of each additional fee shall be deposited to the credit of the State General Fund, and the remainder of each such additional fee shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(ii) For alternative tags issued under subsection (1)(b) of this section, Thirty-six Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$36.25) of each additional fee shall be deposited to the credit of the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund established in Section 45-2-1 and the remainder of each such additional fee shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a personalized license tag; and the regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the personalized license tag. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for the personalized license tag, which will expire the same month and year as the original license tag.

(6) The applicant shall receive a refund of the fee paid for a personalized license tag if the personalized license tag is not issued to him because the combination of letters and numbers requested to be placed thereon is not available for any reason.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a personalized license tag, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement personalized license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular license tags.

(8) The owner of a personalized license tag may make application for a duplicate of such tag. The fee for such duplicate personalized license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving the application shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such duplicate personalized license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular license tags. A duplicate personalized license tag may not be fastened to the rear of a vehicle or trailer and may not be utilized as a replacement for



any personalized license tag issued pursuant to this section. Month decals and year decals shall not be issued for duplicate personalized license tags and month decals and year decals shall not be attached to duplicate personalized license tags.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF GAUTIER ATHLETICS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE SOUTH JONES TOUCHDOWN CLUB; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF STARKVILLE ACADEMY ATHLETICS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD INITIATIVE; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF LUNG CANCER AWARENESS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF NURSE PRACTITIONERS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE SEABEE HISTORICAL FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF SAINT STANISLAUS COLLEGE IN BAY SAINT LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF VANCELEAVE LIVE OAK CHOCTAW; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MORTON HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FOREST MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF LAKE HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF SCOTT CENTRAL ATTENDANCE CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF SEBASTOPOL ATTENDANCE CENTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF EAST RANKIN ACADEMY; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF REGENTS SCHOOL OF OXFORD; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE GARDEN CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF BAPTIST HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC.; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE GREENE COUNTY WILDCATS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MISSISSIPPI DISC GOLF; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS THAT DISPLAY THE EMBLEMS OF UNIVERSITIES LOCATED IN OTHER STATES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 192, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, TO ADD THE NAME AND EMBLEM OF

EACH BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG FOR DISABLED VETERANS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.292, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTORCYCLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUCH PERSONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.314, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MIND CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.342, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF CALLAWAY HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.365, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF JIM HILL HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.373, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.402, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.442, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES, TO LOWER THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE TAGS FROM \$50.00 TO \$30.00, AND TO DESIGNATE THE PROCEEDS FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.486, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOOK FESTIVAL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.524, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TYPE OF EVIDENCE THAT A PERSON MAY PRESENT WHEN APPLYING FOR A DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE OR TAG IDENTIFYING THE PERSON AS A VETERAN; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO PERSONS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FEMALE VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IDENTIFYING THEM AS FEMALE VETERANS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO MEMBERS AND CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A REPLICA OF SUCH DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAG TO SUCH PERSONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-48, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A PERSONALIZED LICENSE TAG BEING OF THE SAME COLOR AS REGULAR LICENSE TAGS, AN OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE OR NONCOMMERCIAL TRAILER MAY CHOOSE A PERSONALIZED TAG WITH A BLACK BACKGROUND AND A WHITE PINSTRIPE BORDER, WITH "MISSISSIPPI" PRINTED AT THE TOP AND THE NAME OF THE COUNTY PRINTED AT THE BOTTOM; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Steve Massengill, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Mike Thompson, Joseph Thomas

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2063**:

AMEND on line 537 by striking the "Mississippi Highway 278" and inserting in lieu thereof "U.S. Highway 278".

FURTHER, AMEND by inserting the following below line 554:

50. Any facility used by a soccer club and located on Old Highway 11 between one-tenth (0.1) and two-tenths (0.2) of a mile from its intersection with Oak Grove Road, in a county in which U.S. Highway 98 and Mississippi Highway 589 intersect.

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 451: Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 83-34-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-34-4. (1) Nonadmitted insurers shall not be assessable insurers of the association. All surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted

insurers shall collect from the insured and remit to the association a nonadmitted policy fee on all premiums for all insurance written by such surplus lines insurance producer for a policy from a nonadmitted insurer for any and all risks in this state, except that policies or portions thereof that cover residential earthquake risks or residential flood risks that are not written through the National Flood Insurance Program shall be exempt from the nonadmitted policy fee. By procuring or selling insurance on property in this state from a nonadmitted insurer, each surplus lines insurance producer placing insurance through a nonadmitted insurer agrees to be bound by the provisions of this chapter and to collect and remit the nonadmitted policy fee provided for herein.

(2) The nonadmitted policy fee shall be a percentage of the total policy premium but the nonadmitted policy fee shall not be considered premium and is not subject to premium taxes or commissions. However, failure to pay the nonadmitted policy fee shall be treated the same as failure to pay premium. "Total policy premium" includes taxes and commissions.

(3) The nonadmitted policy fee percentage shall be three percent (3%).

(4) Within twenty (20) days of the end of the quarter, surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers shall remit directly to the association all nonadmitted policy fees collected in the preceding quarter. In addition to the nonadmitted policy fee provided for herein, surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers shall collect and remit excess deficit surcharges as provided by this chapter. Surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers may designate another surplus lines insurance producer that actually procured the insurance from the nonadmitted carrier to collect and remit the nonadmitted policy fees.

(5) Each insured in this state who directly procures or renews insurance with a nonadmitted insurer on properties, risks or exposures located or to be performed, in whole or in part, in this state, other than insurance procured through a surplus lines licensee, shall be subject to the nonadmitted policy fee which shall be paid by the insured according to the procedures provided for premium taxes in Section 83-21-17(5).

(6) Monies derived from the nonadmitted policy fee collected under this section shall not be considered public funds and may be used by the association, in addition to any uses provided for in Section 83-34-3(4), for education, public outreach, training of building officials and other programs targeted to reduce the number of policies within the association; however, beginning on July 1, 2018, and ending on June 30, 2019, before any fees are remitted to the association, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Capital Expense Fund, and Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Rural Fire Truck Fund or Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund. Further, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020, before any fees are remitted to the association, Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Rural Fire Truck Fund or Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund. Further, beginning July 1, 2022, before any fees are remitted to the association but only if the association will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of the fees, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited annually into the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund created in Section 2 of this act. Further, beginning July 1, 2022, but only if the association will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of the fees and the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund has received the diversion of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited annually into the Commissioner of Insurance Discretionary Fire Fund created in Section 3 of this act. Further, beginning July 1, 2022, after the association has received sixty percent (60%) of the fees and after all other diversions are made, fifty percent (50%) of any excess amount shall be remitted to the association and fifty percent (50%) of any excess amount shall be diverted and deposited annually into the Commissioner of Insurance Discretionary Fire Fund.

In the event the value of the association's Total Admitted Assets, as defined by the audited financial statement, is less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), the monies diverted and not remitted to the association under this

subsection (6) during that fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years shall immediately be diverted to the association and shall not be considered public funds.

(7) \* \* \* The association may use excess funds to purchase reinsurance in an amount that may exceed the total premiums collected from policyholders.

SECTION 2. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist the state, municipalities, counties and fire protection districts with providing benefits required by the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Act. The commissioner shall notify the Chairmen of the House and Senate Insurance Committees in advance of any distributions made from this fund. This fund shall consist of monies provided to it through the provisions of Section 83-34-4(6), and any monies which may be appropriated to it by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 3. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Commissioner of Insurance Discretionary Fire Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance. Monies in the fund may be used by the commissioner only for the purpose of his or her discretion in requesting the State Fiscal Officer, and notifying the Legislative Budget Office of such, to transfer funds from this fund to the Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Municipal Fire Protection Fund and/or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund; however, the commissioner shall request the State Fiscal Officer to transfer at least One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) annually to the Rural and Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Funds. This fund shall consist of monies provided to it through the provisions of Section 83-34-4(6), and any monies which may be appropriated to it by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-34-4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES DERIVED FROM THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC FUNDS; TO PROVIDE, AS LONG AS THE ASSOCIATION WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT OF THE FEES, AN ANNUAL DIVERSION OF \$500,000.00 FROM THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE TO THE FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH AND SAFETY TRUST FUND; TO PROVIDE, AS LONG AS THE ASSOCIATION WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT OF THE FEES, AN ANNUAL DIVERSION OF \$3,500,000.00 FROM THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE DISCRETIONARY FIRE FUND; TO REMIT TO THE ASSOCIATION FIFTY PERCENT OF ANY AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER ANY DIVERSIONS OF THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE AND FIFTY PERCENT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE DISCRETIONARY FIRE FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT THE VALUE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS, AS DEFINED BY THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, IS LESS THAN \$250,000,000.00, THE MONIES DIVERTED AND NOT REMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION DURING THAT FISCAL YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE DIVERTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC FUNDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSOCIATION TO USE EXCESS FUNDS TO PURCHASE REINSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT THAT MAY EXCEED THE TOTAL PREMIUMS COLLECTED FROM POLICYHOLDERS; TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "MISSISSIPPI FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH AND SAFETY TRUST FUND" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ASSIST THE STATE, MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS WITH

PROVIDING BENEFITS REQUIRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE DISCRETIONARY FIRE FUND" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO REQUEST THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THIS FUND TO THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE SUPPLEMENTARY RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION FUND AND/OR THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Charles Busby  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Nicole Boyd, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Anderson, B, Bennett, Bomgar, Criswell, Eure, Haney, Hopkins, McKnight. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Huddleston, Oliver. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Bain called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2246:** Electronic search warrants; authorize issuance of in investigations of certain sex offenses against children.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2246: Search warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 2.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) The provisions of this section shall only apply to search warrants issued in relation to computer crime investigations for sex offenses against children who are less than eighteen (18) years old involving a computer defined in Section 7-5-59(1)(a).

(2) If circumstances make it reasonable to dispense, in whole or in part, with a written affidavit, a judge who is authorized to issue search warrants may issue a warrant based upon sworn testimony communicated by telephone or other appropriate means, including facsimile transmission.

(3) The person who is requesting the warrant shall prepare a document to be known as a "duplicate original warrant" and shall read such duplicate original warrant verbatim to the issuing judge. The judge shall enter what is so read on a document to be known as the "original warrant." The issuing judge may direct that the warrant be modified.

(4) If the judge is satisfied that the circumstances are such as to make it reasonable to dispense with a written affidavit and the grounds for the application exist or that there is probable cause to believe that they exist, the judge shall order the issuance of a warrant by directing the person requesting the warrant to sign the judge's name on the duplicate original warrant. The judge shall immediately sign the original warrant and enter on the face of the original warrant the exact time the warrant was ordered to be issued. The finding of probable cause for a warrant upon oral testimony may be based on the same kind of evidence as is sufficient for a warrant upon affidavit.

(5) When a telephone caller informs the judge that the purpose of the telephone call is to request a warrant, the judge shall immediately place under oath each person whose testimony forms a basis of the application and each person applying for the warrant. The judge shall record by electronic means or a voice recording device the call after the caller informs the judge that the purpose of the call is to request a warrant. Following the call, the judge shall have the recording transcribed, shall certify the accuracy of the transcript and shall file a copy of the recording and transcript with the court.

(6) The contents of a warrant upon oral testimony shall be the same as the contents of a warrant upon affidavit.

(7) The person who executes the warrant shall enter the exact time of execution on the face of the duplicate original warrant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANTS UPON ORAL TESTIMONY FOR INVESTIGATION OF SEX OFFENSES AGAINST CHILDREN INVOLVING A COMPUTER; TO PRESCRIBE A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE WARRANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Nick Bain, Noah Sanford, Shanda Yates

On motion of Rep. Bain the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Roberson. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2430:** Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program; create for purpose of improving educational facilities.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2430: State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) There is established the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program to be administered by the State Department of Education for the purpose of improving educational facilities in the State of Mississippi by assisting public schools in procuring funds for making certain capital improvements.

(2) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury designated as the "Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund," which shall consist of monies transferred from the State Public School Building Fund and other monies that the Legislature may make available. The revolving loan fund must be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes established in this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year may not lapse into the State General Fund. Payments on the principal of and, when applicable, interest on loans procured from the fund and any interest earned on amounts in the fund must be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund may not be used or expended for any purpose except as authorized under this section.

(3) Of the funds deposited into the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund, up to ninety-five percent (95%) must be made available for the purpose of making interest-free loans to qualified public school districts. The State Department of Education shall accept requests for loans under this subsection for the following purposes:

(a) Repairs and renovations to existing school buildings and related facilities used in the operation of the schools of a public school district;

(b) Construction of new facilities or repairs and renovations to existing school facilities for the purpose of establishing, improving or expanding prekindergarten programs in a public school district; and

(c) Construction of new career and technical education facilities or repairs and renovations to existing school facilities for the purpose of upgrading or expanding a school district's career and technical education program.



(4) An educational entity that receives a loan from the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund shall not use the funds for athletic facilities.

(5) Each fiscal year, the State Department of Education may set aside an amount not to exceed three percent (3%) of the balance of the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund to cover the administrative and fiscal management costs associated with the fund.

(6) The State Department of Education shall accept and make determinations on applications for loans and shall disburse funds and receive repayments on approved loans. Before October 1, 2022, the department shall establish rules and regulations for the implementation and administration of the revolving loan program. The rules and regulations must include, at a minimum, provisions addressing the following:

(a) An application process by which public school districts may request a loan from the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund, including the deadline by which the department must receive applications;

(b) The factors to be considered by the State Department of Education in determining whether an educational entity will be awarded the full or a partial amount of a loan requested. The maximum total amount of outstanding loans an applicant may receive in a fiscal year shall be limited to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The maximum total amount of a loan an applicant may receive for a single project shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per fiscal year. A loan may not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the project for which the loan is requested;

(c) The rates of interest on loans and terms of repayment. Approved loans under this program must be interest free and payable over a term of no more than ten (10) years commencing on the date the loan is received;

(d) A process by which the department determines if an entity receiving a loan is required to pledge monies for the repayment of the loan and sources of revenue that are acceptable whenever the department requires a pledge, which, for a school district receiving a loan, may not include Adequate Education Program funds;

(e) The actions that may be taken if an entity is in arrears on loan repayments, which may include, in the case of a school district, the withholding of future payments of Adequate Education Program funds to the district, the withholding of state funds due to the school or district;

(f) Applicants demonstrating emergency or other critical infrastructure needs, as defined by the State Department of Education, shall receive first priority in receiving loans from the fund; and

(g) All other matters that the State Department of Education determines are necessary to establish and maintain the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program as an accessible and perpetual source of funding for making facility improvements at all levels of education in the state.

(7) School districts may use funds from the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program to pay the principal and interest of school district indebtedness represented by bonds or notes issued after July 1, 2017, but before July 1, 2022, for capital improvements. School districts shall be limited to a maximum loan amount of Five-hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per year from the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program for this purpose.

(8) The State Department of Education shall promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for participation in the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Program by a public educational entity.

SECTION 2. Section 27-65-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-75. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, the revenue collected under the provisions of this chapter during the preceding month shall be paid and distributed as follows:

(1) (a) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 1993, eighteen percent (18%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. Except as otherwise provided in this

paragraph (a), on or before August 15, 1993, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within a municipal corporation shall be allocated for distribution to the municipality and paid to the municipal corporation. However, in the event the State Auditor issues a certificate of noncompliance pursuant to Section 21-35-31, the Department of Revenue shall withhold ten percent (10%) of the allocations and payments to the municipality that would otherwise be payable to the municipality under this paragraph (a) until such time that the department receives written notice of the cancellation of a certificate of noncompliance from the State Auditor.

A municipal corporation, for the purpose of distributing the tax under this subsection, shall mean and include all incorporated cities, towns and villages.

Monies allocated for distribution and credited to a municipal corporation under this paragraph may be pledged as security for a loan if the distribution received by the municipal corporation is otherwise authorized or required by law to be pledged as security for such a loan.

In any county having a county seat that is not an incorporated municipality, the distribution provided under this subsection shall be made as though the county seat was an incorporated municipality; however, the distribution to the municipality shall be paid to the county treasury in which the municipality is located, and those funds shall be used for road, bridge and street construction or maintenance in the county.

(b) On or before August 15, 2006, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning or community or junior college whose campus is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality, shall be allocated for distribution to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college and paid to the state institution of higher learning or community or junior college.

(c) On or before August 15, 2018, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2019, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2019, and each succeeding month thereafter until August 14, 2020, four percent (4%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215. On or before August 15, 2020, and each succeeding month thereafter, six percent (6%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3), 27-65-21 and 27-65-24, on business activities within the corporate limits of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, shall be deposited into the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund created in Section 29-5-215.

(d) (i) On or before the fifteenth day of the month that the diversion authorized by this section begins, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighteen and one-half percent (18-1/2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Sections 27-65-15, 27-65-19(3) and 27-65-21, on business activities within a redevelopment project area developed under a redevelopment plan adopted under the Tax Increment Financing Act (Section 21-45-1 et seq.) shall be allocated for distribution to the county in which the project area is located if:

1. The county:

a. Borders on the Mississippi Sound  
and the State of Alabama, or

b. Is Harrison County, Mississippi,  
and the project area is within a radius of two (2) miles from the intersection of Interstate  
10 and Menge Avenue;

2. The county has issued bonds under Section  
21-45-9 to finance all or a portion of a redevelopment project in the redevelopment project  
area;

3. Any debt service for the indebtedness  
incurred is outstanding; and

4. A development with a value of Ten Million  
Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or more is, or will be, located in the redevelopment area.

(ii) Before any sales tax revenue may be allocated for  
distribution to a county under this paragraph, the county shall certify to the Department of  
Revenue that the requirements of this paragraph have been met, the amount of bonded  
indebtedness that has been incurred by the county for the redevelopment project and the  
expected date the indebtedness incurred by the county will be satisfied.

(iii) The diversion of sales tax revenue authorized by this  
paragraph shall begin the month following the month in which the Department of Revenue  
determines that the requirements of this paragraph have been met. The diversion shall  
end the month the indebtedness incurred by the county is satisfied. All revenue received  
by the county under this paragraph shall be deposited in the fund required to be created  
in the tax increment financing plan under Section 21-45-11 and be utilized solely to satisfy  
the indebtedness incurred by the county.

(2) On or before September 15, 1987, and each succeeding month thereafter,  
from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, One Million  
One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) shall be allocated for  
distribution to municipal corporations as defined under subsection (1) of this section in the  
proportion that the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to  
consumers and retailers in each such municipality during the preceding fiscal year bears  
to the total gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by distributors to consumers and  
retailers in municipalities statewide during the preceding fiscal year. The Department of  
Revenue shall require all distributors of gasoline and diesel fuel to report to the  
department monthly the total number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by them  
to consumers and retailers in each municipality during the preceding month. The  
Department of Revenue shall have the authority to promulgate such rules and regulations  
as is necessary to determine the number of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel sold by  
distributors to consumers and retailers in each municipality. In determining the  
percentage allocation of funds under this subsection for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
1987, and ending June 30, 1988, the Department of Revenue may consider gallons of  
gasoline and diesel fuel sold for a period of less than one (1) fiscal year. For the purposes  
of this subsection, the term "fiscal year" means the fiscal year beginning July 1 of a year.

(3) On or before September 15, 1987, and on or before the fifteenth day of  
each succeeding month, until the date specified in Section 65-39-35, the proceeds derived  
from contractors' taxes levied under Section 27-65-21 on contracts for the construction or  
reconstruction of highways designated under the highway program created under Section  
65-3-97 shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 31-17-127, be deposited into the  
State Treasury to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be used to fund that highway  
program. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall provide to the Department  
of Revenue such information as is necessary to determine the amount of proceeds to be  
distributed under this subsection.

(4) On or before August 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each  
succeeding month through July 15, 1999, from the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or  
kerosene taxes as provided in Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars  
(\$4,000,000.00) shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund  
designated as the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. On or before  
August 15, 1999, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month, from the  
total amount of the proceeds of gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes apportioned by  
Section 27-5-101(a)(ii)1, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) or an amount equal to

twenty-three and one-fourth percent (23-1/4%) of those funds, whichever is the greater amount, shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the "State Aid Road Fund," created by Section 65-9-17. Those funds shall be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on state aid road bonds heretofore issued under Sections 19-9-51 through 19-9-77, in lieu of and in substitution for the funds previously allocated to counties under this section. Those funds may not be pledged for the payment of any state aid road bonds issued after April 1, 1981; however, this prohibition against the pledging of any such funds for the payment of bonds shall not apply to any bonds for which intent to issue those bonds has been published for the first time, as provided by law before March 29, 1981. From the amount of taxes paid into the special fund under this subsection and subsection (9) of this section, there shall be first deducted and paid the amount necessary to pay the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction, as authorized by the Legislature for all other general and special fund agencies. The remainder of the fund shall be allocated monthly to the several counties in accordance with the following formula:

(a) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to all counties in equal shares;

(b) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the total number of rural road miles in a county bears to the total number of rural road miles in all counties of the state; and

(c) One-third (1/3) shall be allocated to counties based on the proportion that the rural population of the county bears to the total rural population in all counties of the state, according to the latest federal decennial census.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "gasoline, diesel fuel or kerosene taxes" means such taxes as defined in paragraph (f) of Section 27-5-101.

The amount of funds allocated to any county under this subsection for any fiscal year after fiscal year 1994 shall not be less than the amount allocated to the county for fiscal year 1994.

Any reference in the general laws of this state or the Mississippi Code of 1972 to Section 27-5-105 shall mean and be construed to refer and apply to subsection (4) of Section 27-65-75.

(5) One Million Six Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$1,666,666.00) each month shall be paid into the special fund known as the " \* \* \* Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund" created and existing under the provisions of \* \* \* this act. Those payments into that fund are to be made on the last day of each succeeding month hereafter. This subsection (5) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

(6) An amount each month beginning August 15, 1983, through November 15, 1986, as specified in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983, shall be paid into the special fund known as the Correctional Facilities Construction Fund created in Section 6, Chapter 542, Laws of 1983.

(7) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2000, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited by the department into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35. On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, two and two hundred sixty-six one-thousandths percent (2.266%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund created under Section 37-61-35 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00). Thereafter, the amounts diverted under this subsection (7) during the fiscal year in excess of Forty-two Million Dollars (\$42,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33 for appropriation by the Legislature as other education needs and shall not be subject to the percentage appropriation requirements set forth in Section 37-61-33.

(8) On or before August 15, 1992, and each succeeding month thereafter, nine and seventy-three one-thousandths percent (9.073%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter, except that

collected under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2), shall be deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund created under Section 37-61-33.

(9) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be paid into the State Aid Road Fund.

(10) On or before August 15, 1994, and each succeeding month thereafter through August 15, 1995, from the revenue collected under this chapter during the preceding month, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be deposited into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before February 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(2) and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property as defined in Section 27-51-101 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 1995, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-17(1) on retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101 and the corresponding levy in Section 27-65-23 on the rental or lease of these vehicles, shall be deposited, after diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(13) On or before July 15, 1994, and on or before the fifteenth day of each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-22 that is derived from activities held on the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex shall be paid into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury and shall be expended upon legislative appropriation solely to defray the costs of repairs and renovation at the Trade Mart and Coliseum.

(14) On or before August 15, 1998, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2005, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39. On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2010, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until all debts or other obligations incurred by the Certified Cotton Growers Organization under the Mississippi Boll Weevil Management Act before January 1, 2007, are satisfied in full. On or before August 15, 2010, and each succeeding month thereafter through July 15, 2011, fifty percent (50%) of that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00). On or before August 15, 2011, and each succeeding month thereafter, that portion of the avails of the tax imposed in Section 27-65-23 that is derived from sales by cotton compresses or cotton warehouses and that would otherwise be paid into the General Fund shall be deposited into the special fund created under Section 69-37-39 until such time that the total amount deposited into the fund during a fiscal year equals One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before September 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)2, and 27-65-19(1)(d)(i)3 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Telecommunications Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-38-7.

(16) (a) On or before August 15, 2000, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this

chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a project as defined in Section 57-30-1 shall be deposited, after all diversions except the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section, into the Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-30-3.

(b) On or before August 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-26-1 through 57-26-5, shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Project Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-26-3.

(17) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before April 15, 2002, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under Section 27-65-23 on sales of parking services of parking garages and lots at airports shall be deposited, without diversion, into the special fund created under Section 27-5-101(d).

(18) [Repealed]

(19) (a) On or before August 15, 2005, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter on the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and the revenue collected on the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (19), be deposited, after all diversions, into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9.

(b) For a municipality participating in the Economic Redevelopment Act created in Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, the diversion provided for in subsection (1) of this section attributable to the gross proceeds of sales of a business enterprise located within a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11, and attributable to the gross proceeds of sales from sales made to a business enterprise located in a redevelopment project area under the provisions of Sections 57-91-1 through 57-91-11 (provided that such sales made to a business enterprise are made on the premises of the business enterprise), shall be deposited into the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund as created in Section 57-91-9, as follows:

(i) For the first six (6) years in which payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, one hundred percent (100%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(ii) For the seventh year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, eighty percent (80%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iii) For the eighth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, seventy percent (70%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund;

(iv) For the ninth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, sixty percent (60%) of the diversion shall be deposited into the fund; and

(v) For the tenth year in which such payments are made to a developer from the Redevelopment Project Incentive Fund, fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be deposited into the fund.

(20) On or before January 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter, eighty percent (80%) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter from the operation of a tourism project under the provisions of Sections 57-28-1 through 57-28-5 shall be deposited, after the diversions required in subsections (7) and (8) of this section, into the Tourism Sales Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-28-3.

(21) (a) On or before April 15, 2007, and each succeeding month thereafter through June 15, 2013, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the MMEIA Tax Incentive Fund created in Section 57-101-3.

(b) On or before July 15, 2013, and each succeeding month thereafter, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of this chapter shall be deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Job Training Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-451.

(22) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, on or before August 15, 2009, and each succeeding month thereafter, the sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month under the provisions of Section 27-65-201 shall be deposited, without diversion, into the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund established in Section 27-51-105.

(23) (a) On or before August 15, 2019, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2020, one percent (1%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2020, and each month thereafter through July 15, 2021, two percent (2%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. On or before August 15, 2021, and each month thereafter, three percent (3%) of the total sales tax revenue collected during the preceding month from restaurants and hotels shall be allocated for distribution to the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, to be used exclusively for the purpose stated therein. The revenue diverted pursuant to this subsection shall not be available for expenditure until February 1, 2020.

(b) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) must provide an annual report to the Legislature indicating the amount of funds deposited into the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund established under Section 57-1-64, and a detailed record of how the funds are spent.

(24) The remainder of the amounts collected under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund.

(25) (a) It shall be the duty of the municipal officials of any municipality that expands its limits, or of any community that incorporates as a municipality, to notify the commissioner of that action thirty (30) days before the effective date. Failure to so notify the commissioner shall cause the municipality to forfeit the revenue that it would have been entitled to receive during this period of time when the commissioner had no knowledge of the action.

(b) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to any municipality or any overpayment of tax is recovered by the taxpayer, the commissioner may make correction and adjust the error or overpayment with the municipality by withholding the necessary funds from any later payment to be made to the municipality.

(ii) Subject to the provisions of Sections 27-65-51 and 27-65-53, if any funds have been erroneously disbursed to a municipality under subsection (1) of this section for a period of three (3) years or more, the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of three (3) years beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement. However, if during such period, a municipality provides written notice to the Department of Revenue indicating the erroneous disbursement of funds, then the maximum amount that may be recovered or withheld from the municipality is the total amount of funds erroneously disbursed for a period of one (1) year beginning with the date of the first erroneous disbursement.

SECTION 3. Section 37-47-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-7. There shall be, and there is hereby, created in the state treasury a special fund to be known as the "State Public School Building Fund." The said fund shall consist of such amounts as may be paid into said fund by appropriation or other legislative authorization. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer to

the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund all remaining funds of the State Public School Building Fund. This section shall stand repealed the day after the balance of the fund is transferred to the Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund pursuant to this act.

SECTION 4. Section 37-47-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-11. (1) The sums becoming due to any school district shall be disposed of in the following order of priority and for the following purposes and for no others:

(a) To discharge the principal and interest due the commission by reason of any advance or loan made to any such school district by the commission;

(b) To be applied by the school district, subject to the approval of the commission, to defray the cost of any capital improvement;

(c) To pay the principal and interest of school district indebtedness represented by bonds or notes issued before July 1, 1954, for capital improvements, provided that the capital improvements for which such bonds or notes were issued fulfill the rules and requirement for new capital improvements and district organization as provided by the commission, or for bonds or notes issued on or after July 1, 1954, for capital improvements which have been approved by the commission as provided in this chapter.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 5. Section 37-47-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-13. (1) When the amounts of the annual grants to school districts have been computed as provided in Section 37-47-9, the commission shall credit each such school district with the amount of the annual grant to which it is entitled and shall issue to each such school district a certificate of credit for the amount of such annual grant. All such certificates of credit shall be signed by the chairman of the commission and countersigned by the executive secretary thereof. Such certificates shall constitute an indebtedness of the State of Mississippi but shall be non-transferable and non-negotiable and shall bear no interest. All such certificates so issued shall be held and retained by the school district to which same are issued until the expenditure of the funds to the credit of such school district shall be approved by the commission as is otherwise provided in this chapter. Such certificates shall be surrendered to the commission at the time the funds to which the school district is entitled are withdrawn from the public school building fund and deposited to the credit of the school district entitled thereto.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. Section 37-47-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-15. (1) No grants accruing to any school district shall be expended for any purpose unless such expenditure has been approved by the commission. In order to guide the commission in passing upon requests for the use of grants, the school boards of the respective school districts are directed to prepare a survey of necessary capital improvements and/or a plan for tax relief on school indebtedness within each school district. Such surveys shall show existing facilities, desirable consolidations, the new construction and new facilities necessary and desirable for the efficient operation of the public schools of the school districts, proper compliance with state energy conservation standards, and the plan of tax reduction in the school districts by use of such funds in retiring any outstanding indebtedness for school facilities. The commission shall not approve any application for the use of funds of the said public school building fund from the school board of any school district until such time as an acceptable and reasonably satisfactory plan, looking particularly to efficiency through consolidations of school attendance centers, has been submitted by the school board.

Furthermore, the commission shall not approve any application for the use of funds of the public school building fund until such time as an acceptable plan has been submitted by the appropriate board which complies with improved design, heating, cooling, ventilation, lighting, insulation and architectural standards provided by the State of Mississippi to promote maximum energy conservation in new and existing public buildings.

All applications from school districts shall conform to the plan of the school board.



(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 7. Section 37-47-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-17. (1) Applications for the expenditure of funds to the credit of any school district in the state public school building fund shall originate with the school board of the school district entitled to such funds. Before any funds to the credit of a school district shall be expended for capital improvements or the retirement of outstanding bonded indebtedness, the school board of such school district shall prepare and submit an application in such form as may be prescribed by the commission. There shall be included with such application a statement in which there is set forth the enrollment and average daily attendance in the schools of the district divided as to schools and grades, the number of teachers employed, the facilities in use, the facilities to be provided with the funds to be expended, the outstanding school indebtedness, and such other information as the commission may require. Such application and statement shall be submitted directly to the commission and approved or disapproved by it. The decision of the commission shall be final, unless an appeal to the chancery court shall be taken in the manner provided by law. In the event any application shall be disapproved by the commission, the school board submitting same shall be notified of such disapproval, which notice of disapproval shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason or reasons for such disapproval.

The commission shall approve only those applications which are found to be proper under the provisions of this chapter and the applicable rules and regulations of the commission. When an application is approved for the expenditure of funds for capital improvements, the contract for the construction of such capital improvements shall be entered into and awarded by the school board of the school district in the manner provided in this chapter; however, the contract for construction of a secondary vocational and technical training center for exclusive use and operation by a school district may be entered into and awarded by the board of trustees of a junior college district where a grant of federal funds by the Appalachian Commission has been made to the board of trustees of such junior college district to assist in financing construction of such secondary vocational and technical training facility for such school district.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 8. Section 37-47-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-19. (1) Where the expenditure of any funds to which any school district may be entitled has been authorized, as provided in Section 37-47-17, such funds shall be withdrawn from the public school building fund by the commission and deposited in the school depository to the credit of the school district entitled thereto as a special fund to be known as the "Public School Building Fund" of the school district entitled thereto. Such money so deposited shall be paid out and expended in the same manner as may be now or hereafter provided by law for the expenditure of other school funds belonging to such district; however, where the contract for construction of a secondary vocational and technical training center shall have been entered into and awarded by the board of trustees of a junior college district as authorized by Section 37-47-29, the money so deposited in the public school building fund of the school district for which said facility is being constructed may be paid out and expended to pay a part of the cost of construction of such facility.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 9. Section 37-47-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-21. (1) All funds, if any, which may accumulate in the state public school building fund under the provisions of this chapter because school districts entitled thereto do not make application for the expenditure of same for the purposes authorized by this chapter at the time same are credited to such school district may be used as a revolving fund for the purpose of making loans or advances to other school districts as is provided in Section 37-47-25.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 10. Section 37-47-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-23. (1) When any school district holding certificates of credit shall desire to expend funds which have accumulated to its credit under the provisions of this chapter and the expenditure thereof has been approved by the commission but insufficient funds are available in the state public school building fund because of loans or advances having been made to other school districts, the commission shall forthwith transmit to the state bond commission its request for the issuance of state school bonds, as is otherwise provided in this chapter, in an amount sufficient to provide the funds to which the school district holding the certificate of credit is entitled, or such portion of such funds as such school district then desires to expend.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 11. Section 37-47-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-47-29. (1) All contracts for capital improvements by any school district which are financed in whole or in part with funds received from the state public school building fund pursuant to an application approved by the commission shall be awarded and entered into upon receipt of sealed bids or proposals after the time and place of letting such contracts and the manner of bidding has been duly advertised. The contract shall be let and awarded to the lowest and best bidder but the board of trustees or other governing body of the school district shall have the power to reject any and all bids. No such contract shall be finally awarded or entered into without the prior written approval of the commission. It is hereby expressly provided that in order to bid upon and be awarded contracts for the construction of school facilities under the provisions of this chapter, if such contract, subcontract or undertaking is less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), it shall not be necessary that the bidder obtain a certificate of responsibility from the Board of Public Contractors under the provisions of Chapter 3, Title 31, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, or otherwise be qualified under said chapter, and none of the provisions of said chapter shall be applicable to such contracts for the construction of school facilities under the provisions hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section or any other provisions of law, the contract for construction of a secondary vocational and technical training center for exclusive use and operation by a county school district may be entered into and awarded by the board of trustees of a junior college district where a grant of federal funds by the Appalachian Commission has been made to the board of trustees of such junior college district to assist in financing construction of such secondary vocational and technical training facility for such county school district.

(2) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2023.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE STATE; TO CREATE THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR LOANS FROM THE FUND; TO DESIGNATE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH LOANS MAY BE USED AND THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR LOANS TO DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL AMOUNTS REMAINING IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING FUND AS OF JULY 1, 2022, SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND; TO SET CERTAIN MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNTS PER DISTRICT AND PER PROJECT; TO REQUIRE LOANS MADE TO PUBLIC ENTITIES TO BE INTEREST FREE; TO REQUIRE LOANS TO BE REPAYED IN NO MORE THAN TEN YEARS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM; TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO USE FUNDS FROM THE PROGRAM TO PAY INDEBTEDNESS FROM BONDS OR OTHER NOTES USED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CHANGE THE ALLOCATION THAT WAS

DIVERTED TO THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING FUND TO BE ALLOCATED TO THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 37-47-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER ALL AMOUNTS REMAINING IN THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING FUND AS OF JULY 1, 2022, TO THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-47-11, 37-47-13, 37-47-15, 37-47-17, 37-47-19, 37-47-21, 37-47-23 AND 37-47-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING FUND AND ITS ADMINISTRATION, TO STAND REPEALED ON JULY 1, 2023; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, Chris Johnson  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, John Read, Kent McCarty

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Barton called up the conference report #2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1747: City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following terms have the meanings ascribed to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "City" means the City of Clinton, Mississippi.

(b) "Governing authorities" means the governing authorities of the City of Clinton, Mississippi.

(c) "Prepared food" means food prepared on the premises of a restaurant.

(d) "Restaurant" means all places within the corporate limits of the city where prepared food and beverages are sold for consumption, whether such food is consumed on the premises or not. The term "restaurant" does not include any school; hospital; convalescent or nursing home; and restaurant-like facility operated by or in connection with a school, hospital, medical clinic, convalescent or nursing home providing food for students, patients, visitors or their families.

SECTION 2. (1) For the purpose of providing funds to promote tourism and parks and recreation within the city, the governing authorities of the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in their discretion, may levy, assess and collect a tax from persons, firms or corporations specified in this subsection, a tax, which shall be in addition to all other taxes or assessments imposed. The tax shall be imposed upon every person, firm or corporation operating a restaurant in the City of Clinton, Mississippi, where prepared food and drink is sold to the public, at a rate not to exceed two percent (2%) of the gross proceeds of the sales of such restaurant or business.

(2) Persons, firms, corporations or other entities liable for the tax imposed under subsection (1) of this section shall add the amount of the tax to the sales price of the food and beverages and shall collect, insofar as practicable, the amount of the tax due from the person purchasing the food or beverages at the time of payment therefor.

SECTION 3. Before any tax authorized under this act may be imposed, the governing authorities shall adopt a resolution declaring their intention to levy the tax, setting forth the amount of the tax to be imposed, the date upon which the tax shall become effective and calling for an election to be held on the question. The date of the election shall be fixed in the resolution. Notice of the intention and the election shall be published once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the city, with the first publication of the notice to be made not less than twenty-one (21) days before the date fixed in the resolution for the election and the last publication to be made not more than seven (7) days before the election. At the election, all qualified electors of the city may vote, and the ballots used in the election shall have printed thereon a brief statement of the amount and purposes of the proposed tax levy and the words "FOR THE TAX" and, on a separate line, "AGAINST THE TAX" and the voters shall vote by placing a cross (X) or check (☐) opposite their choice on the proposition. When the results of the election shall have been canvassed and certified, the city may levy the tax if sixty percent (60%) of the qualified electors who vote in the election vote in favor of the tax. At least thirty (30) days before the effective date of the tax, the governing authorities shall furnish to the Department of Revenue a certified copy of the resolution evidencing the tax.

SECTION 4. (1) On or before the fifteenth day of the month preceding the date on which the city will begin to levy the tax authorized under Section 2 of this act, the governing authorities shall give written notification to the Commissioner of Revenue of the date on which the tax will become effective.

(2) The tax must be collected by and paid to the Department of Revenue in the same manner that state sales taxes are computed, collected and paid, and the full enforcement provisions and all other provisions of Chapter 65, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972, will apply as necessary for the implementation of this act.

(3) Except for any amount retained by the Department of Revenue under Section 27-3-58, Mississippi Code of 1972, the revenue from the special tax collected under this act must be paid to the city on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the month in which collected.

(4) Accounting for receipts and expenditures of the revenue from the tax shall be made separately from the accounting of receipts and expenditures of the general fund and any other funds of the city. The records reflecting the receipts and expenditures of the revenue from the tax shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant, and the accountant shall make a written report of his or her audit to the governing authorities. The audit shall be made and completed as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year, and expenses of the audit shall be paid from the funds derived pursuant to this act.

(5) The proceeds of the tax may not be considered by the city as general fund revenues but must be placed into a special fund apart from the city general fund and any other funds and expended by the city strictly for the purposes prescribed under Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall be repealed from and after July 1, 2026.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI, TO LEVY A 2% TAX UPON THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES OF RESTAURANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND PARKS AND RECREATION WITHIN THE CITY; TO REQUIRE AN ELECTION BE HELD ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH TAX MAY BE LEVIED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Manly Barton, Karl Gibbs, Jody Steverson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chad McMahan, Neil S. Whaley, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Hopkins, Horne, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Karriem. Total--2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen, Rushing. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. McCarty called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2422:** Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance and distribution of procurement cards or digital solutions for classroom supplies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2422: Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 31-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-9. (1) (a) The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management shall adopt purchasing regulations governing the purchase by any agency of any commodity or commodities and establishing standards and specifications for a commodity or commodities and the maximum fair prices of a commodity or commodities, subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board. It shall have the power to amend, add to or eliminate purchasing regulations. The adoption of, amendment, addition to or elimination of purchasing regulations shall be based upon a determination by the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management with the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board, that such action is reasonable and practicable and advantageous to promote efficiency and economy in the purchase of commodities by the agencies of the state. Upon the adoption of any purchasing regulation, or an amendment, addition or elimination therein, copies of same shall be furnished to the State Auditor and to all agencies affected thereby. Thereafter, and except as otherwise may be provided in subsection (2) of this section, no agency of the state shall purchase any commodities covered by existing purchasing regulations unless such commodities be in conformity with the standards and specifications set forth in the purchasing regulations and unless the price thereof does not exceed the maximum fair price established by such purchasing regulations. The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management shall furnish to any county or municipality or other local public agency of the state requesting same, copies of purchasing regulations adopted by the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management and any amendments, changes or eliminations of same that may be made from time to time.

(b) The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management may adopt purchasing regulations governing the use of credit cards, procurement cards and purchasing club membership cards to be used by state agencies, governing authorities of counties and municipalities, school districts and the Chickasawhay Natural Gas District. Use of the cards shall be in strict compliance with the regulations promulgated by the office. Any amounts due on the cards shall incur interest charges as set forth in Section 31-7-305 and shall not be considered debt.

(c) Pursuant to the provision of Section 37-61-33(3), the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management of the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to issue procurement cards or credentials for a digital solution to all public school district classroom teachers, full- or part-time gifted or special education teachers and other necessary direct support personnel at the beginning of the school year, but no later than August 1 of each year, for the purchase of instructional supplies using Educational Enhancement Funds. The cards will be issued in equal amounts per teacher determined by the total number of qualifying personnel and the then current state appropriation for classroom instructional supplies under the Education Enhancement Fund. All purchases shall be in accordance with state law and teachers are responsible for verification of capital asset requirements when pooling monies to purchase equipment. The cards will expire on a predetermined date at the end of each school year, but not before April 1 of each year. All unexpended amounts will be carried forward, to be combined with the following year's instructional supply fund allocation, and reallocated for

the following year. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to loan any start-up funds at the beginning of the school year to fund this procurement system for instructional supplies with loan repayment being made from sales tax receipts earmarked for the Education Enhancement Fund.

(d) In a sale of goods or services, the seller shall not impose a surcharge on a buyer who uses a state-issued credit card, procurement card, travel card, or fuel card. The Department of Finance and Administration shall have exclusive jurisdiction to enforce and adopt rules relating to this paragraph. Any rules adopted under this paragraph shall be consistent with federal laws and regulations governing credit card transactions described by this paragraph. This paragraph does not create a cause of action against an individual for a violation of this paragraph.

(2) The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management shall adopt, subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board, purchasing regulations governing the purchase of unmarked vehicles to be used by the Bureau of Narcotics and Department of Public Safety in official investigations pursuant to Section 25-1-87. Such regulations shall ensure that purchases of such vehicles shall be at a fair price and shall take into consideration the peculiar needs of the Bureau of Narcotics and Department of Public Safety in undercover operations.

(3) The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management shall adopt, subject to the approval of the Public Procurement Review Board, regulations governing the certification process for certified purchasing offices, including the Mississippi Purchasing Certification Program, which shall be required of all purchasing agents at state agencies. Such regulations shall require entities desiring to be classified as certified purchasing offices to submit applications and applicable documents on an annual basis, and in the case of a state agency purchasing office, to have one hundred percent (100%) participation and completion by purchasing agents in the Mississippi Purchasing Certification Program, at which time the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management may provide the governing entity with a certification valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management shall set a fee in an amount that recovers its costs to administer the Mississippi Purchasing Certification Program, which shall be assessed to the participating state agencies.

(4) The Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management shall adopt purchasing regulations authorizing rural water associations to purchase at the state contract price afforded to agencies and governing authorities under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 37-61-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-61-33. (1) There is created within the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "Education Enhancement Fund" into which shall be deposited all the revenues collected pursuant to Sections 27-65-75(7) and (8) and 27-67-31(a) and (b).

(2) Of the amount deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund, Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) shall be appropriated each fiscal year to the State Department of Education to be distributed to all school districts. Such money shall be distributed to all school districts in the proportion that the average daily attendance of each school district bears to the average daily attendance of all school districts within the state for the following purposes:

(a) Purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, including gymnasiums, auditoriums, lunchrooms, vocational training buildings, libraries, teachers' homes, school barns, transportation vehicles (which shall include new and used transportation vehicles) and garages for transportation vehicles, and purchasing land therefor.

(b) Establishing and equipping school athletic fields and necessary facilities connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor.

(c) Providing necessary water, light, heating, air-conditioning and sewerage facilities for school buildings, and purchasing land therefor.

(d) As a pledge to pay all or a portion of the debt service on debt issued by the school district under Sections 37-59-1 through 37-59-45, 37-59-101 through 37-59-115, 37-7-351 through 37-7-359, 37-41-89 through 37-41-99, 37-7-301, 37-7-302 and 37-41-81, or debt issued by boards of supervisors for agricultural high schools pursuant to Section 37-27-65, if such pledge is accomplished pursuant to a written

contract or resolution approved and spread upon the minutes of an official meeting of the district's school board or board of supervisors. The annual grant to such district in any subsequent year during the term of the resolution or contract shall not be reduced below an amount equal to the district's grant amount for the year in which the contract or resolution was adopted. The intent of this provision is to allow school districts to irrevocably pledge a certain, constant stream of revenue as security for long-term obligations issued under the code sections enumerated in this paragraph or as otherwise allowed by law. It is the intent of the Legislature that the provisions of this paragraph shall be cumulative and supplemental to any existing funding programs or other authority conferred upon school districts or school boards. Debt of a district secured by a pledge of sales tax revenue pursuant to this paragraph shall not be subject to any debt limitation contained in the foregoing enumerated code sections.

(3) The remainder of the money deposited into the Education Enhancement Fund shall be appropriated as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education as follows:

(i) Sixteen and sixty-one one-hundredths percent (16.61%) to the cost of the adequate education program determined under Section 37-151-7; of the funds generated by the percentage set forth in this section for the support of the adequate education program, one and one hundred seventy-eight one-thousandths percent (1.178%) of the funds shall be appropriated to be used by the State Department of Education for the purchase of textbooks to be loaned under Sections 37-43-1 through 37-43-59 to approved nonpublic schools, as described in Section 37-43-1. The funds to be distributed to each nonpublic school shall be in the proportion that the average daily attendance of each nonpublic school bears to the total average daily attendance of all nonpublic schools;

(ii) Seven and ninety-seven one-hundredths percent (7.97%) to assist the funding of transportation operations and maintenance pursuant to Section 37-19-23; and

(iii) Nine and sixty-one one-hundredths percent (9.61%) for classroom supplies, instructional materials and equipment, including computers and computer software, to be distributed to all eligible teachers within the state through the use of procurement cards or a digital solution capable of tracking, paying and reporting purchases. Classroom supply funds shall not be expended for administrative purposes. On \* \* \* a date to be determined by the State Department of Education, but not later than July 1 of each year, local school districts shall determine and submit to the State Department of Education the number of teachers eligible to receive an allocation for the current year. For purposes of this subparagraph, "teacher" means any employee of the school board of a school district, or the Mississippi School for the Arts, the Mississippi School for Math and Science, the Mississippi School for the Blind or the Mississippi School for the Deaf, who is required by law to obtain a teacher's license from the State Department of Education and who is assigned to an instructional area of work as defined by the department \* \* \*, and shall include any full- or part-time gifted or special education teacher. It is the intent of the Legislature that all classroom teachers shall utilize these funds in a manner that addresses individual classroom needs and supports the overall goals of the school regarding supplies, instructional materials, equipment, computers or computer software under the provisions of this subparagraph, including the type, quantity and quality of such supplies, materials and equipment. Classroom supply funds allocated under this subparagraph shall supplement, not replace, other local and state funds available for the same purposes. The State Board of Education shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this subparagraph consistent with the above criteria, with particular emphasis on allowing the individual teachers to expend funds as they deem appropriate. \* \* \* The local school board shall require each school to issue credentials for a digital solution selected by or procurement cards provided by the Department of Finance and Administration under the provisions of Section 31-7-9(1)(c) for the use of teachers and necessary support personnel in making instructional supply fund expenditures under this section, consistent with the regulations of the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9. Such credentials or procurement cards shall be \* \* \* provided by the State Department of Education to local school districts on a date determined by the State Department of



Education, but not later than August 1 of each year. Local school districts shall issue such credentials or procurement cards to classroom teachers at the beginning of the school year, but no later than August 1 of each year, and shall be issued in equal amounts per teacher determined by the total number of qualifying personnel and the current state appropriation for classroom supplies with the Education Enhancement Fund. After initial cards are issued under the timeline prescribed by this section, the State Department of Education may issue cards to districts for any classroom teacher hired after July 1 under a timeline prescribed by the State Department of Education. Such credentials or cards will expire on a predetermined date at the end of each school year, but not before April 1 of each year. All unexpended amounts will be carried forward, combined with the following year's allocation of Education Enhancement Fund instructional supplies funds and reallocated for the following year;

(b) Twenty-two and nine one-hundredths percent (22.09%) to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of supporting institutions of higher learning; and

(c) Fourteen and forty-one one-hundredths percent (14.41%) to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of providing support to community and junior colleges.

(4) The amount remaining in the Education Enhancement Fund after funds are distributed as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be appropriated for other educational needs.

(5) None of the funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (3)(a) of this section shall be used to reduce the state's General Fund appropriation for the categories listed in an amount below the following amounts:

(a) For subsection (3)(a)(ii) of this section, Thirty-six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$36,700,000.00);

(b) For the aggregate of minimum program allotments in the 1997 fiscal year, formerly provided for in Chapter 19, Title 37, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, excluding those funds for transportation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(6) Any funds appropriated from the Education Enhancement Fund that are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall lapse into the Education Enhancement Fund, except as otherwise provided in subsection (3)(a)(iii) of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCUREMENT CARD FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES USING EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT FUNDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO TEACHERS ON AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS SHALL REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL TO ISSUE CREDENTIALS FOR A DIGITAL SOLUTION SELECTED OR PROCUREMENT CARDS FOR THE USE OF TEACHERS IN MAKING INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLY FUND EXPENDITURES UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 37-61-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO DISTRIBUTE EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FUNDS FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES TO ELIGIBLE TEACHERS THROUGH THE USE OF DIGITAL SOLUTIONS AND THEIR APPLICABLE CREDENTIALS; TO SET TIMELINES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THESE SOLUTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, Nicole Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Richard Bennett, Kent McCarty, Jansen Owen

On motion of Rep. McCarty the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

At 10:31 AM on motion of Rep. Hood the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:43 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Currie called up:

**H. C. R. No. 90:** Legislature; change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Brown, C. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell, Huddleston. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

**S. C. R. No. 589:** Commend Summer Field Program at USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on its 75th Anniversary.

**S. C. R. No. 590:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of McComb.

**S. C. R. No. 591:** Designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness Day in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 592:** Commend State Parole Board member Betty Lou Jones on the occasion of her retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 593:** Recognize service and legacy of WWII Veteran Howard Bennett of Sumrall, Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 594:** Commend Booneville High School "Lady Blue Devils" for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 595:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Class 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 596:** Commend Belmont High School "Cardinals" Boys Golf Team for winning 2021 MHSAA 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 597:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Boys Basketball Team for winning 2022 Class 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 598:** Commend Booneville "Lady Blue Devils" Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Team for winning 2021 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 599:** Commend Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Volleyball Team for winning first State Championship in program history.

**S. C. R. No. 600:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devil" Marching Band for winning 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 601:** Commend Hancock High School "Lady Hawks" Girls Bowling Team for three consecutive State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 602:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Women's Basketball Team for MACCC Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 603:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Men's Basketball Team for third consecutive MACCC title.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Huddleston. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Currie unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolutions.

Representative Currie introduced special guest and employee, Ms. Lyniece Fleming, and commended her upon her retirement as a Committee Assistant for the Mississippi House of Representatives for 33 years, House Resolution No. 120.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; prohibit the transportation, importation and release of wild hogs.

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 79:** Millicent "Mandy" Gunter; commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching.

**H. C. R. No. 80:** Bobbie Gentry; commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter.

**H. C. R. No. 81:** Global Reman Day; designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi.

**H. C. R. No. 82:** Mississippi Export Railroad; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

**H. C. R. No. 83:** Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship.

**H. C. R. No. 84:** City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding.

**H. C. R. No. 85:** Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 20, 2022.

**H. C. R. No. 86:** Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter.

**H. C. R. No. 87:** The Commercial Dispatch; commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 88:** Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rodney Richardson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Croxton, and Henry Wyatt Measells, III, which motion prevailed.

Representative Williams-Barnes moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ericka Brock, Faye Binder, Cassandra Buckley, Dominic Anderson, Linda White, Otis Bradley, Marvis Cameron, Ann Muse, Baby Boy Johnson, Gregory Casey, Rose Hall, Carla Williams, Leslie James, Lula Harper, Deena Blaylock, Geraldine Barnes, Coleman Dickens, Frank Smith, Bobby Wilson, Lowe El, Abigail McSwain, John Johnson, Cheryl Wood, Lynn Willis, James Carambat, Kaleetha Baggett, Paul Verdin, Milton Reyes, Gary Hager, Debra Desadier, Evangelist James Harris, and James Gladney, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Foster, Gibbs (72nd) and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danella Catchings, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Delbert Green, and Gerald Burton Widegren, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Chester Jun Collier, Bill Curtis Johnson, Sr., Billy Ray Collins, Sr., Betty Purvis Myers, James Earl Johnson, James Edward Nichols, Jerry Lee Lewis, Virdene Edwards Johnson, Exodus McCornell, Elyvleen Fletcher, Katrena Jo Bryant, Crystal Nicole Smith, Thomas Earl Myers, Harold Harris, Elbert Leo Watts, Versie B. Kitchens, TeKelita Lashunda Spann, Ira Bell Morris, Bobby Ray Brown, James Earl Walton, Joe Bob Parker, Sarah Mae Quick, Lillian Martha Lewis, Eunice L. Scott, Eddie Earl Archie, Mary Maude Hawthorne, Phillip O'neil Jones, Harold Jones, Jr., Ola B. Haygood, Roger Shoto, Hattie Mae Brown-Clincy, Curtis Anderson, Sr., Jeanette Ficklin Johnson, Henry L. Hobson, Vershawn E. Green, Dexter Demond Wells, Augustine Bibb Kelly, Willie Charles Johnson, Sr., Ruth Helen Younger-Spann, Frank James Herring, Henry Willie Wilson, Jr., Frances Jennifer Jefferson, Henry Lee Barnes, Betty W. Smith, Latrina Bryant Catchings, Charles Lee Rembert, Leroy Davis, Antoniques Samuel Ward, Ella Mae Fletcher, Lurlean Rawls Boone, Barbara Joe Karasiewicz, John Wesley Taylor, Ira Lee Singleton, Jr., Dennis Taylor, III, Robert George Robinson, Johnnie Lee Mangum, Shirley J. Benson, Margaret Ann Bryant, Patricia Ann Keyes, David J. McKee, Sr., Lisa Dianne Morris, Henry Cannon, Jr., Larry L. Buckhault, Johnny L. Smith, Patricia Ann Williams, A. C. Stubbs, Evangelist Mary Jane Burnley Hill, Lenora Slater, Eva Mae Mingo, and Willie Leon Banger, which motion prevailed.

Representative Taylor moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Johnleigh Johnson, which motion prevailed.

At 11:58 AM, on motion of Rep. Currie the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Monday, April 4, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

(NINETY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Charles Young, Jr..

Rep. Young led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bomgar and Criswell.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, April 4, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 1671:** Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:56 PM

**H. B. No. 1694:** City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission. Friday, April 1, 2022, 1:58 PM

**H. B. No. 1762:** Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create. Friday, April 1, 2022, 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 1006:** Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish.

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Adopted: 04/01/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1730:** Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County.

**H. B. No. 1731:** Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County.



**H. B. No. 1732:** Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 604:** Paying tribute to United States Army Korean War casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwyn, Mississippi, finally laid to rest. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 605:** Suspend rules for further consideration of HB 451; delete repealer on the nonadmitted policy fee. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

**S. C. R. No. 588:** Suspend rules for further consideration of SB No. 2033, 2022 RS; extend postpartum coverage of Medicaid recipients to 12 months. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

**S. C. R. No. 604:** Paying tribute to United States Army Korean War casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwyn, Mississippi, finally laid to rest. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

**S. C. R. No. 605:** Suspend rules for further consideration of HB 451; delete repealer on the nonadmitted policy fee. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

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Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 10:14 AM on motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:22 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 11:25 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:00 PM.

At 1:03 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1594: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,519,019.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Fire Academy which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 1,462,500.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	60
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2023
Performance Measures	Target
Training	
Number of Students Trained	14,000

Average Cost per Student Trained 479.74

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to purchase an aerial apparatus ladder truck.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the state match to purchase a specialty rescue truck.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$187,500.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for purchasing specialty training fuel.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Fire Academy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1595: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 19,603,302.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	167
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be

published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the purposes of this article, there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund, into which shall be deposited all funds collected as rental income from the building owned by the system located at 301 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. At the end of each fiscal year, any and all unexpended funds shall be transferred to the Administrative Budget Fund of the system.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Million Five Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,538,000.00) is provided for the purpose of defraying those expenses associated with maintaining, upgrading and operating the computer system.

SECTION 7. The Public Employees' Retirement System is further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the purchase of service pins for employees of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided, only for the explicit purpose of building maintenance and repair.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their

appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Mac Huddleston

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Bart Williams

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1608: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

## 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Oil and Gas Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 2,438,826.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

## AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	32
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Oil and Gas Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar



preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1617: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

## 2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 584,679.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 25,061,219.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 9

Time-Limited: 6

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level

of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to retain all funds generated from the sale of equipment. Any funds made available from the sale of equipment shall be deposited into the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing equipment.

SECTION 6. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to receive, budget and expend any proceeds derived from the sale of bonds authorized in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. All expenditures shall be in accordance with conditions provided in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Chuck Younger

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1616: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Forestry Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 15,383,889.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Forestry Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the support and maintenance of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 11,855,334.00.

Of the funds specified in this section, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be deposited in a fund created in the State Treasury called the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund." Money in this fund shall be used by the State Forestry Commission to assist in the reforestation and growth improvement of the forests, woodlands, and publicly owned lands of the state, including sixteenth section lands, Camp Shelby, Columbia Training School and colleges and universities. Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work. Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into the State Treasury, and the State Treasurer shall deposit such money in the "Forest Improvement Revolving Fund."

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 343

Time-Limited: 7

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual

personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Forestry Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2023 Target
Performance Measures	
Forest Protection & Information	
Average Suppression Time (Hrs from Detection to Control)	1.00
Number of Acres Burned Under a Prescribed Burn Program	17,750.00
Percent of Fires Suppressed at 100 Acres or Less	95.00
Forest Management	
Forest Resource Development Program	
Acres Regenerated or Improved	35,000.00
Acres Monitored for Insect, Storm or Disease	19,800,000.00
Re-Inventory 20% of State's Forest Lands (% of Regions)	20.00
Percent Increase of Re-Inventory of State Forest Land	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. There is created in the State Treasury a fund designated as the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry Commission to assist in the conversion of vehicles acquired by the State Forestry Commission through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program or by volunteer fire

departments through other means to adapt them for use in the suppression of wildland fires. This assistance shall be in the form of fabrication of water tanks or other accessories necessary for the operation of fire suppression units, installation of piping and valves, painting or other similar or associated component work necessary to place fire suppression equipment into service. It is not for general vehicle maintenance or repair.

The Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund shall be funded by monies received from charges for work and services performed for volunteer fire departments by the State Forestry Commission. Monies collected from such charges shall be deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements therefrom for payment of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

The amount of monies deposited into the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Fund through this work shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Funds in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be placed in the State Forestry Commission's regular appropriated special funds. Monies in this revolving fund are to be considered special funds and shall be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next.

SECTION 7. There is created in the State Treasury a fund designated as the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund to be used by the State Forestry Commission to direct forest management activities on the Camden State Forest in Madison County, Mississippi. The forest management activities will include, but not be limited to, maintenance of property, timber sale activities and regeneration work.

The Camden State Forest Revolving Fund shall be funded by monies received from timber sales, leases, and any other source. Monies collected from these income sources shall be deposited into the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund. The State Treasurer shall make disbursements therefrom for payments of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the State Forestry Commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any revolving funds in excess of the budgeted amount needed for the necessary operation and maintenance of all properties under the direct supervision and management of the State Forestry Commission shall remain in the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund for use in future years.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 9. Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within the funds available.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Any person who was an employee of the Forestry Commission who was laid off during Fiscal Year 2006 shall be given first priority in any new employment by the commission.

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

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

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3004: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 6,739,585.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 170,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND LAND-GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Albert Butler  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:



Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3005: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 22,881,531.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 10,419,372.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement

Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Plant Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	41.76
Number of Research Publications	233
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	1.19
Animal Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	30.14
Number of Research Publications	174
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.33
Health & Sustainable Communities	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	43.41
Number of Research Publications	152
Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds (Ratio)	0.27

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Huddleston. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 31,411,834.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 14,302,211.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education, Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community Development in each county.

SECTION 6. No part of the funds appropriated or authorized to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such legal services.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

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

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Agriculture	
Published Information (Items)	300
Mass Media (Items)	4,500
Number of Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	270,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	13.46
Family & Consumer Education	
Published Information (Items)	150
Number of Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	205,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	9.34
Business & Community Dev	
Number of Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	88,000

Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
4-H Youth Development	
Number of Direct Educational Contacts (Persons)	178,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
Natural Resources & Environment	
Published Information (Items)	150
Mass Media (Items)	6,000
Number of Total Contacts (Persons Across all Delivery Methods/Events)	370,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Josh Harkins  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hopkins, Ladner. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,794,130.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,361,059.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hopkins, Ladner, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1598: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,423,208.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts Commission which is comprised of special source funds and donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 5,587,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

## AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 10  
Time-Limited: 2

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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



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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Arts Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,490,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

Training of educators and promotion of arts programs in	
public schools	\$100,000.00
Miscellaneous grants and programs	\$350,000.00
Whole Schools Initiative	\$1,040,000.00

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the funding of the Building Fund for the Arts Initiative.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Arts Commission shall have the authority to transfer dollars appropriated herein designated for the "Challenge Program," specific amounts to a special fund in the State Treasury called the Arts Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and may be expended by the commission in subsequent fiscal years upon appropriation of the Legislature. Any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund and may be disbursed by the commission upon appropriations of the Legislature. It is the intention of the Legislature that the commission may award grants to arts organizations from monies in the fund and the grantees will be required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1612: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 30,532,240.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 215,854,381.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,681,802.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972. The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fully match all available federal funds \$ 2,782,590.00.

Independent Living Program which includes the State Attendant Care Program \$ 854,903.00.  
Deaf and hard of hearing \$ 44,309.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 964  
Time-Limited: 207

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) News line service to allow blind and visually impaired persons to access newspapers through toll-free telephone calls.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Disability Determination Services	
Number of Dispositions	90,000
Processing Time (Days)	115
Voc Rehabilitation For The Blind	
Blind & Visually Impaired Served (Persons)	2,000
Number of Persons Rehabilitated	275
Independent Living (Number Served)	735
Percent Change in Persons Employed Compared to Total Persons Served	13.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	
Number of Clients Served	15,000
Number of Clients Rehabilitated	2,525
Percent Change of Persons Employed Compared to Total Persons Served	16.00
Persons Employed with Pay Rate Greater Than Federal or State Minimum Wage	2,415
Persons with Significant Disabilities Leaving VR with Competitive, Self, or BEP Employment, Wage = or > Than Minimum	1,125
Spinal Cord & Head Injury Program	
Number of Clients Served	1,000
Percent Change in Number of Spinal Cord & Brain Injuries per Year	3.00
Special Disability Programs	
Number of Clients Served	3,000
Percent Change in Persons Receiving HCBW Services Compared to Waiting List	56.00

Ratio of Cost to HCBW Services per Person Compared to an Institutional Setting	38.00
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Support Services	
Percent of Total Budget	1.96

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,563,039.00) shall be allocated to the Spinal Cord & Head Injury Trust supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the support of the Independent Living Home and Community Based Waiver programs along with any additional funds that may be appropriated to these programs.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION  
SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1624: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 2,715,364.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 118,827,144.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, Three Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,050,000.00) is derived from the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCONT:

Permanent: 103

Time-Limited: 74

Each Marine Conservation Officer and Supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per annum.

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and

Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3345200000 to the Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the tidelands projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$

12,455,247.00.

PROJECT NO.	PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Harrison County: FY23-P603-11	Richards Bayou Dredging Project - City of Gulfport.....	\$ 500,000.00
FY23-P999-10	Broadwater Marina Public Access and Marina Basin Restoration - Secretary of State .....	\$ 150,000.00
FY23-P601-13	Kuhn St. Boat Ramp Parking Project Phase II - City of Biloxi.....	\$ 500,000.00
FY23-P511-08	D'Iberville Working Waterfront Harbor and Marina Public Access -City of D'Iberville.....	\$ 400,000.00
FY23-P613-08	Long Beach Harbor Improvements -City of Long Beach .....	\$ 500,000.00
FY23-P600-05	Secure Concrete Fillers at East Small Craft Harbor -City of Pass Christian.....	\$ 175,000.00
FY23-P626-30	20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue and Hwy. 90 Beach Side Parking Improvements- Phase I -Harrison County Board of Supervisors.....	\$ 300,000.00
FY23-P626-36	West Biloxi Boat Launch -Harrison County.....	\$ 100,000.00
Removable Restroom Units for the West Side of the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor	-City of Gulfport.....	\$ 100,000.00
Seafood Museum Repairs Caused by Hurricane Ida	-City of Biloxi.....	\$ 200,000.00
Dredging Project at Parker's Creek	-City of Biloxi.....	\$ 375,000.00

Long Beach Park Volley-Ball Court Improvements	
-Harrison Cnty Brd of Supervisors .....	\$ 100,000.00
Hiller Park Boat Launch	
-City of Biloxi .....	\$ 200,000.00
Jackson County:	
FY23-P412-06	Washington Avenue at Front Beach Access
	-City of Ocean Springs .....
	\$ 362,500.00
FY23-P618-05	Shepard State Park Upgrades
	-City of Gautier .....
	\$ 250,000.00
FY23-P618-06	Mary Walker Bayou Parks Project
	-City of Gautier .....
	\$ 250,000.00
FY23-P604-10	Public Safety Improvements to River Parks Piers
	- City of Pascagoula .....
	\$ 350,000.00
FY23-P501-05	Rhodes Bayou Watershed Improvements Phase I
	-City of Moss Point .....
	\$ 300,000.00
FY23-P602-13	Lake Mars Pier Expansion Project
	-Jackson County Board of Supervisors .....
	\$ 296,930.00
FY23-P602-14	Race-Track Road Boat Launch Phase II
	-Jackson County Board of Supervisors .....
	\$ 198,000.00
Study to Analyze a Jetty System to Prevent Erosion Of the Ocean Springs Front Beach	
	-Jackson County Board of Supervisors .....
	\$ 100,000.00
Hancock County:	
FY23-P510-10	Noma Drive Public Access Projects
	-City of Diamondhead .....
	\$ 400,000.00
FY23-P401-15	Downtown Boardwalk Assistance
	-City of Bay St. Louis .....
	\$ 350,000.00
FY23-P626-05	Marina Planning and Design Assistance
	-City of Waveland .....
	\$ 350,000.00
FY23-P610-05	McLeod Park Bulkhead Improvements
	-Hancock County Board of Supervisors .....
	\$ 400,000.00
Total Public Access Projects .....	\$ 7,207,430.00
Total Management Projects .....	\$ 3,047,817.00
Bond Repayment .....	\$ 1,200,000.00
Prior Year Projects .....	\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Tidelands Funds: .....	\$12,455,247.00

Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this section shall be held responsible for complying with Section 29-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be subject to an audit by the State Auditor and shall submit detailed reports beginning June 30, and every six (6) months thereafter for the duration of the project to the Department of Marine Resources on how funds authorized in this section were expended.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any political subdivision seeking to qualify for tidelands funds for the subsequent fiscal year shall submit a proposal to the Department of Marine Resources no later than July 1, 2022. All proposals submitted will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Marine Resources in accordance to department plans and procedures. Multiphased projects, multiyear projects, proposed projects with high dollar value and projects that have a record of stacking funds shall be considered as low priority projects when evaluated.

It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of the Tidelands funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount of tidelands funds available, the available funds shall be allocated on a pro rata basis between projects listed in this section.



SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the department shall place any special trust funds appropriated to the department in a special trust fund and the interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the special trust fund. Monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained in the special trust fund for use in the next succeeding fiscal year. The department may use the interest earned on the fund to pay reasonable costs for administering the fund and related projects.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources has the authorization to move tidelands funds between approved projects upon request from entity and proper completion of Form TTF-6 documentation.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agency partnerships, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Sixty-two Million Eight Hundred Ninety Thousand Forty-eight Dollars (\$62,890,048.00) is provided for the funding of the following Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) projects for FY 2023:

(a) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Project .....	\$ 4,390,075.00
(b) To assist the City of Biloxi with the East Biloxi Boardwalk .....	\$ 1,192,850.00
(c) To assist the City of Biloxi with the East Biloxi Boardwalk sand re-nourishment.....	\$ 978,300.00
(d) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek Outfall .....	\$ 1,979,408.00
(e) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek water quality.....	\$ 102,241.00
(f) To assist the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks with the Buccaneer State Park .....	\$ 1,919,748.00
(g) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Bayview Avenue Boardwalk .....	\$ 1,016,944.00
(h) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Ward 6 Boat Launch, Public Water Access and Restroom Facility.....	\$ 271,951.00
(i) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Infinity Science Center.....	\$ 465,651.00
(j) To assist Mississippi State University with the IMMS Evaluation Study .....	\$ 422,238.00
(k) To assist Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Front Beach Erosion Control .....	\$ 1,114,506.00
(l) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Aquaculture Depth Control Unit .....	\$ 2,744.00
(m) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with GOMESA project management, development and mitigation.....	\$ 1,484,152.00
(n) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with an oyster plant.....	\$ 2,000,000.00
(o) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Shellfish Water Quality Testing .....	\$ 3,637.00
(p) To assist the Department of Marine	

Resources with artificial reef construction.....	\$ 752,794.00
(q) To assist the Department of Marine	
Resources with the oyster clutch.....	\$ 3,475.00
(r) To assist the Department of Environmental	
Quality with water quality.....	\$ 990,185.00
(s) To assist Hancock County with Water	
Sewer Force Crossing.....	\$ 206,940.00
(t) To assist the Department of Marine	
Resources with Bonnet Carre Response.....	\$ 200,666.00
(u) To assist Jackson County with a Watershed	
Development Plan.....	\$ 450,000.00
(v) To assist the City of Diamondhead with	
Marsh Erosion Prevention.....	\$ 495,000.00
(w) To assist the City of Diamondhead with	
Sewer Improvements.....	\$ 831,600.00
(x) To assist the City of Pass Christian with	
Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Repairs.....	\$ 967,575.00
(y) To assist Hancock County with Atlantic	
Street Sewer Improvements.....	\$ 2,721,150.00
(z) To assist the City of Long Beach with	
Small Craft Harbor SE Bulkhead Improvements.....	\$ 2,188,000.00
(aa) To assist the Kiln Utility District with	
the Jordan River Shores Sewer Force Main	
Relocation.....	\$ 410,000.00
(bb) To assist the City of Biloxi with	
the Point Cadet Living Shoreline.....	\$ 800,000.00
(cc) To assist the Department of Marine	
Resources for Oyster Restoration and Enhancement.....	\$ 675.00
(dd) To assist the Department of Marine	
Resources with MS Reef Fish Monitoring and	
Assessment.....	\$ 112,031.00
(ee) To assist Hancock County Utility	
Authority with Oak Harbor Sewer Improvements.....	\$ 2,811,548.00
(ff) To assist Hancock County Port and Harbor	
Commission with Port Bienville Conservation	
Management.....	\$ 510,200.00
(gg) To assist the City of Gautier with Water	
Quality and Infrastructure Sanitary Sewer.....	\$ 2,573,466.00
(hh) To assist the City of Pascagoula with	
Buena Vista Area Drainage.....	\$ 915,000.00
(ii) To assist the City of Pass Christian with	
Gravity Sewer System Improvements Phase I.....	\$ 1,744,319.00
(jj) To assist the City of Pascagoula with	
Point Park Pier Repair/Improvements.....	\$ 510,000.00
(kk) To assist the Department of Marine	
Resources with the Railroad Corner Beneficial	
Use Site.....	\$ 236,860.00
(ll) To assist the University of Southern	
Mississippi with collection of Fishery-Dependent	
information on Blue Crabs.....	\$ 244,223.00
(mm) To assist the National Oceans and	
Applications Research Center with the Cat Island	
Baseline Inventory of Seagrass Habitat.....	\$ 554,681.00
(nn) To assist the National Oceans and	
Applications Research Center with the Inventory	
Of Wetlands Habitats.....	\$ 957,318.00
(oo) To assist the National Oceans and	
Applications Research Center with the Pelican	
Key Baseline Hydrographic Survey.....	\$ 291,600.00

(pp) To assist Mississippi State University with the Evaluation and Monitoring of Marine Mammal and Sea Turtles after Bonnet Carre Spillway Opening .....	\$ 2,474,573.00
(qq) To assist the American Shrimp Processors Association with the Shrimp Processors Feasibility Study.....	\$ 1,000,000.00
(rr) To assist the Jackson County Utility Authority with Septic System Abatements .....	\$ 1,800,000.00
(ss) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Mississippi Coastal Fishery Resource Assessment.....	\$ 381,000.00
(tt) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Katrina Key Expansion .....	\$ 430,000.00
(uu) To assist the Secretary of State with the Broadwater Marina Restoration .....	\$ 3,678,850.00
(vv) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Sewer Pump Station Repairs .....	\$ 366,335.00
(ww) To assist the City of Diamondhead With Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water Quality Improvements .....	\$ 1,193,447.00
(xx) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Bonnet Carre and Mid Breton Response.....	\$ 874,240.00
(yy) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with the Front Beach Pub Access and Storm Water Mitigation Improvements .....	\$ 2,728,250.00
(zz) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Phase II of the Gravity Sewer System Improvements.....	\$ 4,594,986.00
(aaa) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Off Bottom Oyster Aquaculture .....	\$ 1,457,396.00
(bbb) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Pelican Key Beneficial Use Site.....	\$ 348,220.00
(ccc) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Phase II of the Katrina Key Expansion .....	\$ 400,000.00
(ddd) To assist the Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Pascagoula Beach Open Channel Outfalls .....	\$ 1,339,000.00

SECTION 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall have the authority to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Seventeen Million Dollars (\$17,000,000.00) from funds for the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) that may become available to the agency in fiscal year 2023 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their

appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 14. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Marine Resources is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2020 and Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

Vendor Year				Fiscal Amou
nt University	of	Southern		Mississippi
2020				
\$ 795.66 University	of	Southern		Mississippi
2020				
\$ 12,658.83 University	of	Southern		Mississippi
2020				
\$ 14,507.00 City	of	Bay	St.	Louis
2021				
\$ 1,041.25 City	of	Bay	St.	Louis
2020				
\$ 1,492.50				

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Casey Eure, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale,

Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
June 30, 2023       \$   8,828,391.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023       \$  
1,675,397.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       121  
Time-Limited:     0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall

determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, a portion shall be derived from the amount of forfeited property that is seized by the Gaming Commission, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the specific purpose of increasing law enforcement resources as outlined in Section 41-29-185, Mississippi Code 1972.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, a portion shall be derived from the amount that is received by the Gaming Commission under the Gaming Control Act, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the purpose of investigating, permitting, interagency fees, and providing fingerprint analysis by the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Gaming Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Riverboat Gaming	
Annual State Riverboat Gaming Revenues	2,000,000,000.00
Number of Casinos Regulated	26

Average Cost per Employee to Total State	
Riverboat Gaming Revenues	18,476,000.00
Charitable Bingo	
Number of Bingo Applications Received	25
Number of Bingo Halls Regulated	68
Average Cost per Employee to Total State	
Charitable Bingo Revenues	4,676,905.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Turner-Ford, David Blount

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Casey Eure, Richard Bennett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Evans, B, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 675,680.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Ethics Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Ethics Commission of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 10,000.00

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature, that of the funds provided in Section 1, the Ethics Commission is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State



Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to upgrade and expand the Online Statement of Economic Interest System at the Ethics Commission.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Horan. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 680,165.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Judicial Performance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 40,029.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEACOUNT:

Permanent: 5  
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Jenifer B. Branning

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Ladner, Osborne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to be used for the operation of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 18,457,311.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 32,764,049.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023
Instruction	Target
Percent of Year 4 DVM Students Passing NAVLE at Graduation	95.00
Percent of DVM Graduates Reporting Employment in the Field within 12 Months of Graduation	95.00
Research	
Number of Grants/Contracts Awarded	50
Percent of Graduate Students Reporting Employment in the Field within 12 Months of Graduation	95.00
Pub-service - Animal Health Ctr	
Number of Patient Visits to AHC (AHC Caseload Managed)	30,000
Percent of Client Satisfaction Based on Surveys	98.00
Percent of Referring Veterinarian Satisfaction Based on Surveys	95.00
Pub-service - Diagnostic Lab	
Number of Lab Accessions (Test Requests)	27,249
Vet Research & Diagnostic Lab	
Number of Diagnostic Tests Performed	376,000
Academic Support	
Percent of Vet Campers & Parents Indicating "Willing to Recommend" on Satisfaction Surveys	100.00

Percent of Alumni who Report a Satisfactory Level of Engagement with the College on Surveys	98.00
Operation & Maintenance	
Number of Square Feet O&M/Custodial Services	483,589
Cost per Square Foot Maintenance & Custodial Services	6.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of testing, programming, and personnel-related expenses for Chronic Waste Disease.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Personnel Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 4,647,880.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 43  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended until the State Personnel Board, based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, determines and publishes the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions for all agencies with compliance language in their appropriation bills.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Personnel Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Sarita Simmons  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Johnson. Total-4.

Present--Anderson, J, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 12,251,043.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 27,203,069.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	96
Time-Limited:	13

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current



employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Secretary of State that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy, or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the Secretary of State may use funds appropriated for the purposes of defraying litigation expenses associated with the enforcement of the Mississippi Securities Act, the Regulation of Charitable Solicitations Act, and the administration of the Public Trust.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2023 Target
Performance Measures	
Business Services	
Percent of Business Services Customer Phone Calls Answered	95.00
Elections	
Number of Poll Workers to Successfully Complete the Online Training Program	150
Number of Voter Registrations Updated on Secure Online Website	6,400
Percent of Poll Workers who Successfully Complete the Online Poll Manager	

Training on Their First Attempt	65.00
Publications	
Number of Visits to the Secretary of State's Website	11,700,000
Public Lands	
Number of Tax-Forfeited Properties Sold	900
Support Services	
Support Services as a Percent of Total Agency Expenditures	27.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for paying principal and interest on bond issues for county voting systems.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Records Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of making distributions to local governments for taxes owed during the fiscal year.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Elections Support Fund, for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining, or repairing voting equipment, systems, and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems and training election officials during the fiscal year.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eleven Million Four Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Two Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$11,455,247.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Trust Tidelands Fund, and is authorized to be transferred by the Secretary of State to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eight Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$8,780,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Mississippi Secretary of State for the purpose of reimbursing counties or disbursing funds to counties for the purchase of modern voting systems, as prescribed in the Mississippi Voting Modernization Act, Senate Bill 2879, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1602: Appropriation; Library Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 10,576,872.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 3,139,465.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 48  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023
Administrative Services	Target
Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,350

Library Services

Number of Continuing Education Workshops	
Held per Year	30
Percent Increase of Citizens Informed by	
Acquiring Needed Information Through	
Mississippi Libraries	1.00
Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille,	
Audio, Etc	4,000
Number of Children Participating in	
Statewide Summer Library Prg	120,000
Number of Items Borrowed & Loaned on the	
Interlibrary Loan System	13,000
Number of Items Available for Use	
Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan	
System	5,000,000
Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	40,000,000
Number of Items Available for Use at MLC	
(Primary Resource Library)	100,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that no less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for MAGNOLIA \$ 350,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated herein, Four Million Seventy-eight Thousand Thirty-one Dollars (\$4,078,031.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for all full-time library staff members in each public library in Mississippi.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Ford, J, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hood. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Board of Tax Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 638,699.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	6
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Sam C. Mims, V

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 8,848,242.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any special funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Audit's special fund account for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 4,428,761.00.



SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 164  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Finance & Compliance	
County Government Audits - Percent	
Audited by CPA Firms	65.00
County Government Audits - Percent	
Audited by OSA	35.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage -	
Percent Audited by CPA Firms	25.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage -	
Percent Audited by OSA	75.00
ACFR Opinion Units - Percent General	
Fund Assets	75.00
ACFR Opinion Units - Percent General	
Fund Reserves	75.00
Technical Assistance	
Number of Technical Assistance Inquiries	6,200
Cost per Technical Assistance Inquiry	15.00
Percent Customer Satisfaction Rating of	

Investigations	70% or Higher	75.00
Recovered Embezzled and/or Misspent Funds as a Result of Investigations Conducted by this Office (\$)		600,000.00
Recovered Funds as a Percent of Total Misspent Funds		18.00
Performance Audits		
Number of Performance Audit Reports Completed		10
Number of Positive Changes Recommended in Performance Audits or Bond Monitoring Reports		25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) is provided for the purpose of paying fees for a CPA Review Course for the Office of the State Auditor's employees to be reimbursed over a 12-month period by the employee taking the course.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Auditor is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source made available to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984 for the purpose of employing staff, paying related expenses, or to engage private accountants, as necessary, to comply with the provisions of the act, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. No more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) may be provided to defray expenses incurred by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Justice Federal Equitable Sharing Program. These funds may only be used for nonbudgeted law enforcement purposes by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Audit shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the purpose of the Accountancy Fellowship Program as provided by Section 7-7-204, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for IT equipment expenditures.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Sam C. Mims, V

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1604: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support

and maintenance of the Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 12,351,451.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Environmental Quality which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 257,266,909.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 267

Time-Limited: 193

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures

FY2023  
Target

Pollution Control	
Percent of Days with Air Advisories	5.00
Percent of Air Permits Modified/Issued in a Timely Manner	50.00
Percent of Counties that Meet NAAQ Standards	75.00
Percent of Air Facilities Inspected	35.00
Percent of Air Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	85.00
Percent of Waste Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner	60.00
Percent of Waste Facilities Inspected	60.00
Percent of Inspected Waste Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	65.00
Percent of Citizens who Have Access to Recycling Programs	55.00
Percent of Underground Storage Tanks in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	60.00
Percent of Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Assessment	50.00
Percent of Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Remediation	5.00
Percent of Waters That Have Acceptable Quality for Their Designed Use	56.00
Percent of NPDES Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner	70.00
Percent of NPDES Majors Inspected per Year	50.00
Percent of NPDES Majors in Compliance	66.00
Percent of Staff with Expertise in the National Incident Management System	70.00
Construction Grants	
Percent of SRF Loan Recipients in Compliance with Loan Agreements	90.00
Land & Water	
Percent of Annual Prioritized Water Resource Areas Adequately Characterized	80.00
Percent of Groundwater Use Permits Issued/Modified	95.00
Percent of Surface Water Use Permits Issued/Modified	95.00
Percent of Water Use Reported	80.00
Percent of High Hazard Dams with Emergency Action Plans	80.00
Geology	
Percent of Mining Facilities Inspected	95.00
Percent of Inspected Mining Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	85.00
Administrative Services	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Administrative Services for support of Legal Division environmental protection activities.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Pollution Control for support of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants Program.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$625,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for upgrades to IT security and infrastructure.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Four Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$4,490,000.00), or so much thereof, is provided for the Clean Water Grant match.

SECTION 11. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may request that the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) staff shall provide an economic viability assessment for any complete application or group of related complete applications submitted to DEQ after July 1, 1999, for which DEQ estimates that DEQ will be required to devote extraordinary effort to process the application or group of related applications within the one hundred eighty (180) days required by Section 49-17-29(3)(c). For purposes of this paragraph, "extraordinary effort" means the constant dedication of more than three (3) full-time equivalent positions for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days. The economic viability assessment shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the current and future market viability of the project concerning which application(s) has been made to DEQ; and (ii) an analysis of the applicant's economic ability to construct, develop, maintain and operate the project as described in the application(s) submitted to DEQ. If the economic viability assessment concludes that the project is not economically viable for any reason, DEQ shall suspend processing the permit application(s), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49-17-29(3)(c). Within thirty (30) days of the decision of MDA staff, the permit applicant may present any additional information on its behalf to the Executive Director of MDA, and the Executive Director shall review the MDA staff assessment. If additional information is received in writing from the applicant, the Executive Director of MDA shall make a decision in review of the MDA staff decision within sixty (60) days of the staff decision, and the decision of the Executive Director of MDA shall be the final administrative action of MDA in the matter.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall pay debt service on bonds issued to provide state matching funds for the State Revolving Loan Fund with interest earnings derived from the fund.

SECTION 15. It is the intent of the Legislature that from the funds available to the Department of Environmental Quality, the agency may purchase and pay premiums on property damage insurance on its motor vehicles, boats, trailers, motors, and other equipment assigned to the South Regional Office.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not greater than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to be used for dam and reservoir inspections, inventory, and reporting.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agreements with Mississippi state agencies, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the purpose of assessment, remediation, operation and maintenance, cost-sharing, oversight, and administration of water, land, and air contamination projects within the State of Mississippi pursuant to the 2020 settlement in The State of Mississippi ex rel. Lynn Fitch, Attorney General vs. EnPro, Inc., et.al.; Cause No. CV-2017-19-JMY2.

SECTION 19. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to make payment to certain vendors for expenses incurred during 2020 to certain vendors as follows:

Mississippi State University	\$ 47,660.11
Mississippi Forestry Commission	\$ 16,713.61
Pearl River County Board of Supervisors	\$ 11,713.61
Jackson County Board of Supervisors	\$ 13,154.35
Washington County Board of Supervisors	\$ 14,700.00
United States Geological Survey	\$ 24,732.14
United States Geological Survey	\$ 29,417.18
MS Dept of Environmental Resources	\$ 14,798.47

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 21. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Environmental Quality shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 22. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Burnett, Criswell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1605: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 9,540,002.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support and maintenance of the department, including the Museum of Natural Science and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 80,144,536.00.



The following sum, which is included in the sum appropriated above in this section, is appropriated out of the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,750,000.00.

The Department of Revenue is directed to set aside the amount of this appropriation or any part thereof at any time it sees fit, out of any collections of taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products, and to deduct the amounts so set aside from such funds before making distribution thereof. However, provisions shall first be made for the Highway Bonds Sinking Fund, as required under the provisions of Chapter 130, Laws of 1938, and any amendments thereto, and Section 27-5-101, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Any funds available in the Wildlife Heritage Fund may be expended by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as authorized by law. The department shall make a detailed report to the Legislature regarding the spending of the Wildlife Heritage funds by September 1 for the preceding fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 to the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$125,335.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Project WILD for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	575
Time-Limited:	Full Time	58

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 5. Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per annum.

Provided further, when any personnel of the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries are transferred from one (1) county to another on a permanent assignment, the expense monies now paid on out-of-county duty shall not be applicable.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Support Services	
Number of Hunting & Fishing Licenses Sold	460,000
Number of Registrations of Boats	50,000
Percent Change in License Sales	1.00
Percent Change in Boat Registration	1.00
Fisheries	
Number of Fish Stocked for Public Waters	2,000,000
Number of Customers of DWFP Lakes	65,000
Number of Participants in Aquatic Education	6,500
Number of Access Facilities Built or Maintained (Boat Ramps)	0
Wildlife	
MDWFP Mgmt for Hunters & Non-Consumptive Users (Man-Days)	100,000
Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy & Abundant Wildlife Populations	6
Acres of Forest Inventory	500
Acres of Prescribed Burning, Waterfowl Management, & Timber Management on WMA's to Sustain Healthy & Abundant Wildlife	30,000
Percent Change in Number of Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy & Abundant Wildlife Populations	50.00
Percent Change in Number of Private Land Acres Influenced	-30.00
Percent Change in the Number of Forest Inventories Conducted	0.00
Law Enforcement	
Hunter Education (Participants)	11,000
Number of Hours Patrolled on Land	175,000
Number of Hours Patrolled on Water	75,000
Number of Criminal Investigations Conducted	8,000
Number of Shooting Sport Programs	1,500
Number of Boating Accidents	40
Number of Boating Fatalities	0
Cost per Student for Hunter Education	48.00
Percent Increase in Shooting Sports Program	10.00
Percent Change in Number of Boating Accidents	50.00
Percent Change in Boating Related Fatalities	50.00
Percent Change in Public Contacts per	

Officer/per Day	0.00
Special Projects	
Improve Use of Special Funds (%)	0.20
Motor Vehicle Fund	
Number of Vehicles Purchased	40
Number of Used Vehicles Sold	40
Percent Change in Number of Vehicles in the Fleet in Order to Maintain Efficient & Reliable Fleet of Vehicles	1.00
Parks	
Overnight Accommodation (Cabins/Motels)	160,000
Overnight Accommodations (Camping)	750,000
Day Use Services (Persons)	400,000
Percent Change in Day Use Services	0.00
Percent Change in the Prior Year of Occupancy Rate of Cabins	0.00
Museum	
Statewide Education Programming (Participants)	110,000
Total Public Programming (Persons)	210,000
Number of Visitors to Exhibits	70,000
Number of Natural Heritage Records Entered	60,000
Percent Change of Students that Understand the Importance of Natural Resource Conservation	15.00
Percent Change of Visitors to Exhibits	5.00
Percent Change in the Number of Natural Heritage Records	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following amount shall come from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Pearl River Timber Fund No. 3465, for the purpose of making improvements to the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated within this act, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may enter into cooperative agreements with the board of supervisors of any county or any group or combination of counties for the purpose of creating, improving or restoring parks, public game and fish habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within such county or in an adjoining county; and each county is empowered and authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds from the general county fund for such purposes from which fund they shall reimburse to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the actual cost of all surveying and engineering projects incurred by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental thereto. Such boards of supervisors are further authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act with any other county, the United States Forest Service or any other agency if same should be necessary for the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for such purposes.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. In order to be in compliance with Section 63-1-201 et seq., funds are herein provided and may be expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees and/or to

reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

SECTION 12. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to provide financial support of One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) and to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for a project specialist and related supportive cost.

SECTION 13. The department is authorized to spend up to sixty percent (60%) of revenue in the State Park Timber Endowment Fund, as needed, to operate and maintain the state parks.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) is allocated for the detection and prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer populations across the state.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) is allocated for LeFleur's Bluff State Park for playground security expenses.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) may be provided to fund the Youth Participation Initiative for the purpose of educating children in the areas of hunting, fishing, conservation, and safety.

SECTION 18. The fund created pursuant to Section 49-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, and known as the "Fisheries and Wildlife Fund" shall be treated as a special trust fund. All funds derived from the sale of licenses, fees, fines and other revenues received by the department as provided by law, shall be deposited in the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. In addition, revenue derived from the sale of timber on wildlife management areas, refuges and preserves shall be deposited into an account established for such revenues under the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. The interest and any investment income earned on the fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund. Any unexpended funds remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse and shall remain in the fund. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of said funds from maintenance and upgrade of wildlife management areas.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that no more than One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) be expended from the Motor Vehicle Fund for the purchase of any type of motor vehicle.

SECTION 20. The executive director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to enter into an agreement with any public or private entities to manage any park or parks within the state park system.

SECTION 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that no state-owned wildlife management area be closed and that to the greatest practicable extent, department land management decisions and actions may not result in any net loss of any acreage available for hunting opportunities that existed on July 1, 2006, as provided in Section 49-5-99(4). It is the intention of the Legislature that no state park be closed without legislative approval.

SECTION 22. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to enter into multi-year contracts for the purpose of placing a sign on such state park property under the department's domain, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations. All proceeds generated from these activities shall remain with the department and shall be deposited into the proper special fund.

SECTION 23. It is the intent of the Legislature that from the funds available to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the department may purchase and pay premium(s) on property damage insurance on its motor vehicles, boats, trailers, real property improvements, buildings, furnishings, and such other assets as may be appropriate or practical, and/or as required by a granting entity.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be designated for the purpose of defraying the operational expenses of Special Projects. None of these funds shall be used for "Personal Services".

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Gulf and Wildlife Protection Fund, not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of preservation, protection, conservation, and acquisition of waters, land and wildlife of this state.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall be used for repairs and renovations to state parks and museums operated by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

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

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$58,593.00) may be allocated for the Hunter Education program supported from the General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 29. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Neil S. Whaley

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1606: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 296,499.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 467,875.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	7
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or

positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$355,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for maintenance, multiple repairs, and fiber internet installation.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund, not otherwise appropriated for Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1394, 2021 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 25,000.00.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Philip Moran, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Kinkade. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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



SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce's special fund account, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,200,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

(a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 54,066.00.

(b) To supplement the funds paid by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 18,565.00.

(c) For the county livestock shows in offering and paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 12,644.00.

Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in paragraph (c), not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a show.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 54,585.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 7,066.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having entries in said shows.

All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) for the five (5) district livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the

five (5) fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e). The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) due each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e), that the board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

(f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 11,884.00.

(g) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi Junior High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$10,000.00

(h) For the support of the Southern Cutting Futurity Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 42,730.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds in Section 2, any funds that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be transferred between the different show awards and prize monies, with the exception that no county show in paragraph (c) shall receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Kelvin Butler  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Weathersby. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 1,497,090.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 758,857.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 22  
Time-Limited: 5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Kelvin Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Military Department.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi National

Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$  
8,668,520.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No. 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$  
168,297,026.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 886

Time-Limited: 27

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Education Assistance Program.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. All funds authorized to be expended herein shall be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein appropriated out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million Nine Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$1,928,075.00) shall be provided for the support of the Youth Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, Six Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars (\$626,505.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military Museum located at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and members for per diems and travel expenses shall be expended from any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi National Guard for ancillary purposes.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

SECTION 11. Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the purchase of uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be provided for the operations of the Mississippi State Guard.

SECTION 13. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including general funds or capital expense funds, to special funds within the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Nine Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$940,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds to purchase a foam truck for the Hawkins Field Airport.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds for the construction of a military equipment storage depot at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 18. (1) Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Mississippi National Guard \$ 10,391,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of completing capital projects at Mississippi National Guard buildings and grounds as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this

section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Philip Moran

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Mac Huddleston, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Owen. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:



**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the State Veterans Affairs Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,740,920.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Veterans Affairs Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 22,894,199.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 45  
Time-Limited: 29

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Veterans Affairs Board, which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Mississippi State Veterans Homes as established in Section 35-1-19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 55,312,875.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds authorized for expenditure under the provision of Section 4 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 206

Time Limited: 549

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the State Veteran Affairs Board has the authority to transfer spending authority between and within budgets, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. The purpose of this authority is to use available cash reserves more efficiently. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Veteran Affairs Board shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of providing care to indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans and the nonveteran surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the surviving spouse was a resident of a state veterans home at the time of the veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's death, meets the indigent/low-income criteria established by the State Veterans Affairs Board in the state veterans homes. It is the intention of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to use of indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for any such period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a current surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

SECTION 8. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall have continued authority for all actions related to the planning, development, construction, and outfitting of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, pursuant to Section 35-1-41.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall

be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from fund number 3373200000, in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), for the purpose of operating the state veterans homes as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

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

SECTION 12. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall have the authority to escalate and expend increased federal funds obtained by virtue of Public Law 109-461 (38 CFR Part 51).

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Nineteen Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$19,680,883.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board as a state match to relocate the Veterans Home in Jackson to state-owned property.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD AND  
THE MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS HOMES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Joseph M. Seymour

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Mac Huddleston, Randy P. Boyd

On motion of Rep. Carpenter the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Brown, C, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Criswell. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,400,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its successor, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 165,676,036.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 434

Time-Limited: 180

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within

this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum shall be derived from money in the Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 USCA Section 1103), to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund and used by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the following purposes:

(a) Payment of various One-Stop Administration expenses that support the service delivery of employment and workforce information services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Staff for delivery of reemployment services to UI claimants, including group job search assistance and staff-assisted referrals to jobs.

(ii) Equipment and resources for resource rooms.

(iii) Payment for rent, utilities and maintenance of facilities, including common spaces such as resource rooms, reception areas, conference areas, etc.

(iv) Payment of shared costs for operation of local One-Stop Career Centers, including payment for One-Stop operators.

(v) Purchase of computer equipment, network equipment, telecommunications equipment, application development and other technology resources.

(vi) Training, technical assistance, and professional development of staff who deliver employment and workforce information services.

(vii) Access Improvement costs for individuals with disabilities, including remodeling or retrofitting One-Stop Career Centers and purchasing appropriate software, hardware, furniture and supplies.

(b) Administration of the Unemployment Compensation (UC) law and its public employment service (ES) offices. This includes, but is not limited to, the following uses:

(i) ES and UI automation. This includes purchases, modifications, or automation of computer-related systems and related costs.

(ii) UI and ES Performance Improvement costs.

(iii) Fraud and Abuse Reduction costs.

(iv) UI Claims Filing and Payment Methods Improvement costs.

(v) Under the direction of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to acquire lands and construct buildings thereon or improve existing buildings to be used as offices. The funds in this section are authorized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 33,047,000.00.

The funds authorized in this section shall be requisitioned by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the Unemployment Trust Fund maintained by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under this appropriation, and such monies shall be deposited in the

Employment Security Administration Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is authorized to expend up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the State Workforce Investment Funds for the State Workforce Investment Board, collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in this act, a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is made available for Pathways2Possibilities from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is authorized to expend up to Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is authorized for the Mississippi Integrated Education and Workforce State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders,

Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,648,867.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 75,000.00

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Second Injury Fund (Fund Number 3352300000) for the purpose of making payments under the provisions of Section 71-3-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 100,000.00.

SECTION 4. With the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 55

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be

published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds appropriated in Section 1, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for the purpose of implementing a safety education and training program.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Adjudication	
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 3 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 6 Months	950
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 9 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 1 Year	900
Self-insurance	
Percent of Individual Self-Insurers Reviewed in the Past Fiscal Year	34.00
Percent of Individual Self-Insurer Reviews Conducted in the Past Fiscal Year Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	5.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Groups Reviewed	100.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Group Reviews Conducted Showing That Reserves are	



Insufficient to Cover Claims	0.00
Medical Cost Containment	
Fee Schedule Adjustments (Cost in Millions)	35.00
Medical Cost Savings to Payers (as a % of Total Billings)	46.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the salary of the Workers' Compensation Commission members shall be equal and the salary of the Commission Chairman shall exceed these salaries as approved by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of upgrades to the Commission's imaging system and other equipment.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders,

Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 3,851,052.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

#### AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: 20  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and

Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Licensure	
Percent of Licenses Issued within Ten Business Days	100.00
Percent of Renewals Issued within Two Business Days	100.00
Compliance	
Number of Written Complaints Received	45
Percent of Written Complaints Resolved within Six Months	100.00
Number of Investigations Conducted Due to the Diversion of Prescription Drugs, Impaired	16
Number of Investigations Conducted Due to the Pharmacists & Pharmacy Technicians	28
Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Actions (% Avg of Three Years)	20.00
Prescription Monitoring Prg	
Percent of In-State Physicians Registered to PMP	100.00
Percent of Licensed APRNs Registered to PMP	100.00
Percent of Pharmacists Registered to PMP	100.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Pharmacy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint

Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. In accordance with Section 73-21-127(h), Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may accept and expend funds from any other state agency to defray the expenses of the Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Albert Butler, Benjamin Suber  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Sam C. Mims, V

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Scott. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the support of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 12,029,003.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 90  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be

submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Sarita Simmons  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Timmy Ladner

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for expenses of the Executive Department, being the Governor's Office and staff, and for expenses incidental to the proper operation of the Governor's Mansion and residence of the Governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 2,730,696.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Executive Department, being the Governor's Office and staff, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
June 30, 2023 \$ 665,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 39

Time-Limited: 7

Any escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Department shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BEING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND FOR EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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



SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying service charges to banks for acting as agents of the State of Mississippi in paying bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the state, this appropriation to be available from the effective date of this act until such bonds shall be paid or until June 30, 2023, whichever shall first occur; and for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2023 \$ 433,923,299.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2023 \$ 25,501,575.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to expend any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2023 \$ 35,599,225.00.

SECTION 4. The several items covering maturing bonds and interest as evidenced by coupons on the bonds shall be paid out of the State Treasury as and when provided by law and according to the schedule of interest payments in the several issues of full faith and credit bonds or revenue bonds on which principal and interest is due and payable between the dates of July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend any excess funds which become available from interest earnings on bond proceeds or from loan repayments received pursuant to bond documents. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 hereof, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is herein appropriated for paying bank service charges. Itemized statements of banks making service charges shall be attached to requisitions of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BANKS FOR ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE STATE IN PAYING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS AND INTEREST ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FALLING DUE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Gibbs, D, Scott.  
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 159,238.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 236,401.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3  
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES ENUMERATED IN SECTION 51-27-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Daniel H. Sparks, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Timmy Ladner, Becky Currie

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner,

Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Ford, K, Scott.  
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1614: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 34,861,746.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Health which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 518,982,131.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Five Hundred Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$526,102.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Fifteen Million Ninety-three Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$15,093,783.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the State Department of Health. The funds provided in this section shall be allocated as follows:

Maternal and Child Health Care Program	\$ 1,242,943.00
Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST	
Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program	

(STEMI) and the Stroke System of Care

Plan \$ 100,000.00

Rural Hospital Loan Program \$ 2,500,000.00

Non-Transport Emergency Services \$ 415,000.00

MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program \$ 2,900,000.00

Health Department Programs \$ 8,461,942.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in this act, Twenty-eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000.00) is allocated to the Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments provided in Section 1, Seven Million Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$7,023,197.00) shall be allocated for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services, used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds authorized herein for the Trauma Care System shall be expended to the benefit of any hospital located outside the boundaries of the State of Mississippi, unless otherwise excepted in this paragraph. Funds shall be expended by the Mississippi Department of Health for distribution to the Regional Medical Center or Le Bonheur Children's Hospital at Memphis, located in Memphis, Tennessee, or the University of South Alabama Medical Center located in Mobile, Alabama, or the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., located in Augusta, Georgia, or the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center at Merit Health Central or any affiliates or any other Level 1 Trauma Center, or Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Center that participates in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Health.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer

Institute \$ 4,250,000.00

Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell -

Mary Sprayberry Public School

Nurse Program \$ 3,060,000.00

Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and

Tobacco Enforcement Unit \$ 680,000.00

University of Mississippi Medical Center -

A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)

Center \$ 595,000.00

Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated

Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI) and

Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 595,000.00

Mississippi Qualified Health

Center Grant Program \$ 3,400,000.00

Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 7,420,000.00

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Five Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$558,795.00) shall be allocated as follows:

Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated

Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI)

and Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 279,400.00.

Mississippi Qualified Health Center

Grant Program \$ 55,880.00.

Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 223,515.00.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 939  
Time-Limited: 1,375

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

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

Performance Measures	Target	FY2023
Health Services		
State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)	8.20	
Percent of Women who Received Prenatal Care in First Trimester	76.90	
Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior to 37 Weeks of Gestation	13.60	
Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years (per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	27.10	

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Percent of Newborns with Positive & Inconclusive Genetic Screens who Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of Sex)	40.80
Health Protection	
Percent of Mississippi Population Receiving Water from a Public Water Supply	92.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	59.00
Transfer Time of Level III & IV Trauma Centers to Appropriate Facilities for Treatment (Minutes)	130
Communicable Disease	
Primary & Secondary Syphilis: Case Rate per 100,000	32.44
Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	41
Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.40
HIV Disease: Number of Cases	400
HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	13.48
Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully Immunized (National Immunization Survey: 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 Series - 19 to 35 Months)	85.00
Tobacco Control	
Percent of Current Smokers among Public Middle School Students	3.00
Percent of Current Smokers among Public High School Students	6.50
Percent of Current Smokers among Adults 18 Years & Older	21.00
Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
Time Required for Command Staff to Report to Emergency Operations Center in Response to a National or Man-Made Disaster (Minutes)	20
Admin & Support Services	
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Mental Health	65.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Dental	54.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Primary Care	54.00
Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program	
Number of Conditions Added to the List of Debilitating Medical Conditions	1
Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	10,000
Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	500
Number of Registry Identification Cards Revoked	50
Total Number of Patients with a Registry Identification Card	10,000
Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	500
Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	

Facilities	25
Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing Facilities	15
Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing Facilities	3
Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste Disposal Entities	10
Number of Licensed Cannabis Transportation Entities	10
Percent of Applications Approved	95.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the State Department of Health may provide and administer without charge, Hepatitis B vaccinations to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who are in need of such vaccinations through job related exposure.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 38,792,704.00.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 11, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided in House Bill 1353, 2022 Regular Session for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 4,450,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide for matching funds for Federal grants of the Local Governments and Rural Water Program at the Department of Health.

#### AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5  
Time-Limited: 3

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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



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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than July 31, 2022. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 14. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 2,000,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to defray the expense of the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) at the Department of Health, Office of Interpersonal Violence.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related medical services.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

SECTION 18. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department of Health \$ 7,484,638.00.

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in Senate Bill 2967, 2022 Regular Session to provide for defraying the expenses related to the operations of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 3,800,128.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent: 0  
Time-Limited: 34

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the

Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 20. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the Joseph M. Still Burn and Reconstruction Center at Merit Health Central or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and such other provisions necessary to provide burn care for Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel, lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,000,000.00.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service to receive birth and death certificates.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by September 15, 2022. This notification will consist of the name of the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent in all allowable grants awarded.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than December 31, 2022. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Education.

SECTION 26. The Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not exceeding

Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement. The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special fund account. The division may pledge as security for such interim financing future funds that will be received by the division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to the same terms provided in this section.

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

SECTION 28. With the funds appropriated herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs, Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 29. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official replacement or representative with voting privileges to the Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

SECTION 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 32. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds collected or available for HIV medical or support services, clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law. Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not to exceed Three Million Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$3,240,000.00) may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time incurred before June 30, 2023, by employees who are activated under emergency orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 34. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 35. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds

and when grant requirements have changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or additional funds.

The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 36. (1) Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund" to the State Department of Health for the purpose described in this section, for the period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 2,500,000.00.

(2) These funds are allocated for the purpose of operational expenditures needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(3) It is the intention of the Legislature that no funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(5) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the agency under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 37. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 38. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAISING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Burks Hill (No Signature), J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B,

Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Mims. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 190,565,867.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 1,920,474,778.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Department of Human Services that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended; however, notwithstanding any other provision in this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that any amount of funds and positions may

be transferred between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services in order to comply with agreements made by the State of Mississippi with the United States District Court in reference to the Olivia Y., et al. lawsuit.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES****FUNDING:**

General Funds	\$ 74,189,899.00.
Special Funds	\$ 1,739,554,699.00.
Total	\$ 1,813,744,598.00.

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent:	Full Time	1,471
Time-Limited:	Full Time	516

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

**DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES****FUNDING:**

General Funds	\$ 116,375,968.00
Special Funds	\$ 180,920,079.00
Total	\$ 297,296,047.00

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent:	1,517
Time-Limited:	417

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall

determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services and Department of Child Protection Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to the Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2022. The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services are authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the

intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Support Services	
Percent of Referred/Directed	
Investigative Audits Conducted	100.00
Percent of Special Investigations Conducted	95.00
Percent of Referred/Obtained Fraud	
Investigations Conducted Timely	100.00
Percent of Referred Administrative	
Disqualification Hearings & Fair	
Hearings Conducted Timely	99.00
Percent of Monitoring Reviews Conducted	
within Acceptable Timeframes	98.00
Total Amount of Funds Recovered	3,500,000.00
Aging & Adult Services	
In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	28,975
Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	203,297
Number of Congregate Meals	491,685
Number of Home Delivered Meals	2,201,105
Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of	
Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17
Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction	
of Persons on Waiting List	5.00
Child Support Enforcement	
Number of Paternities Established	15,500
Percent Change in Paternities Established	3.30
Number of Obligations Established	16,000
Percent Change in Obligations Established	12.50
Total Collections (\$)	378,000,000.00
Percent Change in Total Collections	-2.50
Number of Absent Parents Located	68,000
Percent of Child Support Cases Current	
on Payments	-2.53
Community Services	
Number of Elderly Served by CSBG & LIHEAP	20,352
Number of Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP	26,762
Number of Households Achieving	
Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in Rate of Household	
Attaining Self-Sufficiency	0.00
Number of Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in the Number of	
Households Stabilized	0.00
Number of Households Weatherized	516
Early Childhood Care & Dev	
Number of Children Served	30,138
Assistance Payments	
Dollar Amount of Assistance	690,000.00
Food Assistance	
Number of Average Monthly Households	225,000
Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program	
- SNAP (\$)	716,413,100.00
Percent of Mississippi Households	
Receiving SNAP Benefits	22.51
Tanf Work Program	
Number of Average Monthly TANF Households	4,600



Number of Average Monthly Persons Served in TANF Work Program	1, 107
TANF Work Program Participation Rate (%)	60.00
Number of Persons Employed Through the TANF Work Program for the Year	720
Number of Households Receiving TANF Benefits During the Year	4,600
Percent of Households Receiving TANF During the Year	49.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Enter Employment	30.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Enter Employment at a Salary Sufficient to be Ineligible for TANF	19.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Remain Employed for: One Year After Leaving the Program	75.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Remain Employed for: Five Years After Leaving the Program	65.00
Social Services Block Grant	
Number of Clients Served, Division of Family & Children's Services	75,611
Number of Clients Served, Aging & Adult Services	21,178
Number of Clients Served, Youth Services	12,880
Youth Services	
Community Services (Children Served)	15,000
Institutional Component (Children Served)	300
Number of Volunteers - Community Services/Institution	0
Number of Children Placed in Alternative Placement	0
Percent of Children Diverted from Institutional Care	95.00
Recidivism Rate (%)	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2023, the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement Program compared with the prior year.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives for the purpose of child support enforcement.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of Public Safety no later than July 31, 2022.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, to the Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the Senior Olympics Program.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, herein to the Department of Child Protection Services, it is the intention of the Legislature that Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$93,601.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement HB 1090 of the 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to HB 571, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for maintaining a 24-hour hotline that is to be manned at all times, and for a coordinator to work with the Department of Public Safety, and to contract with outside agencies or service providers to organize for the provision of specialized services, including counseling services and other appropriate care to children who have been victims of commercial and sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) may be expended for the Department of Child Protection Services for Kinship Care Payments as authorized by Section 43-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 20. As a condition of receiving and expending any funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human Services:

(a) Shall use a competitive procurement process for entering into all TANF subgrant agreements with non-state entities when the federal government does not direct to whom the funds must be subgranted;

(b) Upon awarding of a grant to any subgrantee of the department, shall require the subgrantee to submit a monthly report to the department that contains, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(i) A listing of all costs incurred by the subgrantee during the previous month;

(ii) A listing of all clients served by the subgrantee, with an explanation of which services were provided to the clients;

(iii) A listing of all lower-tier subgrantees, who must be approved by the department before the execution of any such agreement by the prime subgrantee; and

(iv) Any other data required by the department to provide sufficient evidence of budgetary compliance;

(c) Shall not advance funds to a subgrantee for more than sixty (60) days; and

(d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only after the required documentation is provided and is approved by the department.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty-four Million Dollars (\$54,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the Department of Human Services for the initial funds needed to secure federal funding for a new computer system.

SECTION 22. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Child Protection Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as reappropriated in HB 1398, 2021 Regular Session, for information technology system developments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 ..... \$ 14,204,943.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 23. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Human Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1398, 2021 Regular Session to provide for computer expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intent of the Legislature, that within the funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide any qualifying grants of CARES Act or American Rescue Act funding in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the three (3) regional food banks that serve Mississippi, including Feed the Gulf Coast, Mid-South Food Bank, and Mississippi Food Network.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. (1) Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Department of Child Protection Services \$57,600,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of defraying eligible operational expenses as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(5) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that

the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 27. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Taylor. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1625: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, criminal investigators, tort claims assessments, and paying office expenses of district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 27,021,964.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 811,633.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals incurred within their geographical district.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated herein, office expenses of district attorneys as authorized by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-seven Thousand Dollars (\$1,277,000.00).

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, office expenses and such funds for salaries shall be provided as authorized in Section 25-3-35(6), Mississippi Code of 1972, to fund the salary for one (1) full-time legal assistant in the Sixth Circuit Court District as authorized in Section 25-31-5(2)(f), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the district attorneys shall submit their Five-Year Strategic Plan(s) as required in Section 27-103-129(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. (1) In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the District Attorney's and Staff, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,027,785.00

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses of temporary legal assistants and support personnel as authorized by Section 25-31-5(2)(g), Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA.

In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--McLeod. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1627: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Public Defender of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 3,448,278.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 25  
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Capital Defense	
Percent of Trial Cases Opened Less Than One Year	75.00
Percent Change in Running Average of Reversals Due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	0.10
Average of Reversals Due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	7.90

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Public Defender shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 1, Two Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$278,500.00) shall be provided for the Indigent Parental Representation for the purpose of contracting with trained and certified attorneys to represent indigent parents or guardians in abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceedings as provided under Sections 43-21-201 and 99-18-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. (1) In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Office of the State Public Defender, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 744,532.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses for public defenders assigned to special temporary courts that supplement those authorized under Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the



guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF  
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Charles Young, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hood, McLeod. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1628: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 7,252,217.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 937,470.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 70

Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 27,129,175.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the trial judges, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 4,192,368.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 109

Time-Limited: 0

Of the funds appropriated and allocated herein, Eight Million Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$8,720,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support staff in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 14,970,528.00.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 28,007,212.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 40  
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Continuing Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing continuing legal education programs to lawyers in Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 155,600.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Continuing Legal Education Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Continuing Legal Education Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal education programs, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2  
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,097,224.00.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,588,856.00.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 58  
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar Admissions, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 355,449.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar Admissions, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3  
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 17. No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 18. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such services are provided for by statute, and for any other services rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State Supreme Court.

SECTION 19. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8, One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for IT equipment and Youth Court computers for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 8, Four Hundred Forty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$448,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for programmers, trainers and operations for the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) System to meet the mandate to bring all the courts into the MEC System for the Supreme Courts – Administrative Office of the Courts.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,460,500.00) may be provided for the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, One Million Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,875,000.00) shall be provided for the Youth Court Support Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) is provided to defray the costs of the Drug Court Program.

SECTION 27. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the event there are not sufficient funds in the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in any given year with which to pay the annual salary supplements set forth in HB 484, 2012 Regular Session, then the county treasury shall not be obligated to fund such salary supplements and the salary of county court judges shall be that in place prior to the passage of HB 484, 2012 Regular Session.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated in Section 7, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount of Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

Drug Courts	\$ 6,500,000.00
Civil Legal Assistance	\$ 200,000.00

SECTION 29. (1) In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Supreme Court – Trial Judges, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,500,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of providing temporary Special Judges to help alleviate the backlog of adoption cases in Child Protection Services, and operational expenditures necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(5) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the

State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 30. (1) In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Supreme Court – Trial Judges, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,727,683.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of funding additional special temporary courts that supplement those authorized under Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 31. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 32. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT CLERK AND THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND TO PAY EXPENSES OF SPECIAL JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT JUDGES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS AND CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, COURT OF APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jason White  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Present--Gibbs, D, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 137,913,293.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 138,658,412.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1,771  
Time-Limited: 80

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that corrective salary adjustments be made to the compensation of employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within funds available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature, that the Department of Public Safety shall receive Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Department



of Transportation, for the operations of the Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division that was authorized to be relocated in Senate Bill 2825, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that the local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics Laboratories.

SECTION 8. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for violations of speed limits.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Enforcement	
Increased Enforcement - Citations (%)	6.40
Decrease Fatalities (%)	4.50
Percent Increase in DUI Arrests (Includes Felony DUI)	6.00
Number of Criminal Investigations	36,600
Number of Highway Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel	0.88
Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population	1.60
Number of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests per 100,000 Population	232.00
Percent Increase in Seatbelt/Child Restraint Citations	7.00
Driver Services	
Number of Driver's License/ID Cards Issued	604,249
Cost per License Document Produced	24.00
Number of Drivers Suspended	31,676
Number of Accident Reports Processed	1,653
Average Wait Time (Minutes)	20
Number of Documented Complaints	11
Percent Change in Wait Time	67.00
Percent Change in Complaints	10.00
Percent Increase in Regular & Commercial Driver Licenses Issued	10.00
Support Services	
Number of Financial Transactions Processed	40,200
Number of Employees Supported	1,300
Forensic Analysis	
Number of Reports Issued (Cases)	20,000
Number of Court Testimonies (Cases)	250
Cost per Case Analyzed	518.00

	Cost per Testimony	500.00
	Percent of Days for Reports Issued	40.00
Dna Analysis		
	Number of Known Felony Offender Samples in Database	139,000
	Number of Proficiency Samples	500
	Number of Casework Samples Examined	10,500
	Cost per Sample	650.00
	Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
Forensic Pathology		
	Number of Deaths Investigated	25,500
	Number of Autopsies Performed SME Office	1,375
	Cost per Autopsy Performed	2,000.00
	Percent Change in the Number of Deaths Investigated	2.50
	Percent of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	30.00
	Percent Change in the Number of Autopsies Performed at SME Office	2.00
Training Academy		
	Number of Basic Students to Graduate	240
	Number of Basic Refresher Students to Graduate	70
	Number of In-Service & Advanced Students to Graduate	2,600
	Percent of Law Enforcement Officers Trained	100.00
Drug Enforcement		
	Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1,575
	Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	1,350
	Number of Drug Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	12
	Percent Change in Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	0.50
	Percent Change in Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	0.50
	Percent Change in Number of Drug Orgs Disrupted and/or Dismantled	0.50
Jail Officer Training		
	Number of Jail & Youth Detention Officers Certified	300
	Number of Certification Transactions	3,300
	Number of Administrative Review Actions	15
	Percent of Appointed Jail & Youth Detention Officers Obtaining Certification	75.00
	Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken within One Year	3.00
Law Enforcement Training		
	Number of Basic Law Enforcement Officers Certified	500
	Number of Certification Transactions	2,500
	Number of Training Quality Monitoring Actions	1,000
	Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement Officers Obtaining Certification	90.00
	Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve, & Auxiliary Officers Obtaining Certification	85.00
	Percent of Administrative Disciplinary Actions Taken within One Year	3.50

Highway Safety	
Number of Federal Applications Funded & Statewide Pgms Supported	10
Percent Decrease in the Number of Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities by 5%	2.00
Percent Decrease in the Number of Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of .08 & Above	1.00
Justice	
Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention Alternatives	5
Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	4
Emerg Telecommunications Tng	
Number of Emergency Telecommunicators Certified	400
Number of Certification Transactions	1,600
Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Certification	75.00
Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Recertification	75.00
Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken within One Year	2.00
Council On Aging	
Number of Triad Programs Established	2
Number of Training Programs Conducted	0
Provide On-Site-Training	0
Percent Change in the Number of Operational Triad Programs	3.00
Percent Increase in Funding to Counties to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit	
Number of Facilities Inspected	125
Number of Strategic Plans Implemented	20
Percent of Admin Review Actions Taken within One Year	80.00
Homeland Security	
Number of OHS Grants for Jurisdictions	107
Number of First Responder Classes	136
Percent Increase in Emergency Task Force Responder Training & Exercises	2.00
Percent Increase in Citizen & Community Preparedness Training & Exercises	2.00
Percent Increase in Requests for Information	2.00
Percent Increase in National Incident Mgmt Training & Exercises	2.00
Investigations	
Number of Human Trafficking Cases Initiated	300
Number of Human Trafficking Arrests	55
Number of Human Trafficking Child Recoveries	20
Capitol Police	
Number of Patrols	45
Number of Emergencies (Medical, Weather, Active Shooter, etc.)	214
Average Time to Respond to an Emergency (minutes)	3

## Motor Carrier

Number of Compliance Reviews	49,803
Number of On-Site Examinations at Scales	22,677
Number of Trucks Weighed	5,721,069

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that all divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

SECTION 16. It is the direction of the Legislature that all Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) nonexempt sworn officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who are working one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle be compensated based on the annual salary established by the State Personnel Board for a one-hundred-sixty-hour per month schedule divided by two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143), for an hourly rate, to be multiplied by two thousand two hundred twenty-three (2,223) or one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day work cycle for a new annual salary. All hours worked over one hundred seventy-one (171) hours in a twenty-eight-day schedule shall be governed by the FLSA or other special compensation plan. All realignments after July 1, 2010, shall be calculated using this formula. This section shall be known as the "David R. Huggins Act."

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, Four Hundred Ninety-five Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$495,190.00) is appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of paying for eleven (11) hours of compensatory time at an hourly rate based on two thousand eighty-seven and one hundred forty-three one thousandths (2,087.143) hours per year for sworn officers who hold the rank of Lieutenant and above. The funds provided in this section to pay for the eleven (11) hours authorized in this section shall be expended only for this purpose.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2023.

SECTION 19. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to transfer any funds from any division within the Department of Public Safety to any other division of the Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2023. However, none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

SECTION 20. The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the provisions of House Bill 812, 2017 Regular Session, Section 1. Expenditures authorized by this section may include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Crime Stoppers Fund.....	\$ 99,003.00.
Adult Driver Training.....	\$ 75,794.00.
Information Exchange Network Fund.....	\$ 264,007.00.
Forensics Lab MS – MS Forensics Lab – Implied Consent Law Fund.....	\$ 404,795.00.
Forensics Lab Forensics Laboratory – DNA Identification Fund.....	\$ 629,543.00.
Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death Benefits Trust Fund.....	\$ 191,361.00.
Law Enforcement Standards Training – Law Enforcement Officers Training Fund.....	\$ 2,276,404.00.
Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement.....	\$ 13,573.00.
Federal – State Alcohol Program Fund.....	\$ 160,431.00.
MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund.....	\$ 197,691.00.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to House Bill No 571, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all victims recovered.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to House Bill 1283, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three dollars (\$242,603.00) is provided for the duties and operations associated with the Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for the upgrade of the Driver Services IDEMIA System.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$2,480,000.00), or so much thereof, shall

be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Public Safety for the capital facilities, equipment, and other operational needs.

SECTION 27. (1) Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Department of Public Safety \$ 15,535,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of completing capital projects at state-owned buildings or grounds, crime prevention due to the increase in crime, and operational expenditures necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

(6) Of the funds provided under this section, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is provided for the backlog of autopsies at the Mississippi Forensic Laboratory, which includes the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory and the Office of the State Medical Examiner.

SECTION 28. The department may subgrant a portion of the funds appropriated herein to the Jackson Police Department for eligible activities contingent

upon the execution of an operational agreement between the Capitol Police and Jackson Police Department on roles and responsibilities within the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

SECTION 29. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 2916, 2021 Regular Session to provide for repairs and renovations at the Department of Public Safety Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 169,885.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 30. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 2916, 2021 Regular Session to provide for Bullet Proof Vests Program at the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 93,750.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 31. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2017 and 2020 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Buford Plumbing	2019	\$ 1,095.00
Broadway Linen	2019	\$ 1,406.88
Kirk Auto World Inc. – DBA –		
Sunset Chrysler Dodge Jeep	2020	\$ 28,893.00
C-Spire	2017	\$ 22,704.87
C-Spire	2018	\$ 4,442.55

SECTION 32. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 33. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, except for Section 31 shall be enacted from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,

McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hale. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 340,447,794.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,030,867,271.00.

SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3325800000, for the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Alcorn State University	\$ 254,700.00.
Jackson State University	\$ 390,600.00.



Mississippi Valley State University       \$   254,700.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the amount of One Million Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$1,615,903.00) shall be derived from unexpended balances in the Ayers program funds provided for the purpose in prior-year appropriations enacted by The Mississippi Legislature. These funds are to be allocated as follows:

Jackson State University ..... \$   1,165,697.00.

Alcorn State University ..... \$       3,275.00.

Mississippi Valley State University       \$   446,931.00.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2) or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

The board of trustees shall ensure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

- (a) For Mississippi State University as interest  
on agricultural land script fund and  
interest on sale of university land, the

sum of   \$   14,387.00.

- (b) For the University of Mississippi as  
interest on original seminary fund, the

sum of   \$   32,643.00.

- (c) For the University of Mississippi as  
interest on 1904 land grant fund, the

sum of   \$    9,965.00.

- (d) For the University of Mississippi as  
interest on LaBauve Fund, the sum

of       \$    1,420.00.

- (e) For Mississippi University for Women  
as interest on funds paid into the  
State Treasury as proceeds of sale of  
land donated to the Industrial Institute  
and College by the United States

government, the sum of \$ 9,389.00.

(f) For Alcorn State University as interest  
on land script and land sales funds,

the sum of \$ 12,592.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following amount shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University,  
Delta State University, Jackson State University,  
Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for  
Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University  
of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi

for the sum of \$ 68,873,070.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 12. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

SECTION 15. No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

SECTION 16. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 17. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 18. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,221
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Fields of STEM, Health & Education	5,337
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Undergraduate Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment	20.10

Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per	
100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	44.20
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132
Research	
Number of Patents Obtained in Emerging	
Technologies	25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 20. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch \$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center \$ 485,000.00.

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center \$ 155,000.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intent of the Legislature that at the end of Fiscal Year 2023 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to Legislative appropriation.

SECTION 25. None of the State General Funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 26. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation \$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 29. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta Center for Culture and Learning \$ 100,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

SECTION 30. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program

\$ 90,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's university and college students to gain real-life experience working in Washington, D.C. The funding will provide scholarships at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations and Universities and Colleges Committees.

SECTION 31. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the DuBard School.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$266,750.00) is provided for the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology initiatives.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

SECTION 38. It is the intention of the Legislature that Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water or sewer service to any existing, privately-owned structures that presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to charge a flat or metered rate for the service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately-owned structures.

SECTION 39. Of the funds herein appropriated, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided to the Charter School Authorizer Board. Of this amount, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be provided in General Funds and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided in Special Funds from the Charter School Authorizer Board Fund - Fund No. 3001700000.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to Alcorn State University for STEM related programs as determined by the university.

SECTION 41. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much as necessary, shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology transfer

and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. It is the intent of the legislature that funds can be used for both research and upgrades to the physical space in order to perform research and entrepreneurship.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Forty-nine Million One Hundred Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$49,143,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated for the following purposes:

(a) Delta State University – Commercial Aviation Department to defray expenses related to the purchase of flight simulators, training equipment, and other capital improvements

\$ 2,478,000.00.

(b) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the operations of the Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics \$ 1,000,000.00.

(c) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the Healthcare Innovation Tech Hub Infrastructure, Biomedical Innovation, Nano-Bio Immuno Engineering Consortium (NIEC), Data Science and Artificial Intelligence \$ 15,000,000.00.

(d) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center \$ 10,000,000.00.

(e) Mississippi State University to defray the expenses related to the construction, furnishing, and equipping of the Kinesiology & Autism Building, High-Performance Computing Center and/or Ballew Hall \$ 12,000,000.00.

(f) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to the expansion of the nursing program

\$ 2,500,000.00.

(g) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related to the renovation and expansion of the Davey L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center \$ 3,000,000.00.

(h) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related to the operations of the Poultry Sciences Program

\$ 165,000.00.

(i) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related to the renovation of the Rose E. McCoy Auditorium

\$ 3,000,000.00.

SECTION 43. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 15,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University \$ 746,792.00.

Delta State University \$ 599,527.00.

Jackson State University \$ 1,294,884.00.

Mississippi State University (including  
the Forest and Wildlife Research Center  
and the Division of Agriculture,

Forestry and Veterinary Medicine) \$ 4,401,981.00.

Mississippi University for Women \$ 538,804.00.

Mississippi Valley State University \$ 654,339.00.

University of Mississippi \$ 4,063,186.00.

University of Southern Mississippi \$ 2,700,487.00.

Total \$ 15,000,000.00.

SECTION 44. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State

Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

Mississippi Valley State University

Emergency Roof Repair \$ 3,000,000.00.

University of Southern Mississippi Ocean

Enterprise – Gulfport \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 45. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in SB 2904, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,911,895.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Delta State University \$ 306,335.00.

Mississippi Valley State University \$ 688,116.00.

University of Southern Mississippi \$ 917,444.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 46. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 47. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 48. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker,

Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Arnold, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Owen, Williamson. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3003: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, the Stennis Institute of Government, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Small Business Development Center, Stennis Center for Higher Learning, the Commission for Volunteer Services, the State Court Education Program, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 36,377,544.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Mississippi Small Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for Higher Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the Commission for Volunteer Services, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 46,417,603.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 hereof, the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be

expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

(a) From State General Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for

the sum of \$ 4,528,758.00.

Supercomputer for the sum of \$ 644,348.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for

the sum of \$ 2,926,955.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for

the sum of \$ 355,037.00.

State Court Education Program for the

sum of \$ 1,882,974.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the

sum of \$ 861,178.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for

the sum of \$ 7,170,767.00.

Mississippi Polymer Institute for

the sum of \$ 865,161.00.

Mississippi Small Business Development

Center for the sum of \$ 307,684.00.

Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher

Learning for the sum of \$ 352,716.00.

Jackson State University Urban Research

Center for the sum of \$ 521,816.00.

Stennis Institute of Government for the

sum of \$ 758,384.00.

Commission for Volunteer Services for

the sum of \$ 1,020,753.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the

sum of \$ 8,220,312.00.

Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the

sum of \$ 351,676.00.

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the

sum of \$ 1,853,096.00.

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

for the sum of \$ 3,755,929.00.

(b) From Special Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for

the sum of \$ 142,782.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for the

sum of \$ 142,782.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for

the sum of \$ 662,186.00.

Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety

for the sum of \$ 1,856,286.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the

sum of \$ 1,344,830.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for

the sum of \$ 20,323,325.00.

Mississippi Small Business Development

Center for the sum of \$ 1,563,355.00.

Commission for Volunteer Services for

the sum of \$ 5,076,128.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the

sum of \$ 1,841,177.00.

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the

sum of \$ 503,441.00.

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

for the sum of \$ 12,961,311.00.



Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for Sea Grants matching for the Fiscal Year 2023.

Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea Grant match.

It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 if any charges for such services previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due. After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 and authorized for expenditure in Section 3(b), the following amounts shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....	\$ 142,782.00.
Center for Manufacturing Excellence.....	\$ 142,782.00.
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.....	\$ 142,782.00.
Executive Office of the Board of Trustees	

for the sum of \$ 402,396.00.

Total.....\$ 830,742.00.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature any institution not in compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the

University of Mississippi - State Court Education Program for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds for operational expenditures, as authorized in SB 2905, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 200,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

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

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

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, David Parker  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Currie, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, Newman, Owen, Williamson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Sanford. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 50,631,667.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law including funds used as federal matching funds for the GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship Program and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 9,500,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated in this act shall be paid to or for the benefit of any student who applies for the first time, subsequent to July 1, 2022, for assistance through the Southeast Asia POW/MIA Grant established under the provisions of Section 37-106-41, the Public Management Graduate Internship established under the provisions of Section 37-106-43, the State Medical Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-61, the State Dental Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-63, the Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-65, the Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-67, or the Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-69.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified applicants, for nine (9) new entering optometry students and the number of returning optometry students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year.

SECTION 5. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, among the student financial aid programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of Section 37-106-39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. All funds provided for in this act shall be accounted for in an annual report, which shall be submitted at the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days after the convening thereof. The report should detail for each grant, scholarship, or loan program the number of recipients, the total amount of awards made,

and the average award amount. The report shall include the number of students at each institution receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance. For loan programs, the report shall also include a summary of the repayment status and method of repayment for student cohorts as well as an accounting of the receipt of funds in repayment. Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-106-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, except where individual identifying information must be withheld pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC Section 1232g 34 CFR Part 99.

No public or private institution of higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans, shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any amount of repayment in arrears on the date such official transcript is requested.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is provided for the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness Program established under the provisions of Section 37-106-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

SECTION 11. Awards for the Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant Program, authorized by Section 37-106-75, shall be made to applicants meeting all program requirements and found to be in financial need according to the following definition:

(a) The family has one (1) child under the age of twenty-one (21), and the annual adjusted gross income of the family is less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00); or

(b) The family has annual adjusted gross income of less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) plus Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each additional child under the age of twenty-one (21).

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31 Mississippi Code of 1972. This amount shall be used for the William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr. Teacher Loan Repayment Program established in HB 1179, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31 Mississippi Code of 1972. This amount shall be used for the Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act established in HB 1313, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that no student should receive undergraduate grant aid through more than one state-supported undergraduate grant program in the same term of enrollment. If a student is eligible for aid through multiple grant programs, the student shall be awarded from the program that awards the larger sum.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that all students must demonstrate eligibility at the conclusion of each term during the regular academic year in order to continue to receive state-supported aid.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Beckett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 177,211,048.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,757,267,199.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Related Professions, the School of Population Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

SECTION 4. Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting qualified registered nurses.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been paid.

SECTION 6. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

- (a) Education activities or scholarships \$ 6,888,029.00.
- (b) Rural Physicians Scholarship Program \$ 340,000.00.
- (c) Rural Dentists Scholarship Program \$ 105,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) is hereby provided for

scholarships for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 776, 2013 Regular Session.

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

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$2,170,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 1465, 2007 Regular Session. Of this amount, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as described in Senate Bill 2524, 2019 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00) shall be derived from any special source funds collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is provided for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in House Bill 317, 2012 Regular Session.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that any cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of those divisions.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) shall be provided for the Child Health and Developmental Promotion (CHDP) Fellowship Program.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 55,000,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of constructing a new nursing school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 24. (1) Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 50,000,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of completing capital improvements to the patient care facilities and operating suites of the Adult Hospital at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 25. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Asylum Hill Project, as authorized in SB 2912, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 3,681,530.00.



Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 26. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, David Blount  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Beckett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Owen. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Byrd, Criswell, McLean, Mims. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

## 2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 362,878,248.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Corrections which is collected by or otherwise becomes available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 28,751,205.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended:

CENTRAL OFFICE

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 28,188,748.00
Special Funds	8,093,889.00
Total	\$ 36,282,637.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	188
Time-Limited:	8

FARMING OPERATIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 0.00
Special Funds	2,415,027.00
Total	\$ 2,415,027.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	8
Time-Limited:	0

PAROLE BOARD

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 770,161.00
Special Funds	0.00
Total	\$ 770,161.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	8
Time-Limited:	0

PRIVATE PRISONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$ 58,309,374.00
Special Funds	0.00
Total	\$ 58,309,374.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	0

MEDICAL SERVICES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds     \$ 78,288,021.00  
Special Funds       375,447.00  
Total     \$ 78,663,468.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       1  
Time-Limited:     2

REGIONAL FACILITIES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds     \$ 43,850,472.00  
Special Funds       0.00  
Total     \$ 43,850,472.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       0  
Time-Limited:     0

LOCAL CONFINEMENT

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds     \$ 10,064,537.00  
Special Funds       0.00  
Total     \$ 10,064,537.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       0  
Time-Limited:     0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds     \$ 28,210,513.00  
Special Funds       12,875,366.00  
Total     \$ 41,085,879.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       578  
Time-Limited:     83

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds     \$ 32,139,354.00  
Special Funds       1,446,839.00  
Total     \$ 33,586,193.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       635  
Time-Limited:     5

PARCHMAN

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds     \$ 34,963,207.00  
Special Funds       2,090,578.00  
Total     \$ 37,053,785.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:       701

Time-Limited: 9

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL**

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

**FUNDING:**

General Funds \$ 25,458,959.00

Special Funds 1,454,059.00

Total \$ 26,913,018.00

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent: 497

Time-Limited: 4

**Marshall County Correctional**

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

**FUNDING:**

General Funds \$ 11,429,406.00

Special Funds 0.00

Total \$ 11,429,406.00

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent: 153

Time-Limited: 0

**Walnut Grove Correctional**

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

**FUNDING:**

General Funds \$ 11,205,496.00

Special Funds 0.00

Total \$ 11,205,496.00

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent: 170

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the

funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer spending authority between and within budgets, both positions and funds, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2023 Target
Performance Measures	
General Administration	
Support as a Percent of Total Budget	10.30
Number of State Prisoners per 100,000	
Population (Includes Only Inmates	
Sentenced to More Than a Year)	585
Average Annual Incarceration Cost per Inmate	50.63
Percent of Offenders Returning to	
Incarceration within 3 Years of Release	36.00
Farming Operations	
Annual Income from Farm Sales	1,251,034.00
Parole Board	
Number of Inmates Paroled	5,275
Private Prisons	
Number of ABE Program Slots Available	510
Number of VOC-ED Program Slots Available	174
Number of A&D Program Slots Available	125
Medical Services	
Number of Inmate Days in a Hospital	5,130
Regional Facilities	
Number of ABE Program Slots Available	585
Number of VOC-ED Program Slots Available	700
Number of A&D Program Slots Available	445
Probation/parole	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months of	
Release to Field Supervision (%)	10.00
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months of	
Release to Field Supervision (%)	14.00
Community Work Centers	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months of	
Release (%)	10.30
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months of	
Release (%)	20.00
Restitution Centers	
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months (%)	16.80
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months (%)	35.50
Local Confinement	
Number of Inmates Housed in County Jails	
(Inmate Days)	503,327
Institutional Security	
Number of Assaults on Inmates per 100	
Inmates	20
Number of Assaults on Officers per 100	
Officers	31

Youthful Offender School		
Recidivism Rate within 12 Months of Release (%)		24.00
Recidivism Rate within 36 Months of Release (%)		50.00
Evidenced Based Intervention		
Recidivism Rate for Inmates who Complete the ABE Program (%)		20.20
Recidivism Rate for Inmates who Complete a Vocational Program (%)		19.00
Recidivism Rate for Inmates who Complete the A&D Program (%)		19.22
Percent of Offenders Possessing GED Certificate or High School Diploma at Time of Release		40.00
Percent of Offenders Obtaining Marketable Job Skills During Incarceration		6.48

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, none shall be expended for personnel housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections unless the department shall collect a reasonable rent, after a finding of fact as to what is a reasonable rent, and/or the cost of utilities furnished to said housing. The Department of Corrections shall not pay for the installation or monthly service of any telephone installed in a staff residence under its jurisdiction.

It is further the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane and cable services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, payment may be authorized for court-ordered attorney fees and any accrued interest subject to the approval of the Office of the Attorney General.

SECTION 8. None of the money herein appropriated shall be paid to any person who by the provision of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, is prohibited from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The State Department of Finance and Administration shall at least annually make a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review and to the Attorney General stating the name of any person prohibited under the provisions of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections who has during the preceding year received any money herein appropriated. In the event that any such person prohibited as hereinabove provided from receiving funds herein appropriated should receive any of said funds, the Attorney General shall immediately commence action to recover the monies so paid to said person and to enjoin the further employment of said person at the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 9. It is the intent of the Legislature that all prisoners at Parchman shall work a minimum of eight (8) hours per day, excluding prisoners with a physical disability or those incarcerated in maximum security.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the per diem rates paid to regional facilities shall not exceed Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00) per inmate. All regional facilities shall continue to receive the annual three percent (3%) increase in the per diem rate as authorized in Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972, however, in no event shall any regional facility's per diem rate exceed Thirty-one Dollars (\$31.00) per inmate.

SECTION 11. The department or its contracted medical provider will pay to a provider of a medical service for any and all incarcerated persons from a correctional or detention facility an amount based upon negotiated fees as agreed to by the medical care service providers and the department and/or its contracted medical provider. In the absence of a negotiated discounted fee schedule, medical care service providers will be paid by the department or its contracted medical service provider an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. This limitation applies to all medical care services, durable and nondurable goods, prescription drugs and medications provided to any and all incarcerated persons outside of the correctional or detention facility. None of the monies appropriated herein may be used to pay for cosmetic medical procedures for any prisoner. Cosmetic medical procedure means any medical procedure performed in order to change an individual's appearance without significantly serving to prevent or treat illness or disease or to promote proper functioning of the body.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Corrections. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Welfare Fund be placed in a treasury fund effective July 1, 2022. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Welfare Fund. Of these funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be used to provide for transitional housing and post release reentry programs.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund be placed in a treasury fund effective July 1, 2022. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund. The following funds shall be utilized to pay inmates who are participants in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program as created House Bill 920, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Mississippi Department of Corrections to manage funds budgeted and allocated. In so doing, the commissioner of the department shall have the authority to amend, extend and/or renew the term of any lease agreement or any inmate housing agreement in connection with a correctional facility. Notwithstanding any statutory limits to the contrary, such amendment, extension and/or renewal may be for a length of time up to and including ten (10) years as is necessary for the continued operations of such facilities and implementation of the department's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Title 47 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

SECTION 18. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature that upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors of any county housing offenders in county jails pending a probation or parole revocation hearing, the department shall pay the reimbursement costs as provided for in Section 47-5-901(3)(b), Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 585, 2014 Regular Session.

SECTION 19. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature, that for Fiscal Year 2023, the Department of Corrections shall reimburse municipalities, up to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) a day, for the cost incurred of housing inmates in any jail facility based on time served for the conviction of larceny, shoplifting, or related convictions where the value of the property taken is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more but is equal to or less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). A copy of the court abstract of record and the jail docket shall be provided to show the total number of days an individual was incarcerated in said jail facility. The reimbursement shall be payable back to the municipality upon receipt of required documentation and an invoice. Total reimbursements resulting from this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-one Dollars (\$510,261.00) shall be allocated to Victim's Notification Programs supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Mississippi Department of Corrections for technology, equipment, and training in order to integrate, analyze, and visualize data ranging from law enforcement intelligence to administrative filings.

SECTION 23. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Corrections is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2018 through 2020 as follows:

Vendor	Amount	Fiscal Year
Sharkey Issaquena Hospital	2018	\$3,700.22
Sharkey Issaquena Hospital	2019	\$3,427.47
Sharkey Issaquena Hospital	2020	\$11,909.16

SECTION 24. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Corrections is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2020 through 2021 for the payment of medical services to CoreCivic for an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Forty-one Dollars and Seventy-four Cents (\$350,441.74) or an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate for these services.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, except for Section 23 shall be enacted from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.



CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Kevin Horan, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Scott. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 6,116,874.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community College Board, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of

the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 149,179,989.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the regulation and administration of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....

.....\$ 574,386.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 52

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work Force Carryover Fund as created by House Bill No. 1271, 1995 Regular Session.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, funds in the amount of Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) are appropriated for the Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in this section. All industrial training program commitments made in Fiscal Year 2023 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon funds available in this section and any proposed commitments shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or the Executive Director's designee prior to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program commitments shall be made and based only upon training services provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations made July 1, 2022, or after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to this date.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall be utilized exclusively by the Mississippi Community College Board for workforce training in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2027, 2010 Regular Session. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2024 Workforce Education Program.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College and funds in the amount of Two Million One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,144,914.00) shall be transferred from the Community and Junior College Education Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying

the costs of the Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online Training Program and the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the Mississippi Community College Board, in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2626, 2002 Regular Session.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Greenville Higher Education Center.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Thirty Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$30,700,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be expended by the Mississippi Community College Board in programmatic collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development for the purpose of Construction (including land acquisition) and/or repair, equipment upgrades and renovation projects associated with Career & Technical Education (CTE) Centers in the following school districts and Community Colleges:

Long Beach School District	\$ 5,500,000.00.
Jackson County School District	\$ 6,000,000.00.
Lauderdale County Public School District	\$ 8,000,000.00.
New Albany School District	\$ 2,000,000.00.
Itawamba County School District	\$ 2,000,000.00.
Mississippi Delta Community College (Greenville)	\$ 2,700,000.00.
Itawamba Community College	\$ 2,500,000.00.
Lafayette County School Oxford School District	\$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty-two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following purposes:

Hinds Community College Nursing School	\$ 8,000,000.00.
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Jones Community College Nursing School       \$ 2,000,000.00.  
Holmes Community College Nursing School       \$ 6,000,000.00.  
Northwest Community College dormitory\$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Hillman Terome Frazier, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Massengill, Morgan, Newman, Wright. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Barton called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 157,581,404.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated, for the aid and support of public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 49,884,946.00.

SECTION 3. The funds appropriated in this act for the aid and support of the public and community junior colleges shall be apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

FTE	Formula Section	Formula
	(a) Aid to Colleges:	
	Base	
15% prior year		
appropriation		
	Academic	1.0
	Technical	1.0
	MSVCC Shared Host	.75
	MSVCC Shared Provider	.25
(b) Career		1.0
(c) Associate Degree		
	Nursing	1.19
(d) Associate Degree		
	Allied Health	1.19

Academic, Technical, Career, Associate Degree Nursing and Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public community and junior college student actually enrolled and in attendance the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay purposes.

Mississippi Virtual Community College (MSVCC) shared hosted and provided courses may qualify for incentive funding on the basis of the prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of MSVCC shared hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters. In addition, all provider MSVCC semester credit hours will be included in either the academic, technical or career sections of the formula at a weight of one (1.0).

The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall certify the number to the Mississippi Community College Board.

If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided for in this section, the Mississippi Community College Board shall find and determine that any such

public or community junior college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2022, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that event, the Mississippi Community College Board is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to any one (1) public community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state-appropriated funds received by such public community or junior college during the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and distribution of funds is made.

SECTION 4. No part of the amount herein appropriated shall be used by the Mississippi Community College Board for administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the extent authorized in the act making an appropriation for the expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 5. The funds disbursed under the provisions of this act shall be accounted for through the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 6. The following public community and junior colleges which qualify shall participate in the funds provided by Sections 1 and 2 of this act:

Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any public community and junior college employee who is serving as a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the aid of the public community and junior colleges, to fund life and health insurance, for all employees of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
June 30, 2023       \$ 26,943,342.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Any funds appropriated in this section which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 9. In addition to funds appropriated in Section 8, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Insurance Carryover Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college employees, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023       \$ 400,000.00.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of Workforce and Economic Development Support, including the operation of the Workforce Development Centers and Advanced Training Centers, providing start-up costs for new career and technical programs, and providing the necessary funding to replace outdated and obsolete equipment for existing career and technical programs at each of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending  
June 30, 2023       \$ 6,750,000.00.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of Sign

Language Interpreter Training at the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 179,050.00.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community and junior colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending

June 30, 2023 \$ 7,099,160.00.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community and junior colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 2,900,840.00.

SECTION 14. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of enrollment, as set out in Section 37-155-5(d)(iii), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures Instruction	FY2023 Target
Number of Total Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	31.29
Number of Associate Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	17.11
Number of Associate of Applied Science Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	7.00
Number of Certificates Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment (%)	9.50
Percent of First-Time Entering, Part-Time Degree- Seeking Students (Fall) who Earned 24 Credit Hours by the End of Year Two	18.50
Percent of First-Time Entering, Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students (Fall) who Earned 42 Credit Hours by the End of Year Two	46.82
Percent of Associate Degree Nursing & Practical Nursing Licensure Exam Pass Rates	42.51
Percent of Total Student Success, Which Includes Graduates, Transfers, & Retention (Those Still Enrolled)	80.78
Percent of Graduates	33.50
Percent of Transfers	20.78
Percent of Retention	8.34
Percent of Students Enrolled in Career/ Technical & Health Science Graduates	23.50
Percent of In-State Job Placements of Career/ Technical & Health Science Graduates	90.10
Percent of Developmental English	

Students (Unduplicated Headcount) who Enrolled in English Composition I who Successfully Completed English Composition I During the Academic Year	51.50
Percent of Developmental Math Students (Unduplicated Headcount) who Enrolled in College Algebra who Successfully Completed College Algebra During the Academic Year	38.30
Number of High School Equivalencies Awarded	2,320

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health Programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 2,556,922.00.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of continuing the dropout recovery initiative based on a successful program administered through the adult basic education program with the Mississippi Community College Board and to enroll low-skill adults in career pathways that combine high school equivalency, skills training and workforce credentials in an intensive program that produces adults who can compete for jobs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 3,000,000.00.

Of the funds provided in this section, one-half (1/2) shall be allocated equally and the remaining one-half (1/2) shall be allocated on the basis of the prior year headcount enrollment in Adult Education, MIBEST or other career pathway programs.

The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Office a comprehensive report on the number of dropouts that have enrolled in a High School Equivalency and/or career program for each community and junior college during Fiscal Year 2022 on, or before, August 1, 2023.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the support of community and junior colleges shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 21. The following sum, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Career and Technical Advantage Program which will provide start-up costs for new career and technical programs,



expansion of existing career and technical programs, and infrastructure for career and technical program equipment, lab upgrades, and renovations to sustain the programs at public community colleges. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds appropriated in this section shall be distributed evenly to each community college and the remaining eighty-five percent (85%) of the funds shall be distributed on the basis of prior year career and technical full-time equivalency (FTE) hours generated during the summer, fall, and spring semesters for each public community college.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 23. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the public community and junior colleges, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 10,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the public community and junior colleges as allocated herein:

Coahoma Community College	\$ 314,264.00.
Copiah- Lincoln Community College	\$ 460,254.00.
East Central Community College	\$ 336,320.00.
East Mississippi Community College	\$ 533,725.00.
Hinds Community College	\$ 1,615,789.00.
Holmes Community College	\$ 734,015.00.
Itawamba Community College	\$ 760,710.00.
Jones Junior College	\$ 676,327.00.
Meridian Community College	\$ 422,691.00.
Mississippi Delta Community College	\$ 372,587.00.
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	\$ 1,292,212.00.
Northeast Mississippi Community College	\$ 584,522.00.
Northwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 869,579.00.
Pearl River Community College	\$ 712,434.00.
Southwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 314,571.00.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF  
THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Hillman Terome Frazier, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Barton the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Lamar. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1599: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 10,964,532.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 22,613,642.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

#### AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	155
Time-Limited:	Full Time	8

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed

Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the maximum amount allowable for services rendered, consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund as created in House Bill No. 1082, Regular Session of 1999, to help support the preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by the Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar

preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 45,748.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1386, 2021 Regular Session to provide for the de la Pointe-Krebs House for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 220,820.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 14. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 8,000,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide for repair, renovation, and construction projects undertaken by the Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 15. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 2,500.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide for the Governor's Portrait.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1386, 2021 Regular Session to provide for Beauvoir, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 100,000.00. Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 17. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund, for the purpose of making grants to

nonprofit organizations as defined in Senate Bill 2834, 2021 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 3,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. It is the intent of the Legislature that following projects be funded from any funds available in the Historic Site Preservation Fund as established in Senate Bill 2834, 2021 Regular Session: Chambliss Shoe Hospital in Hinds County; Champion Hill Farms Tract (Champion Hill Battlefield) in Hinds County; the Oswald Site in Jackson County; and Railroad Redoubt (Vicksburg Battlefield) in Warren County.

SECTION 20. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Archives and History is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2019 through 2022 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
City of Jackson, Mississippi	2020/2021	\$ 1,748.72
City of Jackson, Mississippi	2020/2021/2022	\$ 1,851.20
City of Jackson, Mississippi	2019/2020/2021/2022	\$ 4,159.09

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Timmy Ladner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Robert L. Jackson

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Turner. Total--4.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1600: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 343,885,004.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 82,559,501.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state, as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 18,967,201.00.

(d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....  
\$ 2,117,035,934.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,562,447,640.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 2,011,437,273.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 22,693,254.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program \$ 265,112,197.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING \$ 2,299,242,724.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing vision safety services.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for the following purposes:

Literacy Initiative and Assessment.....	\$ 6,805,774.00
Educable Child .....	\$ 7,000,000.00
Grants to school districts for	
capital facilities and buses .....	\$ 16,000,000.00
Instructional materials.....	\$ 25,000,000.00
Students with Special Needs .....	\$ 1,800,000.00
Implementing Performance-Based Data	
Collection and Accreditation	
Model.....	\$ 274,937.00
Testing \$ 6,125,670.00	
Mississippi School for Math and	
Science.....	\$ 275,000.00
Mississippi School for Fine Arts. ....	\$ 475,000.00
Early Learning Collaboratives .....	\$ 16,210,526.00
Other Early Learning Programs .....	\$ 20,000,000.00
Early Learning Coaches .....	\$ 3,251,533.00
Math Coaches .....	\$ 5,000,000.00
WorkKeys.....	\$ 1,000,000.00

Advanced Placement, Dual Credits,  
International Baccalaureate,

Cambridge Diploma Endorsements \$ 300,000.00

Vocational Technical Grants .....

Mississippi School for the Deaf

and Blind .....

Educational Facilities Revolving

Loan Fund \$ 20,000,000.00

TOTAL \$ 131,875,477.00

(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division

\$ 6,637,258.00.

(c) To the State Department of Education to provide funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program

\$ 245,112,197.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized for the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: Full Time 368

Time-Limited: Full Time 160

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual

personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2023 Target
Performance Measures	
Special Education	
Number of Special Education Teachers (FTE)	6,188
Number of Gifted Education Teachers	805
Percent Increase of Children with	
Disabilities in General Education Early	
Childhood Programs while Decreasing the	
Percent in Self-Contained Special	
Education Early Childhood Classrooms	76.00
General Administration	
Total Dollars Spent on General	
Administration	26,532,257.00
Percent of Total Budget Spent on General	
Administration	18.58
Create a Public-Facing Data System for	
All Stakeholders (%)	100.00
Create a User-Friendly Website for the	
Public & School Districts to Access Data	
to Make Decisions (%)	100.00
Create a Roadmap to Improve the	
Mississippi Student Information System	
(%)	100.00
Number of Research Results Published to	
Support Improved Student Outcomes &	
Teacher Effectiveness	9
Graduation & Career Readiness	
Percent Increase of Students Graduating	
from High School Ready for College or	
Career in Each Subgroup	88.00



Early Childhood Education	
Percent Increase of Kindergarten	
Students Achieving End-Of-Year Target	
Score on Kindergarten Readiness	
Post-Test	68.88
Percent Increase of Early Learning	
Collaborative Sites Meeting Required	
Rate of Readiness	95.00
Number of Students Enrolled in Title I	
or Locally Funded Pre-K Classes	8,022
Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
Are High Poverty (%)	80.00
Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced &	
Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That	
Are High Minority (%)	31.00
Percent Increase of Districts Reporting	
Professional Growth System (PGS) Ratings	
for Teachers & Leaders	51.08
Percent Increase of Teacher Candidates	
Passing Licensure Exams on the First	
Attempt	25.00
Increase the Number of Licensed, Diverse	
Teachers & Leaders	24
Elementary Education	
Percent Increase of Students who Pass	
the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment at the	
First Administration in Each Subgroup	80.00
Secondary Education	
Increase the Number of Students	
Participating in & Passing Advanced	
Placement (AP), International	
Baccalaureate (IB) & Cambridge Exams in	
Each Subgroup	37.00
Percent Increase of Students Ready for	
College as Measured by Meeting ACT	
Benchmarks in Each	
Content Area (Public School Class Data,	
Grade 11)	11.00
Assessment & Development	
Increase the Percent of Students	
Proficient (Levels 4-5) on Statewide	
Assessments (Grades 3-8 & High School	
Composite) in Each Subgroup	50.07
Decrease the Percent of Students Scoring	
Levels 1-3 on Statewide Assessments in	
Each Subgroup	49.93
Increase Percent of Pre-Kindergarten	
Students in Public Schools Attaining	
Kindergarten Readiness on the Pre-K	
End-Of-Year Assessment	72.00
School Performance	
Percent of Schools Rated "C" or Higher	77.00
Percent of Districts Rated "C" or Higher	72.90
Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	
on Statewide ELA Assessments in Each	
Subgroup	65.63
Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth	

on Statewide Math Assessments in Each Subgroup	64.43
Percent of Students Participating in Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	50.00
Percent of Students Passing Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	98.00
Increase the Growth of D & F Districts Demonstrating Growth, by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	76.00
Increase the Growth of D & F Schools by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	70.00
Increase the Growth of Districts of Transformation by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
Increase the Growth of Schools Under Districts of Transformation by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
Decrease the Number of High Schools Rated D or F	55

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 7. No school district shall expend any funds, received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has specifically identified the amount of the grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ less as a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent:	Full Time	48
Time-Limited:	Full Time	5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within

this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of vocational and technical education programs as authorized in Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 13. The State Department of Education shall transfer the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure, for the following:

Detention Centers	\$ 1,275,000.00.	
Dubard School	\$ 650,000.00.	
Dyslexia Program	\$ 225,000.00.	
Jobs for MS Graduates, Inc.	\$ 600,000.00.	
Amplify Data Coaching	\$ 1,100,000.00.	
Magnolia Speech School	\$ 1,000,000.00.	
Principal Corp	\$ 200,000.00.	
Sight Savers	\$ 375,000.00.	
Teach for America	\$ 1,250,000.00.	
Teacher Corp	\$ 200,000.00.	
Children's Center for Comm & Develop	\$ 750,000.00.	
Vision Screening Research	\$ 225,000.00.	
Algebra Nation	\$ 1,100,000.00.	
Save the Children	\$ 75,000.00	
Mississippi Construction Education Program		\$ 212,500.00.
T. K. Martin Center	\$ 75,000.00.	
JumpStart Act	\$ 250,000.00.	
Mastery Prep	\$ 200,000.00.	
Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia		\$ 200,000.00.
Arts for All Mississippi	\$ 40,000.00.	
Total	\$ 10,002,500.00.	

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds provided for Other Early Learning Programs in Section 4(a), Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) is included for the Mississippi Department of Education to provide grant opportunities for Other Early Learning Programs through public schools including other public school preschool programs not participating in Early Learning Collaboratives.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education. All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or College and Career Standards.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used for computer science programs development and teacher training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including both academic and career and technical education programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career Standards.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that computer science courses may be taught by certified teacher or for elementary level classes, computer science courses may be taught by teachers who are trained by the district in computer science instruction.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the base student cost in Fiscal Year 2023 shall be Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$6,532.20).

SECTION 19. With the funds provided in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification. Of this amount, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be used for the World Class Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers seeking National Board Certification.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 4(a) not less than Fifteen Million Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$15,058,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include only those billable days funded through appropriation of state funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 24. The public school districts of the state are authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for this purpose.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Six Million Three Hundred Twenty-one Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$6,321,927.00) shall be used for the Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

SECTION 28. The State Department of Education shall contract with a Certified Public Accountant to calculate components of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program to include the base student cost, school district allocations, total program cost, add-on programs, and any other required components of Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The contractor shall be responsible for calculating the estimates of these components due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor by August 1 and the final estimates due to the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor no later than January 2. A report detailing the funding of this contract shall be submitted by the State Department of Education to the Legislature no later than January 30, 2023.

SECTION 29. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

SECTION 30. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of providing funds to school districts through the Emergency Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. The school districts receiving these loans shall repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the loan on or before June 30, 2023.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the Board of Health no later than December 31, 2022.

SECTION 33. Any school district receiving funds through Save the Children may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of the program.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in

Schools (MCOPS) grant program. A portion of these funds not to exceed three percent (3%) may be used for training and administrative costs related to oversight and auditing of the program.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 2(a), Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2023 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section 37-21-51.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Six Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Eighty-nine Dollars (\$2,687,089.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the Arts and Three Million Nine Hundred Thirty-three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$3,933,383.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts, One Million Three Hundred Forty-three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$1,343,544.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10, 2022, and One Million Three Hundred Forty-three Thousand Five Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$1,343,545.00) shall be paid no later than January 10, 2023. All funds appropriated from Section 4(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind and Deaf: Ten Million Thirty Thousand Sixty-seven Dollars (\$10,030,067.00) from Section 1(a), One Million Three Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Thirty-seven Dollars (\$1,357,037.00) from Section 4(a), and Two Million Three Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,309,725.00) from Section 2(a).

SECTION 41. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Four Million Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$4,680,414.00) is authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and 1(b), an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Forty-five Million Seventy-five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$245,075,259.00) shall be allocated for the purpose of providing funds to each public school district in the state as prescribed in the Minimum Salary Schedules in Section 37-19-7 and 37-21-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the 2022-2023 school year, and school years thereafter.

SECTION 43. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Fund, as authorized in HB 1387, 2021 Regular Session to provide for agency operations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 2,350,000.00. Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 44. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Fund, as authorized in HB 1387, 2021 Regular Session, to provide upgrades for the Mississippi Student Information System for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 45. The money appropriated in this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 46. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

SECTION 47. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1601: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 4,463,984.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 10,216,280.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

## AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	86
Time-Limited:	Full Time	9

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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



Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of educational and instructional, professional growth, and public service programs, with the production of new films and programs to be secondary thereto.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Content Operations	
Number of Locally Produced TV Programs	150
Number of Locally Produced Radio Programs	1,092
Number of Monthly Average Number of Web Site Users	4,500
Number of New Programs Produced & Broadcast Related to Fit to Eat Programming	13
Percent Increase in Visitors Viewing the Healthy Living Related Items on MPB Site	31.00
Percent of Radio Broadcasts & TV Alerts During Times of Emergency	100.00
Education Services	
Percent Increase in Users Using MPB Education Online Resources for Pre-K Children & Families	15.00
Number of Students Served by the Digital Education Network (DEN) Classroom	2,000
Number of School Districts Participating	

in the DEN Classroom	30
Number of Teachers Taking e-Learning Courses	1,200
Number of Teacher Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Provided by e-Learning Courses Offered	400
Percent Increase of Visitors to the MPB Education Website	20.00
Number of Rotary Clubs Sponsoring with MPB	20
Number of Early Childhood Educators Attending MPB Resource Workshops Involving PBS & MPB Programs/Content	250
Number of Childcare Centers Using PBS Content	30
Number of Parents Participating in Parents Are Teachers Too (PATT) Initiative	300
Technical Services	
Number of Transmitters On Air	8
On-Air Reliability (%)	99.95
Number of IT Help Desk Orders Filled	600
Administration	
Number of Community Engagements/Outreach Events Including Virtual Engagements	125
Number of State Agency Partners	40
New Grant Dollars Acquired	75,000.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for tower maintenance and upgrades \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for Digitalization of 49 Years of Educational Content and Mississippi History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 700,000.00.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are derived from the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of producing a documentary about Medgar Evers by the Educational Television Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 350,000.00.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Educational Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as authorized in HB 1388, 2021 Regular Session to provide for

tower maintenance and upgrades for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,500,000.00

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 16. Mississippi Authority for Educational Television is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR  
EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Calvert, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Kinkade, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Sanford, Smith, Tullos, Turner, Williamson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Morgan, Rushing. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 4,682,866.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the agency, for the support and maintenance of the agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 33,230,513.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 113

Time-Limited: 69

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 585,056.00.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Fund Nos. 3725, 3728, 372U, 3729, 37AH, 6820174300, and 58202 for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 361,806,571.00.

SECTION 6. The funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this act are provided to defray certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs resulting from, but not being limited to, the following:

1604	Hurricane Katrina
4175	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - Cities of Louisville & Tupelo
-	Hazard Mitigation
-	Other Needs Assistance
-	Mississippi Temporary Housing Program
-	Pre-Disaster Response
-	Emergency Preparedness Programs
4429	Feb 22-March 29, 2019 Flooding
4450	Severe Weather April 13, 2019
4470	Severe Weather October 26, 2019
4478	Severe Weather January 10-11, 2020
4528	Coronavirus Pandemic
4536	Severe Weather April 12, 2020 Easter Tornadoes
4538	Flooding Feb 10-18, 2020 (Pearl River Flood)
4248	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - North Mississippi/Holly Springs
4268	Delta Flooding
4295	Pine Belt Tornado/Flooding
4314	Severe Storms, Flooding in Adams, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Holmes, Jefferson, Montgomery, Webster & Yazoo Counties
4350	Hurricane Nate
4415	Severe Storms, Flooding & Tornado in Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Marion, Newton, Perry & Wayne Counties
4551	Severe Weather April 22-23, 2020
3544	Hurricane Sally
3548	Hurricane Delta
4576	Hurricane Zeta

## 4598 2021 Winter Storm

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated in Section 4 shall be used to establish a special reserve fund in the State Treasury for disaster relief except as provided for in Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency may, upon the request of a local public emergency management organization in an area which has suffered a natural disaster, supply equipment to rural water associations to enable their continued operation when the local emergency management organization determines that such private entities provide services essential to the welfare of the community.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall provide enhanced training to local governments, supervisors, mayors, civil defense groups and municipal associations in disaster management.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 11. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Emergency Mgmt Preparedness	
Percent of the Affected Population Informed	100.00
Average Time to Deliver Goods & Services (Hrs)	24
Recovery	
Number of Ongoing Projects	1,200
Number of Meetings Conducted	3,500
Average Cost per Project	20,000,000.00
Percent of Recovery Objectives Complete	100.00
Mitigation	
Number of Workshops Conducted	14
Number of Ongoing Projects	140
Average Cost per Project	50,000.00
Percent Reduction in Damage Due to Natural & Man-Made Incidents	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall have authority to transfer not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any general or special fund treasury fund and major object budget category to another special or general fund treasury fund and major object budget category accordingly under the control of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit a notification and summary of all state support funding on all disasters that require general funds or state support special funds to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that from any funds appropriated in this act, the agency shall maintain a minimum of nine (9) Area Coordinators to provide daily assistance to local jurisdictions with emergency management activities as well as to provide quicker response to incidents and/or disasters. In addition, it is the intent of the Legislature that these Area Coordinators shall reside in or within fifty (50) miles of their assigned districts.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 5, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided as a deposit to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Disaster Trust Fund.

SECTION 17. (1) Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency \$3,170,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of defraying eligible expenses in connection with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(5) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the

ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses for vehicle purchases, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2917, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 75,500.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is hereby authorized to pay invoices submitted by eTech Channel for reimbursement for prior fiscal year commodities in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00).

SECTION 20. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act shall be under the direction of the Governor and shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE FUND AND DEFRAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, John A. Polk  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60



Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 22,024,526.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority or the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 94,232,101.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 213  
Time-Limited: 56

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Global Business	
Number of National Recruitment Contacts	1,000
Number of International Investment Contracts	1,800
Number of International Trade Contracts	1,000
Number of Qualified National Prospects	225
Return on Investment (ROI)	10.00
Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
Minority & Small Business Dev	
Number of Minority & Small Business Contacts	8,000
Number of Minority Business	
Certification Applications Processed	190
Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged	
Contacts	2,300
State Contracting with Minority Business (\$)	45,000,000.00
Financial Resources	
Number of Requests for Financing or	
Incentives	225
Existing Industry & Business	
Number of Interactions with Interested	
Businesses	2,500
Number of Qualified Contacts	750
Number of Expansions	30
Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000
Energy	
Number of Energy Efficiency & Renewable	
Energy Direct Contacts	12,000
Community Services	
Awarded Grants & Loans for Community &	
Economic Development (\$)	50,000,000.00
Number of Grants & Loans Awarded	100
Support Services	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
Tourism	
Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	37,875
Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	6.67
Welcome Centers	
Number of Tourists Registered	2,448,600

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for Fiscal Year 2023, and shall not be expended for any type of cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development Awards.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Areas.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall submit a notification of any General Fund Transfers out of the major category Subsidies into any other major categories to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twenty Thousand Twenty-five Dollars (\$20,025.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to Innovate Mississippi.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) is provided for the Energy High School Academy, established by Senate Bill No. 2928, 2019 Regular Session.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Book Festival.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided to the Mississippi Main Street Association for statewide support and operations.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds are provided for administrative expenses at the Mississippi Development Authority as outlined in Section 57-119-7, Mississippi Code of 1972. The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports on the status of these projects to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such related information on each project's expenditures with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate Bill No. 2951, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 356,608.00

These funds are provided for administrative expenses at the Mississippi Development Authority as outlined in Section 57-119-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Notwithstanding, the amounts reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Skills Foundation of Mississippi.

SECTION 22. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Air Service Development Act, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2951, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 246,431.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) shall be provided to the Mississippi Ports Improvement Fund.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that materially affects the operations of such park.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as created in Section 57-119-1 Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi Development Authority. These funds are provided for projects as outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, for assistance to local units of government, non-governmental organizations, institutions of higher learning, community colleges, ports, airports, public-private partnerships, private for-profit entities, private nonprofit entities and

local economic development entities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 37,857,356.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

- (a) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for the completion of the second and final phase of a mixed-use, downtown redevelopment project, including public use components, so as to leverage public and private investment \$ 8,000,000.00
- (b) To assist the City of Pass Christian with the Water Front Redevelopment Plan \$ 3,000,000.00
- (c) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the City of Pascagoula Rail Line Development Plan \$ 3,061,356.00
- (d) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Popp's Ferry Extension Project \$ 3,000,000.00
- (e) To assist the City of Waveland with the Waveland Marina Phase I \$ 2,000,000.00
- (f) To assist the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority with City of Ocean Springs Projects \$ 2,000,000.00
- (g) To assist the City of Moss Point with Moss Point's Magnificent Mile 2.0 \$ 2,000,000.00
- (h) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with the Technology Park at Stennis Airport Phase I \$ 2,000,000.00
- (i) To assist the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors with the Pearl River County Industrial Park Project \$ 1,600,000.00
- (j) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration \$ 1,000,000.00
- (k) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the City Public Safety Complex \$ 1,000,000.00
- (l) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with continued development of the Mississippi Cyber Center Project \$ 1,000,000.00
- (m) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Commerce District Transportation \$ 900,000.00
- (n) To assist Stone County with the Heritage Spring Water Project \$ 600,000.00
- (o) To assist the Ocean Springs Collective with Ocean Springs Collective Projects \$ 400,000.00
- (p) To assist the Mississippi Export Railroad with Mississippi Export Projects \$ 3,500,000.00
- (q) To assist the Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation and JDLE, LLC with the Downtown Redevelopment of Barq's and Kress Buildings on Howard Avenue \$ 2,000,000.00
- (r) To assist the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic Foundation with the Rapiscan Systems Classic Tournament \$ 796,000.00

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2951, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$52,793,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amounts reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

(a) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with the design and construction of the Mississippi Cyber Center	\$ 13,500,000.00
(b) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi Ocean Enterprise	\$ 4,500,000.00
(c) To assist the Stone County Board of Supervisors with the Piney Wood Pellet Mill road, rail and bypass	\$ 2,500,000.00
(d) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for Phase I of a planned 3-phase project of downtown redevelopment to be used on a public use project so as to leverage public and private investment.	\$ 2,500,000.00
(e) To assist the City of Ocean Springs and the OHOS Development LLC with a Public/Private Development.	\$ 6,000,000.00
(f) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment with downtown revitalization project.	\$ 3,000,000.00
(g) To assist Long Beach High School with the Long Beach High School Career and Technical Education Center.	\$ 2,500,000.00
(h) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Town Center District – Commercial District Project	\$ 2,000,000.00
(i) To assist Stone County School District with the Stone County High School Career and Technical Education Center.	\$ 3,200,000.00
(j) To assist Hancock County Port and Harbor Assault Landing Strip.	\$ 2,500,000.00
(k) To assist the City of Gulfport with flood control and/or drainage for the Forest Heights Project.	\$ 2,100,000.00
(l) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Interstate 10 Frontage Roads, North and South	\$ 2,000,000.00
(m) To assist the City of Picayune with the Friendship Park Revitalization Project	\$ 1,900,000.00
(n) To assist Pearl River Community College PRCC Aviation Aerospace Academy	\$ 1,900,000.00
(o) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Court Street Parking facility, expansion and improvements.	\$ 1,000,000.00
(p) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum with Phase 3 and Phase 4	\$ 636,000.00
(q) To assist the City of Lucedale with Ventura Drive Improvements	\$ 577,000.00
(r) To assist George County with the Scott Road Project, widening and infrastructure	\$ 480,000.00

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2951,

2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$49,925,069.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for projects recommended by the department and projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

- (a) To assist Power Dynamics Innovations, LLC with Equipment and Facility Upgrades \$ 1,550,000.00
- (b) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Old Town Police Department \$ 1,000,000.00
- (c) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with the Old Town Depot Revitalization District \$ 1,500,000.00
- (d) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Commercial District Transformation Project \$ 1,500,000.00
- (e) To assist the Stone County School District with the Stone County High School Career and Technical Education Center \$ 3,144,128.00
- (f) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Phase I \$ 6,305,093.00
- (g) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum Creative Complex Phase I and begin Phase II \$ 515,957.00
- (h) To assist the City of Ocean Springs and the OHOS Development LLC with a Public/Private Development \$ 2,000,000.00
- (i) To assist the Gulfport School with a STEM Exploration Lab \$ 85,410.00
- (j) To assist the City of Biloxi with downtown revitalization at the Saenger Theater \$ 950,328.00
- (k) To assist Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with the multiuser aero strip at Stennis Airport \$ 2,500,000.00

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

- (a) To assist Harrison County with the Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy \$ 2,813,258.00
- (b) To assist George Regional Health System with a multi-specialty medical office complex \$ 1,901,193.00
- (c) To assist George Regional Health System with a cafeteria expansion and renovation \$ 820,469.00
- (d) To assist Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with the design and construction of the Mississippi Cyber Center \$ 3,430,624.00
- (e) To assist the Port of Pascagoula with the North Rail Connector \$ 6,600,000.00
- (f) To assist Jackson County Economic Development Foundation with site development and related support of a defense supplier \$ 1,356,650.00
- (g) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the Innovation Center \$ 1,000,000.00
- (h) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the City Center \$ 1,993,952.00
- (i) To assist the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies with Educational Classrooms and Dorms \$ 3,000,000.00
- (j) To assist the City of Pass Christian



with redevelopment and revitalization \$ 750,000.00  
(k) To assist the City of Long Beach  
with development and revitalization \$ 2,000,000.00  
(l) To assist the City of Long Beach  
with the Quarles House \$ 2,000,000.00  
(m) To assist George County with a rail connection project:  
(1) George County rail and highway  
improvements for Enviva project \$ 600,000.00  
(2) Mississippi Export Railroad for  
the Enviva project \$ 608,007.00

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2951, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$5,500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for the following programs:

(a) For the Mississippi Development Authority  
and the Air Service Development Incentive Program ..... \$2,500,000.00  
(b) For the Mississippi Development Authority  
and the Quality of Place Incentives Program \$3,000,000.00

Of these funds, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the development of a South Mississippi defense and space industry strategy for small companies to compete for defense related contracts to include government, industry and academia.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION AND A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE AND REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR PROJECTS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Richard Bennett, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bennett the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clark, Criswell, Johnson, Scott.  
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 221,619,746.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 424,827,839.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Eighteen Million Nine Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$18,951,886.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health. The funds provided for in this section shall be allocated as follows:

\$ 16,797,843.00	Expenses of the Department of Mental Health, payment of Medicaid state share,
	or prepayment of Medicaid state share.
\$ 379,417.00	Alzheimer's disease services

Senate development and implementation of  
Bill No. 2100, 1997 Regular Session.  
\$ 636,374.00 Crisis Centers  
\$ 1,138,252.00 Physician services at community mental  
health centers.

\$ 18,951,886.00 TOTAL

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6,299

Time-Limited: 457

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) is authorized to grant temporary COVID-19 adjustments to the compensation for employees in the following occupational title: Nurse Licensed Practical I, II and III; Nurse I, II, III and IV; Nurse Manager; Nurse Administrator; Nurse Chief; and for those employees who function as a nurse and are already classified in their new nurse titles as part of Project SEC2. Authority is provided for an increase of up to seventy-five percent (75%) temporary COVID adjustment pay for Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Services Management	
Number of On-Site Reviews Conducted by the Division of Audit	60

Number of On-Site Reviews Conducted for DMH Certified Provider Agencies	212
Mental Health Services	
Percent of Population Lacking Access to Community-Based Mental Health Care	30.00
Percent of DMH Clients Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	98.00
Increase by at Least 25% the Utilization of Alternative Placement/Treatment Options for Individuals who have had Multiple Hospitalizations & Do Not Respond to Traditional Treatment	25.00
Number Served by the Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Intensive Community Outreach and Recovery Teams (ICORT), and Intensive Community Support Services (ICSS)	2,200
Number of Individuals Employed through Supported Employment	300
Increase Access to Crisis Services by Tracking the Number of Calls to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	35,176
Number Referred from Mobile Crisis Response Teams to a Community Mental Health Center & Scheduled an Appointment	10,211
Number Diverted from a More Restrictive Environment Due to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	29,093
Increase the Number of Certified Peer Supt Specialists in the State	315
Idd Services	
Number of Individuals on Planning List for Home & Community-Based Services	3,000
Percent of DMH Institutionalized Clients who Could be Served in the Community	87.00
Percent of DMH Clients Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	87.00
Number of People Added from Planning List to ID/DD Waiver Services	100
Children & Youth Services	
Percent of Children with Serious Mental Illness Served by Local Multidisciplinary Assessment & Planning (MAP) Teams	2.30
Number Served by MAP Teams	890
Number of Children & Youth that are Served by Wraparound Facilitation	2,381
3% Alcohol Tax-alcohol/drug Prg	
Number of Residential Beds Made Available Statewide Due to the Three Percent Tax Supplements	226
Number Receiving Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment	1,589
Crisis Stabilization Units	
Average Length of Time from Mental Health Crisis to Receipt of Community Mental Health Crisis Service (Minutes)	1

Percent of People Receiving Mental Health Crisis Services who were Treated at Community Mental Health Centers vs. Institutions	98.00
Diversion Rate of Admissions to State Hospitals (% of People)	90.00
Number of Involuntary Admissions	1,900
Number of Voluntary Admissions	1,700
Mi - Institutional Care	
Number Served Adult Acute Psychiatric	1,950
Maintain Readmission Rates within National Trends (%)	3.35
Mi - Support Services	
Support as an Overall Percent of Total Budget	4.95
Idd - Institutional Care	
Number of People Served in Residential IID Programs	755
Number of People Transitioned from Facility to ICF/IID Community Home	28
Idd - Group Homes	
Number of People Served in the 10-Bed ICF/IID Community Homes	564
Percent of People Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	41.68
Idd - Community Programs	
Number of People Added from Planning List to ID/DD Waiver Services	97
Number of People Enrolled in the 1915i	1,053
Idd - Support Services	
Support as a Percent of Total Budget	3.82

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to transfer funds to the Division of Medicaid in payment of Medicaid match and designate that the funds thus transferred shall be applied to Medicaid match obligations arising in the subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 7. Any person within the Department of Mental Health who must work on a statutory holiday or any holiday proclaimed by the Governor may, at the discretion of the Director of the Institution and the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health and within available personnel funds, be paid "call-back pay" in lieu of "compensatory time credit."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the "Service Budget," funds are included for the support of community mental health services for Fiscal Year 2023.

Provided, however, that none of the funds appropriated for the support of community mental health services shall be made available to any Regional Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Center which does not receive from each of its participating counties a dollar amount equivalent to what the proceeds of a three-fourths (3/4) mill tax on all taxable property in the county in Fiscal Year 1982 would have been or the amount of funds contributed to the center by the county in Fiscal Year 1984, whichever shall be greater. By means of performance contracts, the Department of Mental Health shall disburse the funds appropriated in this section for services for the mentally ill, intellectually disabled and alcohol/drug abusers. The State Board of Mental Health and the Department of Mental Health shall be responsible for selecting the types of services which shall be provided with the funds appropriated in this section, for developing and monitoring performance contracts and for holding contractors accountable for utilization of funds.

SECTION 9. Ellisville State School is authorized to draw up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) from interest earned on funds invested in Ellisville State School Client's Trust Fund for the purpose of supplementing the cost related to supplies, property, and equipment in direct care.

SECTION 10. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the express legal authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to purchase land for use by residential facilities operated by the department, either directly or by means of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, and to transfer such funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes of constructing and equipping group homes for persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; constructing and equipping such other buildings as may be required for treatment of persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; repair and renovate existing buildings; and to construct, repair and/or renovate employee housing. Any intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) constructed with funds authorized in this section shall be authorized to participate in Medicaid funding available for such services.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Mental Health. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. None of the funds transferred with this section may be transferred to the Central Office for Personal Services.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, Twenty-three Million Three Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$23,329,000.00) is provided to the Department of Mental Health to expand those community-based services that will improve the State of Mississippi's compliance with the Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to transfer such sums from this source as are necessary to implement or improve those community services that are more appropriately addressed by the Mississippi Department of Education and/or the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services to those agencies for that purpose. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that any sums received from this source that are not expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health shall be reappropriated for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall account for the expenditure of these funds in sufficient detail to clearly show the purposes for which such funds were expended. The Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall report any such reappropriation to the Legislative Budget Office no later than fifteen (15) days after the effective date of the reappropriation.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with a Community Mental Health Center, or suitable entities, for the purpose of operating the Crisis Intervention Center at Grenada.

Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with a community health center to allow Region 14 to be served at the Crisis Stabilization Unit at Gulfport.

The Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may also contract with suitable entities for the purpose of operating the crisis intervention centers in Batesville, Brookhaven, Cleveland, Corinth, Laurel and Newton. The department shall provide quarterly progress reports on the operation of the crisis intervention centers to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) shall transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health, upon the request of the Department of Mental Health, where the funds received by DFA from the Department of Mental Health were special funds (neither general funds or bond funds) and where those funds are not required for the payment of costs already incurred on a building or repair project. For the purposes of this section, the term "special funds" includes any state source special funds including, but not limited to, funds from the Health Care Expendable Fund. The duty of DFA to transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health under this section applies to any funds described in this section that were transferred to DFA, regardless of the year that the transfer was made by the Department of Mental Health.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health may provide, upon the availability of funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Hope Village for Children Program.

SECTION 19. None of the funds provided in Section 1, 2, or 3 of this act shall be used to pay Medicaid match for the thirteen (13) Community Mental Health Centers.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for community-based mental health services for juveniles in detention.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,910,702.00) shall be allocated to the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health shall fund ten (10) Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams and provide supportive employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SECTION 23. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 & 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that continued funding at or above the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriated amount shall be allocated to the ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver slots.

SECTION 25. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Mental Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses for a mental health services pilot program with the Department of Corrections, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2926, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..... \$ 600,000.00

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall provide a report on the pilot program created to provide mental health services to former inmates of the Department of Corrections who are no longer incarcerated within a correctional institution of the Department of Corrections. This report shall be provided on December 15th of the current fiscal year to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 27. Of the funds in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 4,900,389.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide to the Department of Mental Health for Mississippi State Hospital forensic unit.

SECTION 28. With the funds appropriated herein, South Mississippi Regional Center is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2019 through 2020 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Sysco	2019	\$ 3,056.47
Sysco	2020	\$ 17,876.61

SECTION 29. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Angela Burks Hill, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

At 2:58 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.



At 4:17 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 2780:** Budget; provide for various transfers, create several special funds, and create Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **S. B. No. 3002:** (Appropriation; IHL - General support.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill:

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations, nonprofit museums and MS Main Street Association.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1518: Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing funds to destination marketing organizations to assist in paying costs of certain marketing activities, providing assistance to non profit museums, and providing funds to Mississippi Main Street Association, as provided in House Bill No. 453, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 40,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN PAYING COSTS OF CERTAIN MARKETING ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO NONPROFIT MUSEUMS, AND PROVIDING FUNDS TO MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION, AS PROVIDED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 453, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Mike Thompson  
On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Eubanks, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Hopkins, Horne, Watson. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1521: Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of providing funding for the Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program created in House Bill No. 1005, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "agency" means the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

(2) The agency shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the

federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the agency under this act, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the agency under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the agency under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE NURSING AND RESPIRATORY EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM CREATED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 1005, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J,

Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Eubanks, Owen, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Bomgar, Brown, C, Calvert, Criswell, Hopkins. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1538: Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established under House Bill No. 1421, 2022 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 300,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the State Department of Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure

that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER HOUSE BILL NO. 1421, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1542: Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of providing funds for the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program as created in House Bill No. 1427, 2022 Regular Session, for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 12,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Public Safety.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM, AS CREATED IN HOUSE BILL NO. 1427, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60



Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1597: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2023 and providing contingent funds for the House of Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
matching funds and daily  
expense allowance of members  
of the House of Representatives      \$ 4,204,526.00.

For Contingent Fund for the  
House of Representatives      \$ 7,658,264.00.

Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For salaries, mileage, insurance,  
matching funds and daily  
expense allowance of members  
of the Senate      \$ 1,832,767.00.

For Contingent Fund for the Senate      \$ 6,046,612.00.

Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For the joint legislative operations of the House of  
Representatives and the Senate      \$ 1,088,244.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
Budget Committee      \$ 4,440,134.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
Committee on Performance Evaluation  
and Expenditure Review      \$ 2,568,984.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative  
Reapportionment Committee      \$ 879,207.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative

Code Committee \$ 400,000.00.

The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state offices or at publicly owned facilities.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, as follows:

For the House of Representatives ..... \$ 2,639,066.00.  
For the Senate \$ 1,145,308.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 429,880.00.

Of the funds authorized in this section, the following distribution shall be made:

Southern States Energy Board \$ 29,077.00.  
Interstate Cooperation \$ 324,453.00.  
National Conference of Commissioners  
on Uniform State Laws \$ 37,950.00.  
The Energy Council \$ 38,400.00.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 848,000.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 750,000.00

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the House of Representatives without prior approval of the House Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the House of Representatives for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated,

for the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 400,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 10,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 250,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 3,700,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1381, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 65,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 16. Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Jason White, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1610: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Utilities Staff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....

..... \$ 2,402,689.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 25

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Utilities Staff shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Beckett, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1613: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, as provided in Section 43-13-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 838,822,547.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 292,498,317.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Division, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 5,896,606,971.00.

Prior period recovery of funds may be maintained and expended by the division when the recovery is received or finalized. Any recoveries due to audits or third party recoveries may be used to offset the cost of such audits and third party recoveries and as such, the division may escalate Contractual Services as needed for these purposes.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 63,230,003.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

CHIP Program at up to 209% level of poverty \$ 9,000,000.00.

Medical Program Matching Funds \$ 54,230,003.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that funds may be shifted among the above allocated line items where needed at the discretion of the Executive Director of Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 984

Time-Limited: 23

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or

positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process with the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) being separated from the Medical Services Program and submitted as a separate program. All Medicaid 1915 (C) Home and Community Based Services Waivers shall be presented as a budget program separate from the Medical Services Program. In addition, the performance measures reported for the Medical Services Program shall include an unduplicated case count of individuals served by eligibility status, and the number and the costs of emergency room visits.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Administrative Services	
Admin as a Percent of Total Budget	3.74
Third Party Liability Cost Avoided (\$Thou)	1,288,062.00
Percent of Clean Claims Processed within 30 Days of Receipt	99.50
Percent of Clean Claims Processed within 90 Days of Receipt	100.00
Percent of Applications Processed within Std of Promptness - Medicaid	90.00
Third Party Funds Recovered	6,954,827.00
Number of Providers Submitting Electronic Claims	31,500
Turnover Rate of Employees (%)	15.00
Medical Services	
Costs of Emergency Room Visits	176,165,636.00
Number of Emergency Room Visits	632,631
Medicaid Recipients - Enrolled (Persons)	710,000
Child Physical Exams (Ages 0-20)	303,356
Adult Physical Exams (21-Older)	2,948
Number of Fraud & Abuse Cases Investigated	250
Number of Medicaid Providers	34,844
Number of Medicaid Beneficiaries Assigned to a Managed Care Company	450,000
Percent of MSCAN Diabetic Members Aged 17-75 Receiving HBA1c Test	88.87



Percent of MSCAN Members with Persistent Asthma are Appropriately Prescribed Medication	52.52
Rate of EPSDT Well Child Screening (%)	75.00
Percent Change in Number of Recipients Enrolled from Last Year	-2.06
Percent Change in Number of Providers from Last Year	-10.00
Children's Health Insur Prg (chip) Number of CHIP Enrollees	47,000
Percent of CHIP Applications Processed within Std of Promptness	90.00
Home & Comm Based Waiver Prg Elderly & Disabled - Persons Served	19,580
Elderly & Disabled - Funded Slots	19,163
Elderly & Disabled - Total Authorized Slots	21,900
Assisted Living - Persons Served	900
Assisted Living - Funded Slots	874
Assisted Living - Total Authorized Slots	1,100
Independent Living - Persons Served	3,500
Independent Living - Funded Slots	3,443
Independent Living - Total Authorized Slots	5,725
Traumatic Brain Injury - Persons Served	1,050
Traumatic Brain Injury - Funded Slots	1,050
Traumatic Brain Injury - Total Authorized Slots	1,050
Intellectual Disability - Persons Served	3,250
Intellectual Disability - Funded Slots	3,250
Intellectual Disability - Total Authorized Slots	4,150
Percent Change in Persons on Waiting List (E&D)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons on Waiting List (AL)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons on Waiting List (IL)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons on Waiting List (TBI)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons on Waiting List (IDD)	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall provide statistical and financial reports on a monthly basis to the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. These reports shall include, but are not limited to, an accounting of all funds spent in the medical program, the CHIP program, the Dialysis Transportation program, and each of the Home and Community Based Waiver programs, and an accounting of all funds spent in the administrative program, participant statistics and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee.

The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall perform its cash flow projections on a predetermined monthly schedule and make this and any other information requested available, upon request, to the Chair of the Senate Public Health and Welfare

Committee, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee, the House and Senate Medicaid Committees, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. A summary of this cash flow projection shall also be presented in the report referenced in the above paragraph.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act in an amount not to exceed, Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding a temporary program to provide nonemergency transportation to locations for necessary dialysis services for end-stage renal disease patients who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older or are disabled as determined under Section 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, whose income did not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the nonfarm official poverty level as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and whose eligibility was covered under the former category of eligibility known as Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLADS).

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated herein, no more than Two Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-eight Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$232,648.18) may be used to pay invoices from Fiscal Year 2022 for expenses to the Mississippi Department of Health for Health Facilities Licensure Certification for the month of October 2021. This authorization is needed to cover the time period after the expiration of the interagency agreement on September 30, 2021 and before the execution of the new agreement on November 1, 2021.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 3, Three Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$398,550.00) General Funds and One Million One Hundred One Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,101,450.00) Special Funds are provided for five (5) slots in the Assisted Living Waiver program for persons with Traumatic Brain Injury and in need of Cognitive Rehabilitation. The Division shall develop eligibility criteria for these additional slots.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Eight Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$805,630.00) is provided to maintain additional slots in the Assisted Living Home and Community Based Waiver program and One Million One Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,192,770.00) is provided to maintain additional slots in the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community Based Waiver program.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds appropriated in this act to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MS-CAN) program be used in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the division. The division and the coordinated care organizations with which the division has contracted to conduct the MS-CAN program shall establish baselines for the health-related outcome measurement for each of the following health focus areas for presentation at the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearings for Fiscal Year 2023, which will be used as the baseline levels for establishing targets for improvements in quality of care performance measures for the MS-CAN program in Fiscal Year 2023 and later fiscal years:

- a. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) or successive measure.
- b. Medication Management for People with Asthma (MMA) or successive measure.
- c. Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications (MPM) or successive measure.
- d. Adult BMI Assessment (ABA) and Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC) or successive measure.

In addition, for comparison purposes, these same baselines for the health-related outcome measurements shall be established for similar Medicaid recipients who are not enrolled in the MS-CAN program.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement HB 1090 of the 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 16. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid is authorized to expend funds appropriated herein as necessary to provide currently existing home and

community based services through any CMS approved state plan or home and community based services waiver to individuals who qualify for those services to avoid institutionalization or to transition an individual from an institution to any home and community based setting. Provision of such services shall not count against any limit imposed under this act. It is the intention of the Legislature that the cost of providing home and community based services shall not exceed the cost of nursing facility services, as determined by the Division.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, no more than Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-six Dollars and Six Cents (\$10,946.06) may be used to pay invoices from Fiscal Year 2020 for expenses to the Sovereign States Drug Consortium for Medicaid supplemental drug rebate group purchasing services.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID LAW AND DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Joey Hood, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Mims. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 13,078,204.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 280,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	145
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the

funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, etc) Licenses Issued	150,000
Average Cost per License Issued	25.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	575,000
Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	24.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	13,000
Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	53.00
Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	538
Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	550.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	
Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths Due to Incidents Involving LCG	0
Number of Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Inspection	60.00
Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
Average Cost per Safety Training School	145.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) are provided and shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall be provided for the Department of Insurance to purchase vehicles for inspectors.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase of smoke alarms.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement

or ceremony regarding any project for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or project shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

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

SECTION 12. Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a master's degree in business administration. Those applicants deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements providing fire prevention information.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund, for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 130,000.00.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,360,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 16. Of the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, and the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund which was created in House Bill 842 of the 2022 Regular Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 17. Of the funds in Section 16, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund, the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund and/or the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or  
Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund \$ 3,000,000.00  
Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund \$ 2,000,000.00

SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 2,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 19. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Insurance is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2020	\$ 960.00
Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2021	\$ 150.00
Mike Chaney	2020	\$ 379.99

SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Home, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Ford, K, Newman. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1629: Appropriation; Attorney General.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 29,857,765.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Attorney General which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the office, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 9,876,923.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

## AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	88
Time-Limited:	Full Time	229

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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



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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the Attorney General shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Supportive Services	
Cost of Support Services as Percent of Budget, 2011-2012 Baseline: 5.10%	6.00
Training	
Ratings of Continuing Legal Education Training Presentation by Participants	95.00
Ratings of CRIMES System Training Presentation by Participants	90.00
Litigation	
Minimum Affirmations of Criminal Convictions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	85.00
Minimum Affirmations of Death Penalty Appeals (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 83.33%	80.00
Minimum Denial of Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 86.96%	95.00
Minimum Pos Results of Civil Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%	94.00
Percent Change of Affirmations of Criminal Convictions Attained	0.00
Percent Change of Death Penalty Review Cases Affirmed	6.00
Percent of Change of Appeals for Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus Cases Denied	3.00
Percent Change of Positive Results from Civil Cases	1.00
Opinions	
Percent Assigned to Attys in 3 Days or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%	100.00
Percent of Opinions Completed in 30 Days or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 76.00%	25.00
Percent Change of Opinion Requests Assigned to Attorneys within 3 Days or Less	0.00
Percent Change of Opinion Requests	

Completed within 30 Days or Less	5.00
State Agency Contracts	
Percent of Good & Excellent Ratings for	
Legal Services, 2011-2012 Baseline:	
94.00%	100.00
Percent Change of Good/Excellent Ratings	
for Legal Services	0.00
Insurance Integrity Enforcement	
Minimum Positive Results of Workers'	
Compensation Cases (%) 2011-2012	
Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
Minimum Positive Results of Insurance	
Cases (%) 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%	99.00
Percent Change of Positive Results of	
Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud	5.00
Percent Change of Positive Results of	
Other Insurance Cases	0.00
Other Mandated Programs	
Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs	
Dispositions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline:	
100.00%	85.00
Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs	
Dispositions (%) 2011-2012 Baseline:	
95.00%	95.00
Minimum Defendants Convicted after	
Indictments (PID) (%) 2011-2012	
Baseline: 96.00%	90.00
Response to Consumer Complaints (Days)	
2011-2012 Baseline: 3.14%	5
Average Number of Days to Respond to	
Consumer Complaints	5
Percent Change of Medicaid Fraud	
Convictions vs Dispositions	5.00
Percent Change of Medicaid Abuse	
Convictions vs Dispositions	5.00
Percent Change of Defendants Convicted	
After Indictment	0.00
Crime Victims Compensation	
Percent of Claims Processed in 12 Weeks	
or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 67.97%	80.00
Percent Change of Claims Processed Timely	0.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds included therein which are derived from penalties and/or other funds collected by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall be available for the purpose of providing the state match for federal funds available for the support of the unit, or for other lawful purposes as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that any penalties and/or other funds collected and/or expended shall be accounted for separately as to source and/or application of such funds.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be made available for expenditure by the Prosecutors Training Division.

SECTION 8. No part of the money herein appropriated shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official

or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Attorney General that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$680,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health for the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), or so much thereof, is provided for the purpose of providing funds to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Attorney General's Office for the purpose of providing funds for equipment and vehicles for agency operations.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$5,690,346.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Prosecutor Education	\$ 662,582.00
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 1,901,332.00
Vulnerable Persons Training, Invest and	
Prosecution Trust	\$ 565,165.00
Child Support Prosecution Trust	\$ 128,475.00
Law Enforcement & Firefighters Disability	
Benefits Trust	\$ 133,666.00
Cyber Crime Unit	\$ 944,722.00
Domestic Violence Training	\$ 376,580.00
Children's Advocacy Centers	\$ 554,489.00
Crime Victims Compensation Admin	\$ 347,547.00
Motorcycle Officer Training	\$ 62,763.00
District Attorney Operations	\$ 13,025.00

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Attorney General's Office shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that details the expenditures made for programs supported from General Fund court assessments allocated in this section.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds are provided to defray the expenses of litigation defending the constitutionality of Mississippi statutes.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Randy P. Boyd  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Aguirre. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Scott. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support, Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 9,099,803.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds, which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support and Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 14,649,548.00.

The funds authorized for expenditure under the provisions of this section include subscription fees produced from the Market Bulletin and admission fees produced from the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 226

Time-Limited: 13

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Beaver Control Program or from any other special source funds made available to the Beaver Control Program, to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the support of the Beaver Control Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,100,000.00.

Of the special funds authorized in this section, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the Mississippi Department of Transportation and from fees charged private persons/organizations, and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the State Forestry Commission. A county in order to participate must pay up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) and if any county wishes to pay any additional funds than provided, those funds may be used only in said county.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce - Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department \$ 600,000.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seventy-four Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$74,805.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Plant Industry	
Number of Pesticide Related Inspections	2,000
Number of Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance	205
Number of Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance	110
Number of Agricultural & Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance	1,200
Number of Agricultural & Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance	350
Percent of Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance	85.00
Percent of Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance	96.00
Percent of Agricultural & Non-Ag Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance	93.00
Percent of Agricultural & Non-Ag Record Inspections in Full Compliance	95.00
Museum	
Total Attendance	125,000
Number of Students in School Groups	18,000
Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions	1,700
Percent Change in Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions	1.00
Percent Change in Revenue from Private Functions	1.00
Percent Increase in Attendance from Prior Year	2.00
Percent Increase of School Students in Attendance from Prior Year	2.00
Revenue Generated from Functions (\$)	312,000.00
Regulatory	
Number of Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected	55,100

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Number of Food Sanitation Inspections	5,000
Percent of Total Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected	100.00
Percent of Total Retail Food Sanitation Inspections	100.00
Percent of Consumer Complaints Answered within 48 Hours	97.00
Marketing	
Number of Persons Reached by Marketing Means	1,138,150
Percent Increase of Persons Reached by Marketing Means	3.00
Administration	
Maintain Administrative Cost at 18% of Total Budget (%)	25.00
Livestock Theft	
Number of Cases Investigated	200
Number of Cases Cleared	30
Percent of Cases Prosecuted	20.00
Farmer's Market	
Number of Retail Spaces Rented (Average per Week)	35
Amount of Revenue Generated through Rental Space Rented (\$)	45,000.00
Seed Testing Lab	
Number of Days to Run Cool Test	7
Number of Official Samples Collected	2,350
Number of Days for Germination Test (Average Depending on Type of Seed)	20
Number of Hours to Evaluate TZ Test	1
Mississippi State Fairgrounds	
Number of Event Days	520
Estimated Total Attendance	1,250,000
Egg Marketing Board	
Percent Increase in the Number of Eggs Purchased	2.00
Cost of Outreach in Relation to Consumers Reached. (This Number is the Percent of the Budget Dedicated to Advertising)	80.00
Percent Increase of Consumption of Eggs	2.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated and authorized to be expended under the provisions of this act shall be expended for the purpose of defraying all expenses incurred by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce in the operation of all programs and activities (except operation of the State Lime Plants, Veterinary Laboratory, Pink Bollworm-Plant Quarantine Inspection Stations and Fire Ant Program) authorized to be conducted and carried on by said department; including, but not limited to: the administration of the Feed, Fertilizer and Dairy Act; the Weights and Measures Act; the Meat Inspection Act of 1968; the Mississippi Pure Seed Law; and the following additional programs and activities: enforcement of the egg law; publication and distribution of the Mississippi Market Bulletin, agricultural statistics, market news service at Stoneville, Mississippi; and inspection, grading and certifying of fruits, vegetables, hay, grain, meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, pecans, seed and syrup.

SECTION 9. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, with the assistance of the State Department of Audit and the Department of Finance and Administration, shall establish nonbudgeted enterprise funds for all "for-profit" activities related to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. The funds shall be

maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and regulations prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided by the provisions of this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be expended for the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program, which shall be established by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce to serve senior citizens above sixty (60) years of age who fall within one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the poverty level. The Commissioner of Agriculture may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00), is provided for matching funds required for the Mississippi Farms and Families Program as established in Senate Bill No. 2077, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 14. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce from the proceeds collected from surety bonds posted under the "Mississippi Grain Warehouse Law" as provided by Section 75-44-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 and the "Mississippi Grain Dealers Law of 1978" as provided by Section 75-45-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 for the purpose of paying claimants under such laws from the period beginning upon passage and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,100,000.00.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, except for Section 14 shall be enacted from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AND COMMERCE, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Kelvin Butler  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Bill Pigott, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne,



Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 604:** Paying tribute to United States Army Korean War casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwin, Mississippi, finally laid to rest.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Rep. Roberson called up:

**S. C. R. No. 605:** Suspend rules for further consideration of HB 451; delete repealer on the nonadmitted policy fee.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Kinkade, Tullos. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--78

On motion of Rep. Roberson unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Representative Ford (54th) called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 451**: (Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Ford (54th) moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1664**: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1664: Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Insurance for the purpose of administering the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 60,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration - Office of Insurance.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance

proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF INSURANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE STATE AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott,

Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS MCWI Grant Program-ARPA funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Environmental Quality for the purpose of administering the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2822, 2022 Regular Session, for the period beginning upon passage of this act and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 450,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Environmental Quality.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332

regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE "MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" CREATED IN SENATE BILL NO. 2822, 2022 REGULAR SESSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bailey. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Huddleston.  
Total-5.

Present--Porter, Rosebud, Young. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3060: Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program established in Senate Bill No. 2820, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 12,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2820, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 25,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section and Section 5 of this act, the term "department" means the State Department of Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive

reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 5. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds granted under this act, each entity shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department and granted to them under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 6. The money appropriated by Section 1 and 2 of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE COVID-19 HOSPITAL EXPANDED CAPACITY PROGRAM; TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE COVID-19 MISSISSIPPI LOCAL PROVIDER INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman,

Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Eubanks, Mims, Turner. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; to DFA for the MAICU and Ind K-12 Grant Program, - ARPA funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3064: Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of funding the MAICU Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2700, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..... \$ 10,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of funding the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2780, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..... \$ 10,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section and Section 5 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be



amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 5. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds granted under this act, each entity shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department and granted to them under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 6. The money appropriated by Section 1 of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the MAICU Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. The money appropriated by Section 2 of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) GRANT PROGRAM FUND" TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022"; TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE "INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Rita Potts Parks  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hood, Horan, Huddleston, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--71.

Nays--Aguirre, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, B, Clark, Currie, Darnell, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Kinkade, Ladner, McCarty, McCray, McLean, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Scoggin, Scott, Summers, Walker, Watson. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bomgar, Brown, C, Clarke, Criswell, Ford, K, Haney, Hopkins, Johnson, McLeod, Miles, Rushing, Sanford, Tullos, Williamson. Total-15.

Present--Crudup, Deweese, Gibbs, D, Hines, Holloway, Horne, Jackson, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Stamps, Williams-Barnes, Young. Total--13.

Necessary for passage--46

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2822: "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which municipalities and counties may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a county transfers to a municipality are eligible on a one-to-one matching basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them

under ARPA. The total funds provided for all two-to-one matches shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). The dollar amount for professional fees that can be allocated as a part of a local government's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the total project cost.

(3) For purposes of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MCWI Grant Program" means the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

(b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Local Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 603 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Quality.

(f) "Professional fees" means fees for the services of attorneys and engineering, surveying, and environmental studies.

(g) "Project" means the infrastructure improvements defined in an application that (i) complies with all requirements of ARPA, and (ii) is eligible for a grant award under this section.

(4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under this act, including application procedures and deadlines. The department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

(b) The Department of Health shall advise the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding including, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

(b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a nonpoint source pollution management program established under the Clean Water Act (CWA);

(c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;

(d) Management and treatment of stormwater or subsurface drainage water;

(e) Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures;

(f) Development and implementation of a conservation and management plan under the CWA;

(g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth in the CWA;

(h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned treatment works;

(i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water;

(j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

(k) Transmission and distribution, including improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in infrastructure and lead service line replacements;

(l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and recovery system for water storage;

(m) Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent contaminants or equalize water demands;

(n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of systems;

(o) New community water systems;  
(p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater infrastructure;  
(q) Dam and reservoir rehabilitation, if the primary purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and project is necessary for the provision of drinking water;

(r) Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act; and

(s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

(6) The governing authority of a municipality or county that is an operator-member of Mississippi 811, Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3, may submit an application for grant funds under this act. Applicants shall certify to the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them under this act is in compliance with ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the department.

(7) An application for a grant under this act shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes. Each application for grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a) applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population, median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates); (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be received from the federal government, a certification that such funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information about status of obtaining any required permits.

(8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking the grant applications received. When applying the ranking system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the project and the number of communities the project serves; (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by the United States Department of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

(9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community, including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in unsewered areas and providing regional development of infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

(10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are received. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury. Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant. Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed; however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the second or subsequent rounds which shall occur no later than six (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater projects and stormwater projects. In second or subsequent rounds, any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

(11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound practices in the administration of the funds.

(12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the American Rescue Plan of 2021.

(b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the requirements in this act shall return to the state all or a portion of the funds received.

(13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen, and the Legislative Budget Office quarterly reports and annual reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received, the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and status of each applicant's project.

(14) Grant funds shall be available under this act through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA Funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through other funds.

(15) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality may retain an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its responsibilities under this act. This subsection shall stand repealed on January 1, 2026.

(17) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. A public utility as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(iv) shall not deny or refuse services to any business entity solely on the basis that the entity is a licensee under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 3. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2818, 2022 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 1421, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section

25-9-107(c), any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning, any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019, any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission, any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services, any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation at such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories, \*\*\* any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health and/or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2023, any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, utility rate expert services, \*\*\* any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022, any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026, and any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026. Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector



need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;

2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;

3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;

4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and

5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract

publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Notwithstanding the exemption of personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services and personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services from the provisions of this section under subsection (2)(f), before the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services may enter into a personal or professional service contract, the department(s) shall give notice of the proposed personal or professional service contract to the Public Procurement Review Board for any recommendations by the board. Upon receipt of the notice, the board shall post the notice on its website and on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165. If the board does not respond to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the notice, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. If the board responds to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days, then the board has seven (7) calendar days from the date of its initial response to provide any additional recommendations. After the end of the second seven-day period, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. The board is not authorized to disapprove any proposed personal or professional services contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE "MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY UTILIZING CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA); TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES ON A ONE-TO-ONE MATCHING BASIS AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL GRANT TO SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES BASED ON CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; TO PRESCRIBE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROMULGATE GRANT APPLICATION REGULATIONS AND ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ADMINISTER THE MCWI GRANT PROGRAM AND RETAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TO EXEMPT DEQ FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES LAW IN PROMULGATING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS AND FROM OVERSIGHT BY THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD WHEN ENTERING INTO NECESSARY CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT A UTILITY MAY NOT DENY WATER SERVICE SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT THE CUSTOMER IS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Kinkade, Scott. Total-5.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1609: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 5,005,703.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Public Service Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 464,494.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 52  
Time-Limited: 5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Utility Regulatory Services	
Number of Utility Docket Cases	240
Number of Utility Complaints	4,560
Electric Complaints as a Percent of Total	48.00
Telecommunication Complaints as a Percent of Total	32.00
Water Complaints as a Percent of Total	10.00
Gas Complaints as a Percent of Total	8.00
Sewer Complaints as a Percent of Total	1.00
Average Cost per Utility Complaint	638.00
Time To Resolve Utility Complaints (Days)	3
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type:	
Investor-Owned Utilities (Cents/kWh)	0.11
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Electric Cooperatives (Cents/kWh)	0.11

Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percent of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Investor Owned Utilities	86.89
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percent of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Electric Cooperative	95.14
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS (kWh)	1,200
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS as a Percent of the 2015 National Average, 909 kWh	135.00
Number of Pipeline Inspections	630
Average Cost per Pipeline Inspection	883.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 5. None of the funds herein appropriated by this act to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Service Commission to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 66,372.00.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Telephone "no-call"	
Number of No-Call Complaints	15,425
Average Cost per No-Call Complaint	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall compile the amount of time that is expended on each regulated entity

during Fiscal Year 2022. On or before August 1, 2022, the Public Service Commission shall report these findings to the House of Representatives' Public Utilities Committee.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Scott DeLano, Philip Moran

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Lancaster, Newman, Wright. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 26,695,501.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services as provided in Senate Bill 2779, 2018 Legislative Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 25,252,878.00.

The funds in this section are provided to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Information Technology Services for providing telecommunication services, data center services, and/or other information technology services to state agencies.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent:	132
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall



have authority to transfer an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) to the ITS Revolving Fund (3360900000). The purpose of this authority is to provide operating cash to alleviate cash flow problems in the ITS Revolving Fund. Any funds transferred during the fiscal year shall be transferred back to the State General Fund before the end of the lapse period for the fiscal year.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....

.....\$ 11,134,207.00.

The Wireless Communication Commission shall follow all state procurement and bid laws for all contracts and consultants.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund State Treasury to the credit of the Wireless Communication Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 11,000,000.00

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 10

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

The commission is hereby authorized to escalate federal funds and other special funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Wireless Communication Commission (WCC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any

purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, WCC member, or person who has been a member of the WCC within the last year.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Information Technology Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 6, Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the statewide refurbishment of the Mississippi Wireless Information Network (MSWIN).

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

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

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1630: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Transportation Funds, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,426,077,673.00.

SECTION 2. The following offices are supported by the funds appropriated in Section 1: The Office of Administrative Services, the Office of Highways and the Office of Aeronautics and Rails. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2,906

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and

Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the program budgets as required by Section 27-103-127, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Administration and Other Expenses	\$ 62,667,692.00
Construction	\$ 983,995,968.00
Maintenance	\$ 264,476,524.00
Debt Service	\$ 78,782,972.00
Aeronautics, Rails and other	\$ 36,154,517.00

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2023.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be transferred by the Mississippi Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Safety Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division for the operations of the Division as authorized to be relocated in Senate Bill 2825, 2021 Regular Session.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds as necessary to conduct project planning. Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the oversight and management of project cost which:

(a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each project. For purposes of this provision, projects include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction;

(b) Capture and retain the initial project cost estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

(c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons for approving a revision;

(d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers, attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and professional contractors used in preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

SECTION 8. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended by the Department of Transportation for construction of new highways if such highway segment is less than ten (10) miles in length unless:

(a) The explanation and justification for letting such a contract for a length of less than ten (10) miles is entered upon the official minutes of the Transportation Commission;

(b) The commission, within ten (10) working days after entry of its explanation and justification upon its minutes, gives notice, by United States First Class Mail, and provides a copy of such entry upon its minutes, to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Mississippi Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the sum appropriated in Section 1, the Department is authorized to provide a protective footwear allowance of not more than \$150 per person annually for Engineers, Maintenance, and Construction Workers as part of their safety equipment.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be used for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) shall be expended for contracted maintenance overlay and pavement rehabilitation.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend with funds which were obligated in Fiscal Year 2022 for maintenance overlay projects and maintenance repair projects but not completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2022, in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00).

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer between the various programs in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount allocated in Section 3, except that no transfers shall be authorized which increase the "Administrative and Other Expenses" Program or which decrease the "Maintenance" Program.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) received from other public or private entities as reimbursements for payments made on federal projects.

SECTION 15. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement of ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." Further, the signage shall state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to dispose of or transfer used cell phones that are obsolete or inoperable to cell phone recycling programs dedicated to providing free phone access to United States military personnel.

SECTION 18. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the

intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Maintenance	
Number of Acres Mowed (First & Subsequent)	290,000
Percent Increase of Acreage Mowed	66.00
Slow the Expected Increases of Total	
Fatalities According to a 5 Year Rolling	
Average (697 or Less)	749
Percent Decrease in State-Maintained	
Lane Miles Needing Repair or	
Rehabilitation	1.50
Percent of Pavement Needs Met Annually	10.00
Percent on Interstate Lane-Miles with	
Acceptable Pavement Condition Rating	52.50
Percent of 4 Lane Highway Lane-Miles	
with an Acceptable Pavement Condition	
Rating	72.00
Percent of 2 Lane Highway Lane-Miles	
With an Acceptable Pavement Condition	
Rating	57.50
Cost per Mile to Maintain State Highways	27,885.00
Number of Bridges in Poor Condition	170
Number of Bridges with Timber Components	130
Construction	
Percent of Miles of State Maintained	
Highways that Meet MDOT Thresholds for	
Congestion	2.01
Number of Lane Miles of State Maintained	
Highways Requiring Additional Capacity	563
Cost per Mile to Construct State Highways	14,960,000.00
Administration & Other	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	5.05
GO-MDOT-Total Number of Page Views	1,025,931
Percent Increase in Utilization of	
MDOTTRAFFIC.com Website	8.08
Bonded Debt Service	
MDOT's Share of Annual Debt Service will	
not Exceed 3.75% of Annual Budget	0.90
Aeronautics & Rails	
Number of Airports Inspected	69
Number of Grade Crossings Inspected	2,800

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 19. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00).

SECTION 20. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Transportation is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Amount
Year	

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Automated	Power,	Inc.
16		20
43.23		\$
Belmont		Equipment
18		20
172.00		\$
Entergy		
20		20
18.79		\$
Entergy		
20		20
19.47		\$
Entergy		
20		20
18.83		\$
Entergy		
20		20
18.52		\$
Home2Suites	by	Hilton
19		20
282.00		\$
Home2Suites	by	Hilton
19		20
282.00		\$
Home2Suites	by	Hilton
20		20
188.00		\$
Home2Suites	by	Hilton
20		20
188.00		\$
Jackson	County	Utility
19		Authority
5,250.00		20
Jackson	County	Utility
19		Authority
3,024.00		20
Jackson	County	Utility
19		Authority
146,139.91		20
Jackson	County	Utility
19		Authority
145,773.58		20
Jackson	County	Utility
		Authority
		20

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20				\$
10,080.00	Jackson	County	Utility	Authority
				20
20				\$
17,500.00	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
18				\$
84.58	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
19				\$
66.51	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
19				\$
466.84	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
19				\$
856.45	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
19				\$
361.52	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
20				\$
291.26	Mid-South		Machinery,	Inc.
				20
20				\$
303.70	Tunica		County,	MS
				20
21				\$
10,416.00	Vermeer		Midsouth,	Inc.
				20
18				\$
188.03	Wolters			Kluwer
				20
18				\$
382.77				

SECTION 21. Of the funds provided in Section 1, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2022 Infrastructure Match Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 40,000,000.00.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be provided for matching funds needed pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided in Section 1, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2022 Maintenance Project Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 45,000,000.00.



With the funds provided herein, it is the intent of the Legislature for the Department of Transportation to utilize these funds to provide for maintenance projects by adopting the Pavement Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission on Minute Book 105, page 732 and further required by Section 65-1-141, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

In the event the Transportation Commission deviates from the recommended priorities presented in the Pavement Program, the Commission shall spread the specific reasons for deviation on its minutes in accordance with Section 65-3-97, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided in Section 1, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2022 Capacity Project Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 35,000,000.00.

With the funds provided herein, it is the intent of the Legislature for the Department of Transportation to utilize these funds to provide for capacity projects by adopting the Capacity Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission on Minute Book 105, page 732 and further required by Section 65-1-141, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

In the event the Transportation Commission deviates from the recommended priorities presented in the Capacity Program, the Commission shall spread the specific reasons for deviation on its minutes in accordance with Section 65-3-97, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Mangold. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Busby called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of State Aid Road Construction Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 189,978,608.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

**AUTHORIZED HEACOUNT:**

Permanent:	54
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is authorized to be expended from funds received from the Mississippi Development Authority as reimbursements for actual expenses incurred by the Office of State Aid Road Construction for administering and providing engineering services to political subdivisions as authorized under Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any such funds shall be deposited into the Office of State Aid Roads Administrative Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of replacement of structurally deficient bridges on the Local System Bridge Program (LSBP).

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Administrative	
Percent of Administrative Costs as Compared to Construction Costs	4.00
Percent of State Aid Construction Funds Allocated to Counties	95.00
Number of Projects Let to Contract	175
Percent of Personnel Devoted to Construction Programs	81.00
Federal Percent of Total Project Fund Obligations	35.00
Construction	
Percent Reduction of Structurally Deficient Bridges	0.00
Percent Increase in Total Miles Paved	1.00
Percent of Total State Aid Funds Available Programmed or Obligated to Projects	75.00
Number of State Aid Projects Let to Contract	75
Number of Federal Projects Let to Contract	5
Number of State Aid Projects Completed	30
Number of Federal Projects Completed	20

Average Time from Initiation to Completion of a Fed Project (Days)	450
Number of Bridges Replaced or Repaired	85
Number of Structurally Deficient Bridges on the State Aid System	5,000
Average Cost of a State Aid/Federal Bridge Project	1,550,000.00
Local System Bridge	
Percent Change in Deficient LSBP Bridges	3.00
Average Number of Active LSBP Projects per County	1
Percent of LSBP Funds Available	
Programmed or Obligated to Projects	85.00
Number of LSBP Projects Let to Contract	55
Number of LSBP Projects Completed	70
Number of LSBP Bridges Replaced or Repaired	70
Number of Eligible Deficient LSBP Bridges	5,000
Average Time From Initiation to Completion of a LSBP Project (Days)	450
Percent of Counties Utilizing All of Their Available LSBP Funds	30.00
Percent of Bridges Eligible for LSBP Funds	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 7. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." The signage shall further state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature to authorize the State Aid Engineer to utilize funds available to the Office of State Aid Road Construction, from any source herein appropriated or made available by the counties or any other source, to pay for costs necessary to comply with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and the Federal Highway Administration's requirements for bridge inspections and/or special studies necessary to comply with federal laws. The State Aid Engineer shall follow the same procedures as have heretofore been established by Sections 65-9-9, 65-9-15 and 65-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for payment of such costs. The Office of State Aid Road Construction may accept, budget and expend these funds subject to and in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal or state funds.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the letting of contracts for which the Office of State Aid Road Construction administers and provides engineering services to political subdivisions under the Economic Development Highway Act, bids may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive sealed bids once in a newspaper published or having a circulation in the county or municipality where the contract will be performed, and the date published for the bid opening may be not less than seven (7) working days after the advertisement is published.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Jenifer B. Branning, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Busby, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Busby the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permit.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2844: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Definitions. In addition to the definitions provided in Section 67-1-5, which apply to this article, the following terms as used in this article shall have the following meanings unless otherwise required by the context:

- (a) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue.
- (b) "Construction contractor" means an entity contracting with the department to design and construct a warehouse under this article.
- (c) "Occasional improvements" means items of maintenance, repairs, upgrades or other improvements for the warehouse or its equipment that are not performed on a monthly basis.
- (d) "Regular maintenance" means monthly overhead expenses, including, but not limited to, utilities, cleaning services and lawn care.
- (e) "Shipping costs" means the cost to the department per case of alcoholic beverages delivered from the warehouse to the permittee's premises.
- (f) "State" means the State of Mississippi.
- (g) "Warehouse" or "new warehouse" means a liquor distribution warehouse constructed under this article.
- (h) "Warehouse operator" or "operator" means an entity contracting with the department to perform warehouse and distribution operations.
- (i) "Warehouse and distribution operations" or "operations" means services provided to or on behalf of the state for the management of the warehouse and the distribution of alcoholic beverages. "Warehouse and distribution operations" or "operations" may include shipping; however, nothing herein shall preclude the department from entering into separate contracts for operations and for shipping.

SECTION 2. Warehouse construction. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration, using the monies available in the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act and such other monies as the Legislature may make available, shall purchase land for and shall provide for the design and construction of a warehouse for the division in the most expedient and cost-effective manner practicable as determined by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall select a suitable site for the warehouse within fifty (50) miles of the new state capitol building. In selecting a site, the Department of Finance and Administration shall consider the feasibility of selecting state-owned land by comparing the cost of preparing the state-owned land for construction to the cost of acquiring other land and preparing such other land for construction.

(3) The contract for design and construction shall provide that the operator shall be consulted so that the warehouse may, so far as possible, suit the preferences of the operator in furtherance of effective operations. The contract shall also provide that the design shall aim to fill demand for the next twenty-five (25) years.

(4) A contract for warehouse construction shall not be entered into unless the construction contractor has demonstrated:

- (a) The qualifications, experience and management personnel necessary to carry out the terms of the contract;
- (b) The ability to comply with applicable federal and state laws; and
- (c) The ability to expedite the design and construction of facilities comparable to the warehouse.

SECTION 3. Warehouse and distribution operations. (1) The department shall contract for warehouse and distribution operations. The shipping contract in effect on July 1, 2022, shall remain in effect until the expiration of its term.

(2) The department shall pay regular maintenance expenses and shall reimburse the operator for services performed under the contract out of monies appropriated by the Legislature.

(3) The contract shall include the following terms:

(a) The department shall pay the operator cost-plus on these operations at a set dollar amount per case of alcoholic beverages sold. Otherwise, the contract shall not alter the current cash flow of operations;

(b) The operator shall be allotted a monthly spending limit for occasional improvements. The state may, at any time, review the operator's spending. The operator shall obtain prior state approval for any spending over the monthly limit set in the contract. The contract shall allow the operator to pay out of pocket, in which case the state will reimburse the operator on a monthly basis out of monies in the ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund created in Section 6(2) of this act;

(c) Shipping costs, where the contract encompasses shipping, shall be based on a set dollar amount per case of alcoholic beverages shipped from the warehouse to the permittee's premises;

(d) The department and the operator may provide for the operator's software to interface with the department's TAP system in a manner allowing for information sharing in furtherance of efficient operations while also protecting the security of the TAP system;

(e) The department shall develop quality and efficiency criteria for determining whether to renew a contract for warehouse and distribution operations;

(f) The obligation of the department to proceed under the contract is conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature and the receipt of state or federal funds. If the funds anticipated for the continuing time fulfillment of the agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds, or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided, or if funds are not otherwise available to the department, the department shall have the right, upon ten (10) working days' written notice to the operator, to terminate this agreement without damage, penalty, cost or other expenses to the department of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination;

(g) The state and the operator as parties to the contract and all terms of the contract shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the state at the time the contract is entered into, and any later amendments to such laws, through the duration of the contract; and

(h) The operator shall be required to comply with any duties, responsibilities, conditions or other provisions required by state law during the duration of the contract, regardless of whether such duties, responsibilities, conditions or other provisions were required by state law at the time the contract was entered into.

(4) The initial contract for operations shall terminate on the earlier of: (a) four (4) years from the date it commences; or (b) the last day of the use of the warehouse that is in service on July 1, 2022. The contract may be renewed for four (4) years, with another option to renew at the end of that four-year term. The department shall issue requests for proposals before entering any subsequent contract. Requests for proposals shall be required whenever a contract is not renewed, but no less frequently than every twelve (12) years.

(5) The contract shall provide that all employees needed for operations shall be employees of the operator.

(6) A contract for warehouse and distribution operations shall not be entered into unless the operator has demonstrated:

(a) The qualifications, experience and management personnel necessary to carry out the terms of the contract; and

(b) The ability to comply with applicable federal and state laws.

(7) A contract for operations shall not be entered into unless the following requirements are met:

(a) In addition to fire and casualty insurance, the operator provides at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of liability insurance. The liability insurance

shall be issued by an insurance company with a rating of at least an A- according to AM Best standards. In determining the adequacy of such insurance, the Department of Finance and Administration shall determine whether:

(i) The insurance is adequate to protect the state from any and all actions by a third party against the operator or the state as a result of the contract;

(ii) The insurance is adequate to protect the state against any and all claims arising as a result of any occurrence during the term of the contract;

(iii) The insurance is adequate to assure the operator's ability to fulfill its contract with the state in all respects, and to assure that the operator is not limited in this ability because of financial liability which results from judgments; and

(iv) The insurance is adequate to satisfy such other requirements specified by the independent risk management/actuarial firm.

(b) The sovereign immunity of the state shall not apply to the operator. Neither the operator nor the operator's insurer may plead the defense of sovereign immunity in any action arising out of the performance of the contract.

(c) The operator shall post a performance bond to assure the operator's faithful performance of the specifications and conditions of the contract. The bond is required throughout the term of the contract. The terms and conditions must be approved by the department and the Department of Finance and Administration, and such approval is a condition precedent to the contract taking effect.

(d) The operator shall defend any suit or claim brought against the state arising out of any act or omission in operations, and shall hold the state harmless from such claim or suit. The operator shall be solely responsible for the payment of any legal or other costs relative to any such claim or suit. The operator shall reimburse the state for any costs that it may incur as a result of such claim or suit immediately upon being submitted a statement therefor by the Attorney General.

Any suit brought or claim made arising out of any act or omission in operations shall be made or brought against the operator and not the state.

The Attorney General retains all rights and emoluments of his or her office which include direction and control over any litigation or claim involving the state.

SECTION 4. Resumption of control by state upon contract termination. A plan shall be developed and certified by the commissioner which demonstrates the method by which the state would resume control of the warehouse upon termination of the contract for operations. The plan shall be submitted for review and comment to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review.

SECTION 5. Contract compliance officer. (1) The commissioner shall designate an employee of the department as a contract compliance officer within the department who shall monitor the contract between the state and the operator for warehouse and distribution operations, and shall assure operator compliance with its performance work statement.

(2) The contract compliance officer shall be responsible for monitoring all aspects of the warehouse. The officer shall be provided an on-site work area, shall be on site on a daily basis, and shall have access to all areas of the warehouse and staff at all times. The operator shall provide any and all data, reports and other materials that the contract compliance officer determines are necessary to carry out monitoring responsibilities under this section.

(3) The contract compliance officer shall report at least annually, or as requested, to the Governor and the Legislature.

SECTION 6. Special funds. (1) A special fund, to be designated the "ABC Warehouse Construction Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in this special fund shall be used to assist the Department of Finance and Administration in paying the costs associated with land acquisition for, and the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of, a new warehouse for its Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. In addition, monies in this special fund shall be used to pay the costs of relocating inventory to the new warehouse from the warehouse that is in service on July 1, 2022. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund



at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(2) A special fund, to be designated the "ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in this special fund shall be used to assist the Department of Revenue in paying the costs associated with occasional improvements. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 7. Revenue bonds. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) Monies deposited into the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Department of Revenue in paying the costs associated with land acquisition for, and the design, construction, furnishing and equipping of, a new warehouse for its Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(b) Amounts deposited into the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) For the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal of and interest upon bonds issued under this section, there is created a special bond sinking fund in the State Treasury. The special bond sinking fund shall consist of such amounts as may be paid into such fund under this act, by appropriation or by other authorization by the Legislature. Except as otherwise provided in this section, monies in the special bond sinking fund shall be used to pay the debt service requirements of the bonds issued under this section. If the special bond sinking fund has a balance below the minimum amount specified in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds, or below one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount needed to pay the annual debt obligations related to the bonds issued under this section, whichever is the lesser amount, the Commissioner of Revenue shall transfer the deficit amount to the bond sinking fund from revenue derived from the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in Section 27-71-11. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special bond sinking fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the special bond sinking fund shall be deposited into such sinking fund. If the special bond sinking fund has a balance in excess of the amount needed to pay the debt service and meet the obligations related to the bonds issued under this section, as determined in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds, the excess monies shall be transferred to the State General Fund.

(4) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the revenue bonds authorized by this subsection, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the

commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000.00).

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(5) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(6) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(7) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(8) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(9) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be revenue bonds of the state, the principal of and interest on which shall be payable solely from and

shall be secured by the special bond sinking fund created in subsection (3) of this section. The bonds shall never constitute an indebtedness of the state within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation, and shall never constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the state, or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers, and such fact shall be plainly stated on the face of each such bond. The bonds shall not be considered when computing any limitation of indebtedness of the state. All bonds issued under the authority of this section and all interest coupons applicable thereto shall be construed to be negotiable instruments, despite the fact that they are payable solely from a specified source.

(10) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(11) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(12) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(14) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(15) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(16) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(17) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(18) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 8. Section 27-71-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-11. (1) The \* \* \* department shall from time to time by resolution request the State Bond Commission to provide sufficient funds required to maintain an adequate alcoholic beverage inventory. Said funds shall be provided under the provisions of Chapter 557, Laws of 1966.

(2) The \* \* \* department shall add to the cost of all alcoholic beverages a markup of twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%), inclusive of the three percent (3%) markup imposed by Section 27-71-7(2).

(3) In addition to other excise taxes and markups imposed in this section and in Section 27-71-7, the department shall add to the cost of all alcoholic beverages shipped a charge of Twenty-five Cents (25¢) per case, to be deposited into the ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund created in Section 6(2) of this act. However, any unobligated amounts above Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) remaining in the ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be transferred to the State General Fund.

(4) Notwithstanding the contract for warehouse and distribution operations under Section 3 of this act, the department shall remain responsible for purchasing and selling alcoholic beverages. The \* \* \* department shall sell alcoholic beverages at uniform prices throughout the state. Pricing for all alcoholic beverages shall be set by the addition of the markup and taxes to the price at which the beverages were purchased by the department.

(5) A permittee's order shall qualify for shipping when it includes the minimum number of cases of alcoholic beverages as set by the department. The department shall place qualifying orders in a queue for shipment in the order in which the orders are made. An order of fewer than the minimum number of cases, and special orders, shall be added to the permittee's next qualified shipment. The department shall give sufficient notice of any change in the minimum number of cases for shipping and shall allow the opportunity for comment.

(6) The department shall set a per-case shipping fee to be charged to permittees. The department shall adjust the fee to match, as closely as possible, the shipping costs as defined in Section 1 of this act. The shipping fee charged under this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of the ABC Shipping Fund created in Section 27-71-29.

(7) The department shall charge manufacturers a bailment fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) per case of alcoholic beverages stored in the warehouse, to be deposited to the credit of the bond sinking fund created in Section 7(3) of this act.

SECTION 9. Section 27-71-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-29. (1) All taxes levied by this article shall be paid to the Department of Revenue in cash or by personal check, cashier's check, bank exchange, post office money order or express money order and shall be deposited by the department in the State Treasury on the same day collected, but no remittances other than cash shall be a final discharge of liability for the tax herein imposed and levied unless and until it has been paid in cash to the department.

All taxes levied under Section 27-71-7(1) and received by the department under this article shall be paid into the General Fund, and the three percent (3%) levied under Section 27-71-7(2) and received by the department under this article shall be paid into the special fund in the State Treasury designated as the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" as required by law. Any funds derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages in excess of inventory requirements shall be paid not less often than annually into the General Fund, except for a portion of the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in Section 27-71-11, as specified in subsection (2) of this section, and except for fees charged by the department for the defraying of costs associated with shipping alcoholic beverages. The revenue derived from these fees shall be deposited by the department into a special fund, hereby created in the State Treasury, which is designated the "ABC Shipping Fund." The monies in this special fund shall be earmarked for use by the department for any expenditure made to ship alcoholic beverages. Any net proceeds remaining in the special fund on August 1 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the General Fund. "Net proceeds" in this section means the total of all

fees collected by the department to defray the costs of shipping less the actual costs of shipping.

(2) If the special bond sinking fund created in Section 7(3) of this act has a balance below the minimum amount specified in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds, or below one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount needed to pay the annual debt obligations related to the bonds issued under Section 7 of this act, whichever is the lesser amount, the Commissioner of Revenue shall transfer the deficit amount to the bond sinking fund from revenue derived from the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in Section 27-71-11.

SECTION 10. Section 27-65-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-5. "Wholesaler," "jobber" or "distributor" means a person doing a regularly organized wholesale or jobbing business, known to the trade as such, and selling to licensed retail dealers or other wholesalers for resale in the regular course of business. This classification has no bearing on rates of tax due under this chapter, each sale or part of sales being taxable or exempt depending upon the class in which it falls.

"Wholesale sales" shall apply to:

(1) A sale of tangible personal property taxable under \*\*\* Section 27-65-17 \*\*\* for resale in the regular line of business, when made in good faith to a retailer regularly selling or renting that property and when the dealer is licensed under Section 27-65-27 of this chapter if located in this state.

A sale of a service taxable under Section 27-65-23 for resale in the regular line of business, when made to a regular dealer in that service and when the dealer is licensed under Section 27-65-27 of this chapter if located in this state, or a charge for custom processing rendered upon merchandise for resale or rental by a dealer licensed under Section 27-65-27.

A sale of telecommunications services taxable under Section 27-65-19 for resale in the regular course of business, when made to a regular telecommunications provider of the service and the provider is the holder of a permit issued under Section 27-65-27 and is located in this state or is providing telecommunications services in this state.

A sale of specified digital product taxable under Section 27-65-26 for resale in the regular course of business, when made to a regular dealer of specified digital products and the dealer is the holder of a permit issued under Section 27-65-27 and is located in this state.

"Wholesale sale" shall not include a transaction whereby property is delivered to, and collection for the transaction is made from, a person that will consume the property rather than resell it even though the billing is to a retailer.

However, when a taxpayer sells merchandise and has paid a rate equal to the retail rate of tax on the purchase price to a wholesaler, the taxpayer may take credit for the tax paid to the wholesaler from the tax due on the sale of the merchandise specifically included in his return to the commissioner.

(2) A sale of tangible personal property (except sand or gravel when sold by the producer thereof) or service which is to become a component part of a structure or improvement erected, constructed, repaired, or made only when the sale is made to a contractor taxable under Section 27-65-21 of this chapter on the contract in which the component materials are to be used; and only when the contractor holds a material purchase certificate as required by Section 27-65-21 of this chapter.

(3) A sale of boxes, crates, cartons, cans, bottles and other packaging materials to a retailer or retail custom processor for use as a container to accompany goods or services sold by the retailer or custom processor where possession thereof will pass to the customer at the time of sale of the goods or services contained therein.

(4) The value of soft drinks and syrup withdrawn from the business by a manufacturer for sale at retail and food or drink withdrawn by a manufacturer or wholesaler to be sold through full service vending machines for human consumption.

The quantity of property or services sold or the price at which sold is immaterial in determining whether or not a sale is at wholesale. Sales may be classed as wholesale, or exempt, only if evidenced by proper and adequate records and invoices to substantiate the wholesale rate or exemption from the tax on each individual sale.

The substantiation of the wholesale sales must be by an invoice clearly indicating the date, the name and address of the vendor and vendee, the items sold and the price thereof. Such proof of wholesale sales shall be filed in chronological order and thus preserved for a period of three (3) years from the date of sale. These records shall be subject to inspection by the commissioner and his agents, at their discretion, for the verification of returns filed by either the wholesaler or his customers.

The substantiation of an exempt sale must be by an invoice containing the same information as required for the wholesale sales. This requirement shall apply equally to a retailer making wholesale or exempt sales.

Any failure to comply with all the above requirements shall subject the violator to the retail rate of tax on all such violations.

SECTION 11. Section 27-65-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-25. Upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling alcoholic beverages at retail, the sales of which are legal under the provisions of Chapter 1 of Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds of the retail sales of the business. \* \* \*

SECTION 12. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-5. For the purposes of this chapter and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this chapter, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this chapter unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department,

at the time of its application for a license under this chapter, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this chapter, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest



federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages;

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen (18) hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and

c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:

a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events,

c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen (18) hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,

B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and

C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning and:

a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale, distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7, and

b. Adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated north of Bailey Howell Drive, Lee Boulevard and Old Mayhew Road, east of George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

- a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;
- b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and
- c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

- a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;
- b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and
- c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

- a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;
- b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and
- c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

- a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;
- b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and
- c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

- a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;
- b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and
- c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

- a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;
- b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55; however, the governing authorities of the municipality in which such area is located may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi; and

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (c) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this chapter unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this chapter more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this chapter, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

(z) "Warehouse operator" shall have the meaning ascribed in Section

1 of this act.

SECTION 13. Section 67-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-19. Except as otherwise noted, the administration and enforcement of this chapter shall be vested in the Department of Revenue. There is hereby created the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division within and as a part of the Department of Revenue.

SECTION 14. Section 67-1-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-33. (1) No member of the Board of Tax Appeals, Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue, or person appointed or employed by the department under this chapter, including its warehouse operator, shall solicit, accept or receive any gift, gratuity, emolument or employment from any person subject to the provisions of this chapter, or from any officer, agent or employee thereof.

(2) No member of the Board of Tax Appeals, the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue, or person appointed or employed by the department under this chapter, including its warehouse operator, shall solicit, request from or recommend, directly or indirectly, to any person subject to the provisions of this chapter, or to any officer, agent or employee thereof, the appointment of any person to any place or position.

(3) Every person subject to the provisions of this chapter, and every officer, agent or employee thereof, is hereby forbidden to offer to any member of the Board of Tax Appeals, to the Commissioner of Revenue or to any person appointed or employed by the department under this chapter, including its warehouse operator, any gift, gratuity, emolument or employment.

(4) If any member of the Board of Tax Appeals, the Commissioner of Revenue or any person appointed or employed by the department under this chapter, including its warehouse operator, shall violate any of the provisions of this section, he shall be removed from the office or employment held by him.

(5) Every person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(6) For purposes of this provision, the terms "gift," "gratuity," "emolument" and "employment" do not include the payment of expenses associated with social occasions afforded public servants or any other benefit that does not come within the definition of "pecuniary benefit" as defined in Section 25-4-103.

SECTION 15. Section 67-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-41. (1) The department is hereby created a wholesale distributor and seller of alcoholic beverages, not including malt liquors, within the State of Mississippi. It is granted the right to import and sell alcoholic beverages at wholesale within the state, and no person who is granted the right to sell, distribute or receive alcoholic beverages at retail shall purchase any alcoholic beverages from any source other than the department, except as authorized in subsections (4), (9) and (12) of this section. The department may establish warehouses, and the department may purchase alcoholic beverages in such quantities and from such sources as it may deem desirable and sell the alcoholic beverages to authorized permittees within the state including, at the discretion of the department, any retail distributors operating within any military post or qualified resort areas within the boundaries of the state, keeping a correct and accurate record of all such transactions and exercising such control over the distribution of alcoholic beverages as seem right and proper in keeping with the provisions or purposes of this chapter.

(2) No person for the purpose of sale shall manufacture, distill, brew, sell, possess, export, transport, distribute, warehouse, store, solicit, take orders for, bottle, rectify, blend, treat, mix or process any alcoholic beverage except in accordance with authority granted under this chapter, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(3) No alcoholic beverage intended for sale or resale shall be imported, shipped or brought into this state for delivery to any person other than as provided in this chapter, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(4) The department may promulgate rules and regulations which authorize on-premises retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from package retailers and for package retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from other package retailers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be

completed by the on-premises retailers and the package retailers verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(5) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the holder of a package retailer's permit to permit individual retail purchasers of packages of alcoholic beverages to return, for exchange, credit or refund, limited amounts of original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages purchased by the individual from the package retailer.

(6) The department shall maintain all forms to be completed by applicants necessary for licensure by the department at all district offices of the department.

(7) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or wine to import, transport and furnish or give a sample of alcoholic beverages or wines to the holders of package retailer's permits, on-premises retailer's permits, native wine or native spirit retailer's permits and temporary retailer's permits who have not previously purchased the brand of that manufacturer from the department. For each holder of the designated permits, the manufacturer may furnish not more than five hundred (500) milliliters of any brand of alcoholic beverage and not more than three (3) liters of any brand of wine.

(8) The department may promulgate rules disallowing open product sampling of alcoholic beverages or wines by the holders of package retailer's permits and permitting open product sampling of alcoholic beverages by the holders of on-premises retailer's permits. Permitted sample products shall be plainly identified "sample" and the actual sampling must occur in the presence of the manufacturer's representatives during the legal operating hours of on-premises retailers.

(9) The department may promulgate rules and regulations that authorize the holder of a research permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages or from the department. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the research permittee verifying each transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department. The records and inventory of alcoholic beverages shall be open to inspection at any time by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division or any duly authorized agent.

(10) The department may promulgate rules facilitating a retailer's on-site pickup of alcoholic beverages sold by the department or as authorized by the department, including, but not limited to, native wines and native spirits, so that those alcoholic beverages may be delivered to the retailer at the manufacturer's location instead of via shipment from the department's warehouse.

(11) [Through June 30, 2023] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit or a festival wine permit.

(11) [From and after July 1, 2023] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit.

(12) (a) An individual resident of this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age may purchase wine from a winery and have the purchase shipped into this state so long as it is shipped to a package retailer permittee in Mississippi; however, the permittee shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the wine that are imposed upon the sale of wine shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. No credit shall be provided to the permittee for any taxes paid to another state as a result of the transaction. Package retailers may charge a service fee for receiving and handling shipments from wineries on behalf of the purchasers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the package retailer permittees verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(b) The purchaser of wine that is to be shipped to a package retailer's store shall be required to get the prior approval of the package retailer before any wine is shipped to the package retailer. A purchaser is limited to no more than ten (10) cases of wine per year to be shipped to a package retailer. A package retailer shall notify a purchaser of wine within two (2) days after receiving the shipment of wine. If the purchaser of the wine does not pick up or take the wine from the package retailer within thirty (30)



days after being notified by the package retailer, the package retailer may sell the wine as part of his inventory.

(c) Shipments of wine into this state under this section shall be made by a duly licensed carrier. It shall be the duty of every common or contract carrier, and of every firm or corporation that shall bring, carry or transport wine from outside the state for delivery inside the state to package retailer permittees on behalf of consumers, to prepare and file with the department, on a schedule as determined by the department, of known wine shipments containing the name of the common or contract carrier, firm or corporation making the report, the period of time covered by said report, the name and permit number of the winery, the name and permit number of the package retailer permittee receiving such wine, the weight of the package delivered to each package retailer permittee, a unique tracking number, and the date of delivery. Reports received by the department shall be made available by the department to the public via the Mississippi Public Records Act process in the same manner as other state alcohol filings.

Upon the department's request, any records supporting the report shall be made available to the department within a reasonable time after the department makes a written request for such records. Any records containing information relating to such reports shall be kept and preserved for a period of two (2) years, unless their destruction sooner is authorized, in writing, by the department, and shall be open and available to inspection by the department upon the department's written request. Reports shall also be made available to any law enforcement or regulatory body in the state in which the railroad company, express company, common or contract carrier making the report resides or does business.

Any common or contract carrier that willfully fails to make reports, as provided by this section or any of the rules and regulations of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section, is subject to a notification of violation. In the case of a continuing failure to make reports, the common or contract carrier is subject to possible license suspension and revocation at the department's discretion.

(d) A winery that ships wine under this section shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state, of the department, of any other state agency regarding the enforcement of this section, and of any related law, rules or regulations.

(e) Any person who makes, participates in, transports, imports or receives a shipment in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. Each shipment shall constitute a separate offense.

(13) If any provision of this chapter, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall be construed in accordance with the intent of the Legislature to further limit rather than expand commerce in alcoholic beverages to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state's residents, and to enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory system imposed by this chapter upon all alcoholic beverages to curb relationships and practices calculated to stimulate sales and impair the state's policy favoring trade stability and the promotion of temperance.

SECTION 16. Section 67-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-43. Any authorized retail distributor who shall purchase or receive \* \* \* alcoholic beverages from any source except from the department or its warehouse operator, unless authorized by rules and regulations of the department promulgated under Section 67-1-41, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months. Any authorization of such person to sell intoxicating beverages may be revoked as provided by law.

SECTION 17. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 918, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this chapter in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this chapter.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this chapter and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers and other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. Such a permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to such establishments as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of

Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the

retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic

beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for

personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this chapter. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the \* \* \* department or its warehouse operator. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the

department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2023.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph (s).

(t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 67-1-51.1, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(v) Food truck permit. A food truck permit shall authorize the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit to use a food truck to sell alcoholic beverages off its premises to guests who must consume the beverages in open containers. For the purposes of this paragraph (v), "food truck" means a fully encased food service establishment on a motor vehicle or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport, and from which a vendor, standing within the frame of the establishment, prepares, cooks, sells and serves food for immediate human consumption. The term "food truck" does not include a food cart that is not motorized. Food trucks shall maintain such distance requirements from schools, churches, kindergartens and funeral homes as are required for on-premises retailer's permittees under this chapter, and all sales must be made within a valid leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Food trucks cannot sell or serve alcoholic beverages unless also offering food prepared and cooked within the food truck, and permittees must maintain a twenty-five percent (25%) food sale

revenue requirement based on the food sold from the food truck alone. The hours allowed for sale shall be the same as those for on-premises retailer's permittees in the location. This permit will not be required for the holder of a caterer's permit issued under this chapter to cater an event as allowed by law. Permittees must provide notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to the department of each location at which alcoholic beverages will be sold.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this chapter within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school, kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at or near the \*\*\* intersection of Ward and Tate Streets and adjacent properties in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(h) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions and (i) is capable of seating more than seven hundred fifty (750) people, (ii) is owned by a municipality which has a population greater than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, (iii) was constructed prior to 1930, (iv) is on the National Register of Historic Places, and (v) is located in a historic district.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may



sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this chapter.

SECTION 18. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall be codified as a new article in Title 67, Chapter 1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WAREHOUSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION IN THE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, METROPOLITAN AREA; TO PROVIDE THAT LAND ACQUISITION AND WAREHOUSE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE FUNDED WITH MONIES FROM THE ABC WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND AND SUCH OTHER MONIES AS THE LEGISLATURE MAY MAKE AVAILABLE; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACT FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WAREHOUSE; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CONTRACT FOR WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY REGULAR MAINTENANCE EXPENSES AND SHALL REIMBURSE THE OPERATOR FOR SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER THE CONTRACT OUT OF MONIES APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTRACT FOR WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS; TO SET THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT AND PROVIDE UP TO TWO OPTIONAL RENEWALS BEFORE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL BE REQUIRED; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO DEVELOP A PLAN DEMONSTRATING THE METHOD BY WHICH THE STATE WOULD RESUME CONTROL OF THE WAREHOUSE UPON TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT; TO REQUIRE THAT THE PLAN BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SHALL DESIGNATE AN EXISTING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE AS A CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER TO MONITOR THE CONTRACT FOR WAREHOUSE AND DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS AND SHALL ASSURE OPERATOR COMPLIANCE WITH ITS PERFORMANCE WORK STATEMENT; TO REQUIRE THE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE OFFICER TO REPORT AT LEAST ANNUALLY, OR AS REQUESTED, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE; TO CREATE THE ABC WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND ACQUISITION FOR, AND THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF, THE WAREHOUSE; TO CREATE THE ABC WAREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS FUND AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OCCASIONAL MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WAREHOUSE AND ITS EQUIPMENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000,000.00 FOR THE ABC WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND; TO CREATE A SPECIAL BOND SINKING FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE DEBT SERVICE OF BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE ABOVE, AND TO ADD A \$0.25 CHARGE TO THE COST OF EACH CASE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SHIPPED BY

THE DEPARTMENT OR ITS WAREHOUSE OPERATOR, TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE ABC WAREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO PERIODICALLY SUSPEND THE CHARGE WHEN THE AMOUNT IN THE ABC WAREHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS FUND REACHES CERTAIN THRESHOLDS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-65-5 AND 27-65-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE SALES TAX ON WHOLESALE PURCHASES OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 67-1-5, 67-1-19, 67-1-33, 67-1-41 AND 67-1-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE ABOVE; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 918, 2022 REGULAR SESSION, IN CONFORMITY TO THE ABOVE, AND TO REVISE CERTAIN DISTANCE RESTRICTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Joel R. Carter, Jr.  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Brent Powell, Henry Zuber III

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections in conference report # 2 on **S. B. No. 2844**:

Unanimous Consent for SB 2844 Conference Report

AMEND on line 61 by striking "department" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Department of Finance and Administration

AMEND on lines 272-273 by striking "its Alcoholic Beverage Control Division" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division

FURTHER, AMEND on line 306 by striking "the Department of Revenue".

FURTHER, AMEND on line 308 by striking "its" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

the Department of Revenue's

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Bailey, Bain, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Hines, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Patterson, Pigott, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Weathersby, White, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--73.

Nays--Anderson, J, Arnold, Banks, Boyd, Clark, Clarke, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Evans, B, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, McLeod, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Scott, Straughter, Summers, Walker, Watson, Williamson, Wright. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Ladner, Rushing, Sanders, Young. Total-7.

Present--Anthony, Brown, B, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, D, Harness, Holloway, Jackson, Porter, Stamps, Thompson, Williams-Barnes. Total--13.

Necessary for passage--62

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2063**:

Unanimous Consent for SB 2063 Conference Report

AMEND on line 9 by inserting the following after "1972,":  
as amended by Senate Bill No. 2844, 2022 Regular Session,

FURTHER, AMEND by inserting the following below line 636:

(z) "Warehouse operator" shall have the meaning ascribed in Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2844, 2022 Regular Session.

FURTHER, AMEND the title to conform on line 1 by inserting the following after "1972,":  
AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2844, 2022 REGULAR SESSION,

Rep. Ford (54th) called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 451: Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 83-34-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-34-4. (1) Nonadmitted insurers shall not be assessable insurers of the association. All surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers shall collect from the insured and remit to the association a nonadmitted policy fee on all premiums for all insurance written by such surplus lines insurance producer for a policy from a nonadmitted insurer for any and all risks in this state, except that policies or portions thereof that cover residential earthquake risks or residential flood risks that are not written through the National Flood Insurance Program shall be exempt from the nonadmitted policy fee. By procuring or selling insurance on property in this state from a nonadmitted insurer, each surplus lines insurance producer placing insurance through a nonadmitted insurer agrees to be bound by the provisions of this chapter and to collect and remit the nonadmitted policy fee provided for herein.

(2) The nonadmitted policy fee shall be a percentage of the total policy premium but the nonadmitted policy fee shall not be considered premium and is not subject to

premium taxes or commissions. However, failure to pay the nonadmitted policy fee shall be treated the same as failure to pay premium. "Total policy premium" includes taxes and commissions.

(3) The nonadmitted policy fee percentage shall be three percent (3%).

(4) Within twenty (20) days of the end of the quarter, surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers shall remit directly to the association all nonadmitted policy fees collected in the preceding quarter. In addition to the nonadmitted policy fee provided for herein, surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers shall collect and remit excess deficit surcharges as provided by this chapter. Surplus lines insurance producers placing insurance through nonadmitted insurers may designate another surplus lines insurance producer that actually procured the insurance from the nonadmitted carrier to collect and remit the nonadmitted policy fees.

(5) Each insured in this state who directly procures or renews insurance with a nonadmitted insurer on properties, risks or exposures located or to be performed, in whole or in part, in this state, other than insurance procured through a surplus lines licensee, shall be subject to the nonadmitted policy fee which shall be paid by the insured according to the procedures provided for premium taxes in Section 83-21-17(5).

(6) Monies derived from the nonadmitted policy fee collected under this section shall not be considered public funds and may be used by the association, in addition to any uses provided for in Section 83-34-3(4), for education, public outreach, training of building officials and other programs targeted to reduce the number of policies within the association; however, beginning on July 1, 2018, and ending on June 30, 2019, before any fees are remitted to the association, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Capital Expense Fund, and Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Rural Fire Truck Fund or Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund. Further, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020, before any fees are remitted to the association, Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Rural Fire Truck Fund or Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund. Further, beginning July 1, 2022, before any fees are remitted to the association but only if the association will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of the fees, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited annually into the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund created in Section 2 of this act. Further, beginning July 1, 2022, but only if the association will receive at least sixty percent (60%) of the fees and the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund has received the diversion of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited annually into the Annual Fire Fund created in Section 3 of this act. Further, beginning July 1, 2022, after the association has received sixty percent (60%) of the fees and after all other diversions are made, fifty percent (50%) of any excess amount shall be remitted to the association and fifty percent (50%) of any excess amount shall be diverted and deposited annually into the Annual Fire Fund.

In the event the value of the association's Total Admitted Assets, as defined by the audited financial statement, is less than Two Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000.00), the monies diverted and not remitted to the association under this subsection (6) during that fiscal year and subsequent fiscal years shall immediately be diverted to the association and shall not be considered public funds.

(7) \* \* \* The association may use excess funds to purchase reinsurance in an amount that may exceed the total premiums collected from policyholders.

SECTION 2. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist the state, municipalities, counties and fire protection districts with providing benefits required by the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Act. The commissioner shall notify the Chairmen of the House and Senate Insurance Committees in advance of any distributions made from this fund. This fund shall consist of monies provided to it through the provisions of Section 83-34-4(6), and any monies which may be appropriated to it by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the

end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 3. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Annual Fire Fund" to be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance. Monies in the fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, may be used by the commissioner only for the purpose of his or her discretion in requesting the State Fiscal Officer, and notifying the Legislative Budget Office of such, to transfer funds from this fund to the Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, the Municipal Fire Protection Fund and/or the County Volunteer Fire Department Fund; however, the commissioner shall request the State Fiscal Officer to transfer at least One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) annually to the Rural and Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Funds. This fund shall consist of monies provided to it through the provisions of Section 83-34-4(6), and any monies which may be appropriated to it by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 83-34-4, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES DERIVED FROM THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC FUNDS; TO PROVIDE, AS LONG AS THE ASSOCIATION WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT OF THE FEES, AN ANNUAL DIVERSION OF \$500,000.00 FROM THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE TO THE FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH AND SAFETY TRUST FUND; TO PROVIDE, AS LONG AS THE ASSOCIATION WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST SIXTY PERCENT OF THE FEES, AN ANNUAL DIVERSION OF \$3,500,000.00 FROM THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE TO THE ANNUAL FIRE FUND; TO REMIT TO THE ASSOCIATION FIFTY PERCENT OF ANY AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER ANY DIVERSIONS OF THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE AND FIFTY PERCENT TO THE ANNUAL FIRE FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT THE VALUE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS, AS DEFINED BY THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT, IS LESS THAN \$250,000,000.00, THE MONIES DIVERTED AND NOT REMITTED TO THE ASSOCIATION DURING THAT FISCAL YEAR AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS SHALL IMMEDIATELY BE DIVERTED TO THE ASSOCIATION AND SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC FUNDS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ASSOCIATION TO USE EXCESS FUNDS TO PURCHASE REINSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT THAT MAY EXCEED THE TOTAL PREMIUMS COLLECTED FROM POLICYHOLDERS; TO DELETE THE REPEALER ON THE NONADMITTED POLICY FEE; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "MISSISSIPPI FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH AND SAFETY TRUST FUND" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ASSIST THE STATE, MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS WITH PROVIDING BENEFITS REQUIRED BY THE MISSISSIPPI FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "ANNUAL FIRE FUND" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO REQUEST THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THIS FUND TO THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE SUPPLEMENTARY RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUND, THE MUNICIPAL FIRE PROTECTION FUND AND/OR THE COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Kevin Ford, Charles Busby

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Nicole Boyd, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Ford (54th) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bennett, Guice, Haney, Ladner, Patterson, Williams-Barnes. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment Security serving as the fiscal agent, for the purposes described in Section 2 of this act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 60,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under Section 1 of this act shall be distributed as follows:

(a) For direct training and related expenses for workforce development efforts related to health care at the community and junior colleges, including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment, awareness and interest-building, and training program expansion for certified nursing assistants, nurses and home-health providers; increasing opportunities for certified nursing assistants to become nurses; and first responder training, especially for first responders who offer initial care at rural home emergencies or automobile accidents.

(b) For direct training and related expenses for workforce development efforts related to emerging sectors, including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment, awareness and interest-building, and training program expansion for horizon-thinking programs such as advanced manufacturing, drone, cyber, fiber, electric vehicles and data analytics and management.

(c) For direct training and related expenses for workforce development efforts related to logistics and supply chain, including, but not limited to, outreach and recruitment, awareness and interest-building, and training program expansion for commercial driver's licenses, warehousing, shipping and similar essential programs that support product transportation and delivery.

(d) For direct training and related expenses for workforce development efforts related to specific populations, including, but not limited to, outreach to, investment in, and training for military personnel, single parents, currently and formerly incarcerated individuals, underemployed individuals, and individuals with disabilities; work with existing nonpublic partners and state agencies to provide wrap-around supportive services, such as child care and transportation, for individuals who have a desire to work.

(e) For the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce Development Program created in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular Session.

(f) To be retained by the department for program monitoring and evaluation, administrative fees, third-party accounting as needed, and the deployment of an ecosystem workforce development model by the Office of Workforce Development to support effective implementation of the activities described in subsection (1) paragraphs (a) through (e), subsection (2) and subsection (3) of this Section 2.

(2) Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under Section 1 of this act shall be for the Mississippi Health Sciences Training Infrastructure Grant Program created in House Bill No. 1006, 2022 Regular Session. It is the intent of the Legislature that this program result in the retention of at least fifty percent (50%) of osteopathic medical school graduates within the State of Mississippi.

(3) Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) of the money appropriated to the Department of Employment Security under Section 1 of this act shall be for the career coaching program created in House Bill No. 1388, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Employment Security.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) None of the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, receiving entities shall certify to the department, and the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury

regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law. SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVING AS THE FISCAL AGENT, TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS FOR SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, AND BELATED EXPENSES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT SUCH SHORT-TERM TRAINING PROGRAMS AND TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE, SO THAT EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN DISPLACED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY CAN BE MORE COMPETITIVE AND TRAINED FOR THE JOB MARKET THAT EMERGES AFTER THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, FOR ON THE JOB TRAINING AND FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Young. Total-4.



Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1626: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

...\$ 1,948,045.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 215,258.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 9  
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

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

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their

appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION COUNSEL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, John W. Hines, Sr.  
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Sollie B. Norwood, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Hood. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasurer's office which are collected by or otherwise become available, to defray the expenses of the Office of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 5,763,259.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 42  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Improvement Trust Fund No. 3219 for the purpose of investing funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 150,000.00.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Trust Fund for the purpose of paying all amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 ..... \$ 35,000,000.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from any funds authorized for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for paying amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the State Treasurer shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the State Treasury under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the following program budgets:

- (a) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program \$ 1,854,655.00.
- (b) Mississippi Affordable College Savings program \$ 177,860.00.
- (c) Treasury Office - Support programs \$ 3,730,744.00.

Further, no funds to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Administrative Fund shall be expended for purposes related to any program other than the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hopkins, Williamson. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1006:** ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1006: Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Development and Retention Act." Under this act, the Legislature creates the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce Development Program and the Mississippi Health Sciences Training Infrastructure Grant Program.

SECTION 2. (1) The Mississippi Legislature finds the following:

(a) The public health crisis related to COVID-19 resulted in a general disruption in the Mississippi economy and workforce, particularly in the healthcare industry;

(b) Workforce shortages exist in a number of high-wage, high-demand Mississippi industries, including, but not limited to, the field of nursing; and

(c) The availability of unprecedented federal funding to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the workforce and economy has created a unique opportunity for the Office of Workforce Development, working with community colleges, institutions of

higher learning, employers, and others, to provide education and training for Mississippians seeking employment in healthcare and other fields.

(2) Therefore, the intent of the Mississippi Legislature is:

(a) To provide funding for outreach and other efforts to connect citizens seeking employment in nursing and other high-wage, high-demand fields with the education and training required to obtain necessary skills for relevant employment in the state;

(b) To provide funding for new and increased capacity in new and existing relevant workforce development and training programs, particularly programs related to nursing and healthcare, to include any required equipment or supplies, at community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning across the state; and

(c) To gauge the effectiveness of these programs by gathering data related to participation and wage and employment outcomes in order to replicate successful efforts in future workforce development programs.

SECTION 3. As used in this act, the following words have the meanings ascribed unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).

(b) "COVID-19" means the Coronavirus Disease 2019.

(c) "Federal COVID-19 Relief Funds" means funds allocated to the State of Mississippi from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of ARPA.

(d) "Grant program" means the workforce development and training programs administered under this act using federal COVID-19 relief funds.

(e) "Office" means the Office of Workforce Development established in Section 37-153-7.

SECTION 4. (1) There is established the Accelerate Mississippi Workforce Development Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of providing education and training to citizens seeking employment in high-wage, high-demand industries in the state, including, but not limited to, the nursing and healthcare fields, which were impacted by the disruption to the economy and workforce caused by COVID-19. This program shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under ARPA or any other funds appropriated by the Legislature.

(2) As used in this section, the following words have the meanings ascribed unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Recipient" means a community college, institution of higher learning, or trainee recipient of grant funding under this section.

(b) "Trainee" means an individual receiving training or other services through programs under this act with the goal of becoming employed in a high-wage, high-demand industry.

(c) "High-wage, high-demand industry" means those industries paying above Mississippi's median annual income and prioritized by the office and the four (4) local workforce areas.

(d) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient, pursuant to this act, to include:

- (i) Necessary equipment or other supplies;
- (ii) Curricula or other academic or training materials;
- (iii) Remote learning or other classroom technology;
- (iv) Stipends for teaching staff or faculty for workforce

development programs;

(v) Trainee support, including tuition expenses and childcare or transportation assistance;

- (vi) Coaching or mentoring services;
- (vii) Job placement services;
- (viii) Apprenticeship programs; and
- (ix) Recruitment programs.

(3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as fiscal agent in administering the funds.

(4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) A detailed explanation of the program the applicant intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, including:

(i) A description of the high-wage, high-demand field or workforce shortage area the program is intended to address;

(ii) The number of trainees who will be served by the program; and

(iii) The average wage rate for trainees receiving employment after completing the program;

(b) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;

(c) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(d) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) Applicants agreeing to commit a portion of their federal COVID-19 relief funds, if they received federal COVID-19 relief funds directly, or other state, federal or private funds as supplemental matching funds to offset the total cost of the approved program will be prioritized for approval.

(6) The office shall:

(a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program;

(b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program;

(c) Prioritize high-wage, high-skill industries, including, but not limited to, nursing jobs or other jobs within the healthcare field; and

(d) Coordinate with the Department of Employment Security to share information to identify individuals who were furloughed, unemployed, underemployed or otherwise displaced due to COVID-19.

(7) The office may use a maximum of two percent (2%) of funds allocated for this act for the administration of the grant program, to the extent permissible under federal law.

SECTION 5. (1) There is established the Mississippi Health Sciences Training Infrastructure Grant Program, the purpose of which is to provide a reimbursable grant for primary care health sciences training infrastructure at any osteopathic medical school in Mississippi that is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). This program shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under ARPA or any other funds appropriated by the Legislature.

(2) As used in this section, the following words have the meanings ascribed unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Applicant" means any osteopathic medical school in Mississippi that is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

(b) "Health sciences training infrastructure" means any infrastructure that is eligible under ARPA that assists with the training of health sciences students to increase their interest and encourage their pursuit of careers in primary care.

(3) On or before July 1, 2022, the office shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the Mississippi Health Sciences Training Infrastructure Grant Program prescribed under this section, including application procedures and deadlines. The Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is authorized and directed to advise the office regarding all such rules and regulations.

(4) The office shall receive applications submitted by the applicants, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) A detailed description and the cost of the health sciences training infrastructure requested;

(b) The number of students currently trained at the applicant's school that pursue graduate medical education in primary care;

(c) A certification that the health sciences training infrastructure meets the guidelines of ARPA and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and all applicable guidance issued by the department; and

(d) Any additional requirements set by the office.

(5) Applications shall be reviewed and scored by the office. The office shall certify that each application submitted is an allowable expense as defined in ARPA and all applicable guidance issued by the department. The Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is authorized and directed to advise the office as to the estimated cost and eligibility of the projects. The office shall award the grants to the applicants based on what projects the office determines has the most significant impact on increasing student access to primary care training opportunities. A grant agreement shall be executed between the applicant and the office. All final awards will be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the office. Funds shall be made available to an applicant upon the execution of a grant agreement between the office and the approved applicants. The office shall provide these funds to the applicants on a reimbursable basis after receiving support for expenses and determining that they meet the grant award criteria.

(6) The applicant may be required to repay the State of Mississippi for any grant funds awarded not consistent with the guidelines of ARPA and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury, and all applicable guidance issued by the office.

SECTION 6. The office shall provide a comprehensive report on the use and effectiveness of funds distributed under the grant programs created in this act, to include, if applicable, wage data and employment outcomes for trainees, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee, and Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee by October 1 each year of the existence of the program. The report shall also contain, if applicable, the submitted applications, the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, the status of the training infrastructure, the number of students currently trained at the applicant's school, and the estimated increase in the number of students to be trained at the applicant's school.

SECTION 7. This act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO ENACT THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION ACT; TO STATE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; TO ESTABLISH THE ACCELERATE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION AND FOR THE GRANT AWARDS; TO ESTABLISH THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH SCIENCES TRAINING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE BY OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION THAT EACH EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATED TO THE OFFICE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE



TREASURY CRITERIA REGARDING THE USE OF MONIES FROM THE STATE  
CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; AND FOR RELATED  
PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Jeremy England, Chuck Younger

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the  
following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton,  
Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby,  
Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup,  
Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner,  
Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney,  
Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston,  
Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill,  
McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan,  
Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell,  
Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,  
Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,  
Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes,  
Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that  
it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs;  
establish under Department of Health.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the  
following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1421: ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish  
under Department of Health.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Health (department) shall establish  
a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant  
Program (program) to assist rural water associations in the construction of eligible drinking  
water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and  
Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
(ARPA).

(2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section. It is the intent of the Legislature that, in the first fiscal year after the effective date of this act, twenty percent (20%) of the funds appropriated to the department for the program be obligated to projects that have completed plans and specifications, acquired all necessary land and/or easements, and are ready to proceed to construction.

(3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through ARPA.

(4) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the project (both new and existing users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/ overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury for ARPA funds.

(5) An application for a grant under this section shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes.

(6) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under this section, the department shall enter into a project grant agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant for the project, including the amount of the grant. The maximum amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water association from all grants under the program is Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

(7) The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%) may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of administering the program.

(8) In carrying out its responsibilities under the program, for any contract under the purview of the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any requirement that the PPRB approve any personal or professional services contracts or pre-approve any solicitation of such contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

(9) The department shall submit an annual report regarding the program no later than December 31 of each year to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 2. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2818, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of

the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c), any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning, any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019, any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission, any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services, any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation at such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories, \* \* \* any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health and/or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2023, any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, utility rate expert services, \* \* \* any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022, and

any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026. Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;

2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;

3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;

4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and

5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set

out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Notwithstanding the exemption of personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services and personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services from the provisions of this section under subsection (2)(f), before the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services may enter into a personal or professional service contract, the department(s) shall give notice of the proposed personal or professional service contract to the Public Procurement Review Board for any recommendations by the board. Upon receipt of the notice, the board shall post the notice on its website and on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165. If the board does not respond to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the notice, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. If the board responds to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days, then the board has seven (7) calendar days from the date of its initial response to provide any additional recommendations. After the end of the second seven-day period, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. The board is not authorized to disapprove any proposed

personal or professional services contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ESTABLISH A GRANT PROGRAM TO BE KNOWN AS THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF ELIGIBLE DRINKING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA); TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED FROM APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT WITH EACH GRANTEE TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF THE GRANT FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell. Total-3.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and District Attorneys; increase salaries of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:



We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1423: State Appellate and trial judges and DAs; increase salaries of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-3-35. (1) The annual salaries of the following judges are fixed as follows:

\* \* \*

Through December 31, 2022:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court .....	\$174,000.00
Presiding Justices of the Supreme Court, each .....	169,500.00
Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, each .....	166,500.00

From and after January 1, 2023:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court .....	\$181,491.00
Presiding Justices of the Supreme Court, each .....	176,737.00
Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, each .....	173,800.00

There are imposed upon the Supreme Court justices the extra duties of taking all necessary action to promote judicial education in schools, intervention courts, electronic filing and case management systems as developed by the Administrative Office of Courts, or such other additional duties as may be assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. For such extra services each justice, from and after January 1, \* \* \* 2023, shall receive a sum sufficient to aggregate, per annum, the salaries set forth in this subsection (1).

The fixed salaries in this subsection (1) shall be paid from the State General Fund and from the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45. No less than: One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$115,390.00) of the Chief Justice's salary in this subsection (1), One Hundred Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$113,190.00) of the salary of a presiding justice in this subsection (1), and One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$112,530.00) of the salary of an associate justice in this subsection (1) shall be paid from general fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall appropriate annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum sufficient to increase the salary of the Chief Justice, a presiding justice and an associate justice to the levels set forth in this subsection (1).

The fixed salaries as specified in this subsection (1) shall be the exclusive and total compensation which can be reported to the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement purposes; however, any judge in office on December 31, 2003, may continue to report his expense allowance as part of his compensation for retirement purposes.

(2) The annual salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals of Mississippi are fixed as follows:

\* \* \*

Through December 31, 2022:

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals .....	\$161,500.00
Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals, each .....	158,500.00

From and after January 1, 2023:

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals .....	\$169,349.00
Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals, each .....	168,467.00

From and after January 1, \* \* \* 2023, each judge shall receive a sum sufficient to aggregate, per annum, the salaries set forth in this subsection (2).

The fixed salaries in this subsection (2) shall be paid from the State General Fund and from the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45. No less than One Hundred Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$108,130.00) of the Chief Judge's salary in this subsection (2) shall be paid from general fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall appropriate annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum sufficient to increase the Chief Judge's salary to the level set forth in this subsection (2). No less than One Hundred Five Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$105,050.00) of the salary of an associate judge in this subsection (2) shall be paid from general fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall appropriate annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum sufficient to increase the salary of an associate judge to the level set forth in this subsection (2).

The fixed salaries as specified in this subsection (2) shall be the exclusive and total compensation which can be reported to the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement purposes; however, any judge in office on December 31, 2003, may continue to report his expense allowance as part of his compensation for retirement purposes.

(3) The annual salaries of the chancery and circuit court judges are fixed as follows:

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Through December 31, 2022:

Chancery Judges, each ..... \$149,000.00

Circuit Judges, each ..... 149,000.00

From and after January 1, 2023:

Chancery Judges, each ..... \$158,000.00

Circuit Judges, each ..... 158,000.00

In addition to their present official duties, the circuit and chancery judges shall take necessary action to promote judicial education in schools, intervention courts, electronic filing and case management systems as developed by the Administrative Office of Courts, or such other additional duties as may be assigned by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. For such extra services each judge, from and after January 1, \*\*\* 2023, shall receive a sum sufficient to aggregate, per annum, the salaries set forth in this subsection (3).

The fixed salaries in this subsection (3) shall be paid from the State General Fund and from the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45. No less than One Hundred Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$104,170.00) of the salary of a chancery or circuit judge in this subsection (3) shall be paid from general fund monies; in addition, the Legislature shall appropriate annually from the Judicial System Operation Fund a sum sufficient to increase the salary of a chancery or circuit judge to the levels set forth in this subsection (3).

(4) From and after January 1, 2019, and every four (4) years thereafter, the annual salaries of the judges in subsections (1), (2) and (3) shall be fixed at the level of compensation recommended by the State Personnel Board according to the board's most recent report on judicial salaries, as required under Section 25-9-115, to the extent that sufficient funds are available. The annual salaries fixed in accordance with this subsection (4) shall not become effective until the commencement of the next immediately succeeding term of office.

(5) The Supreme Court shall prepare a payroll for chancery judges and circuit judges and submit such payroll to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(6) The annual salary of the full-time district attorneys shall be:

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From and after January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2022:

One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$125,900.00).

From and after January 1, 2023:

One Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$134,400.00).

(7) The annual salary of the full-time legal assistants shall be not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) nor more than eighty percent (80%) of the salary of the district attorney for legal assistants who have been licensed to practice law for five (5) years or less; eighty-five percent (85%) of the salary of the district attorney for legal assistants who have been licensed to practice law for at least five (5) years but less than

fifteen (15) years; and ninety percent (90%) of the salary of the district attorney for legal assistants who have been licensed to practice law for at least fifteen (15) years or more.

SECTION 2. Section 25-31-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-31-39. \* \* \* To the extent the district attorney's office receives funds from any source, the district attorney may employ one or more part-time legal assistants who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the district attorney to assist in the performance of the duties of the district attorney. A part-time legal assistant must not engage in the private practice of law, and must possess the qualifications and be subject to removal as provided in Section 25-31-6. The term "any source" has the meaning ascribed in Section 25-31-5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE ANNUAL SALARIES OF THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2023; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS TO EMPLOY PART-TIME LEGAL ASSISTANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Ladner, McLeod, Scott, Williamson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Boyd, Brown, C, Criswell, Rushing. Total-5.

Present--Creekmore, Gibbs, D, Smith. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1424: Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-31-10, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time criminal investigator.

(2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Twentieth Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

(3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth, Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

(4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

(5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties rendered by \* \* \* the criminal investigators shall be not more than \* \* \* Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a law degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal assistant to a district attorney.

(6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district attorney.

(7) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of funding for such criminal investigators.

[From and after January 1, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

25-31-10. (1) Any district attorney may appoint a full-time criminal investigator.

(2) The district attorneys of the Third, Fifth, Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twentieth and Twenty-third Circuit Court Districts may appoint one (1) additional full-time criminal investigator for a total of two (2) full-time criminal investigators.

(3) The district attorneys of the First, Second, Fourth, Seventh and Nineteenth Circuit Court Districts may appoint two (2) additional full-time criminal investigators for a total of three (3) full-time criminal investigators.

(4) No district attorney or assistant district attorney shall accept any private employment, civil or criminal, in any matter investigated by such criminal investigators.

(5) The full and complete compensation for all public duties rendered by the criminal investigators shall be not more than \* \* \* Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000.00) per annum, to be determined at the discretion of the district attorney based upon the qualifications, education and experience of the criminal investigator, plus necessary travel and other expenses, to be paid in accordance with Section 25-31-8. However, the maximum salary under this subsection for a criminal investigator who has a

law degree may be supplemented by the district attorney from other available funds, but not to exceed the maximum salary for a legal assistant to a district attorney.

(6) Any criminal investigator may be designated by the district attorney to attend the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program set forth in Section 45-6-1 et seq. The total expenses associated with attendance by criminal investigators at the Law Enforcement Officers Training Program shall be paid out of the funds of the appropriate district attorney.

(7) The district attorney shall be authorized to assign the duties of criminal investigators regardless of the source of funding for such criminal investigators.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, D. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1426: Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-3-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Beginning July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

25-3-31. (1) The annual salaries of the following elected state and district officers are fixed as follows:

Governor .....	\$122,160.00
Attorney General .....	108,960.00
Secretary of State .....	90,000.00
Commissioner of Insurance .....	90,000.00
State Treasurer.....	90,000.00
State Auditor of Public Accounts.....	90,000.00
Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.....	90,000.00
Transportation Commissioners .....	78,000.00
Public Service Commissioners.....	78,000.00

\* \* \*

(2) To assist the elected state and district officers in subsection (1) of this section in efficiently performing the official duties imposed upon him or her by law, the officer may employ suitable and competent persons who possess the professional skill and expert knowledge needed to fulfill those duties. The State Personnel Board, based upon its findings of fact, shall exempt those persons from the provisions of Section 25-3-39 when the acquisition of such professional services is precluded based upon the prevailing wage in the relevant labor market. This subsection (3) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

25-3-31. (1) The annual salaries of the following elected state and district officers are fixed as follows:

Governor .....	\$ * * * 160,000.00
Attorney General .....	* * * 150,000.00
Secretary of State .....	* * * 120,000.00
Commissioner of Insurance .....	* * * 150,000.00
State Treasurer.....	* * * 120,000.00
State Auditor of Public Accounts.....	* * * 150,000.00
Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce.....	* * * 120,000.00
Transportation Commissioners .....	* * * 95,000.00
Public Service Commissioners.....	* * * 95,000.00

\* \* \*

(2) To assist the elected state and district officers in subsection (1) of this section in efficiently performing the official duties imposed upon him or her by law, the officer may employ suitable and competent persons who possess the professional skill and expert knowledge needed to fulfill those duties. The State Personnel Board, based upon its findings of fact, shall exempt those persons from the provisions of Section 25-3-39 when the acquisition of such professional services is precluded based upon the prevailing wage in the relevant labor market. This subsection (3) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Section 25-3-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Beginning July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

25-3-39. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no public officer, public employee, administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the state, in

the executive branch of government, shall be paid \*\*\* an annual salary \*\*\* greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the salary fixed in Section 25-3-31 for the Governor, nor shall the salary of any public officer, public employee, administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the state, in the executive branch of government, be supplemented with any funds from any source, including federal or private funds. Such salaries shall be completely paid by the state. The following shall be exempt from this subsection:

(i) \*\*\* Academic officials, members of the teaching staffs and employees of the state institutions of higher learning, the Mississippi Community College Board, and community and junior colleges \*\*\*;

(ii) Licensed physicians who are public employees \*\*\*;

(iii) Professional employees who hold a bachelor's degree or more advanced degree from an accredited four-year college or university or a certificate or license issued by a state licensing board, commission or agency and who are employed by the Department of Mental Health \*\*\*; if the State Personnel Board approves the exemption \*\*\*;

(iv) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services \*\*\*;

and

(v) The Executive Director of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Chief Investment Officer of the Public Employees' Retirement System \*\*\*.

(b) The Governor shall fix the annual salary of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, the annual salary of the Commissioner of Child Protection Services, and the annual salary of the Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office. The salary of the Governor's Chief of Staff shall not be greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the salary of the Governor and shall be completely paid by the state without supplementation from another source. The salary of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority may be greater than one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the salary of the Governor and may be supplemented with funds from any source, including federal or private funds; however, any state funds used to pay the salary of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority shall not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the salary of the Governor. If the executive director's salary is supplemented with private funds, the Mississippi Development Authority shall publish on its website the amount of the supplement and the name of the donor of the private funds.

(2) No public officer, employee or administrator shall be paid a salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess of the salary authorized to be paid the executive head of the state agency or department in which he is employed. The State Personnel Board, based upon its findings of fact, may exempt physicians and actuaries from this subsection when the acquisition of such professional services is precluded based on the prevailing wage in the relevant labor market.

(3) The executive head of any state agency or department appointed by the Governor, in such executive head's discretion, may waive all or any portion of the salary or compensation lawfully established for the position.

[From and After January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

25-3-39. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no public officer, public employee, administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the state, in the executive branch of government, shall be paid \*\*\* an annual salary \*\*\* greater than \*\*\* one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the salary fixed in Section 25-3-31 for the Governor, nor shall the salary of any public officer, public employee, administrator, or executive head of any arm or agency of the state, in the executive branch of government, be supplemented with any funds from any source, including federal or private funds. Such salaries shall be completely paid by the state. The following shall be exempt from this subsection:

(i) \*\*\* Academic officials, members of the teaching staffs and employees of the state institutions of higher learning, the Mississippi Community College Board, and community and junior colleges \*\*\*;

(ii) Licensed physicians who are public employees \*\*\*;

(iii) Professional employees who hold a bachelor's degree or more advanced degree from an accredited four-year college or university or a certificate

or license issued by a state licensing board, commission or agency and who are employed by the Department of Mental Health \* \* \*, if the State Personnel Board approves the exemption \* \* \*;

(iv) The Commissioner of Child Protection Services \* \* \*;

and

(v) \* \* \* The Executive Director of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the Chief Investment Officer of the Public Employees' Retirement System \* \* \*.

(b) The Governor shall fix the annual salary of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, the annual salary of the Commissioner of Child Protection Services, and the annual salary of the Chief of Staff of the Governor's office. The salary of the Governor's Chief of Staff shall not be greater than \* \* \* one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the salary of the Governor and shall be completely paid by the state without supplementation from another source. The salary of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority may be greater than \* \* \* one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the salary of the Governor and may be supplemented with funds from any source, including federal or private funds; however, any state funds used to pay the salary of the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority shall not exceed \* \* \* one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the salary of the Governor. If the executive director's salary is supplemented with private funds, the Mississippi Development Authority shall publish on its website the amount of the supplement and the name of the donor of the private funds.

(2) No public officer, employee or administrator shall be paid a salary or compensation, directly or indirectly, in excess of the salary authorized to be paid the executive head of the state agency or department in which he is employed. The State Personnel Board, based upon its findings of fact, may exempt physicians and actuaries from this subsection when the acquisition of such professional services is precluded based on the prevailing wage in the relevant labor market.

(3) The executive head of any state agency or department appointed by the Governor, in such executive head's discretion, may waive all or any portion of the salary or compensation lawfully established for the position.

SECTION 3. Section 5-1-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[From and after July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023, this section shall read as follows:]

5-1-43. (1) The salary of the Lieutenant Governor and of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) annually, and they shall receive for attending each extraordinary or called session the same compensation and mileage as is provided for members of the Legislature. However, in the event the Lieutenant Governor serving on the effective date of Laws, 1997, Chapter 577, shall be re-elected for the term beginning in the year 2000, he shall continue to receive an annual salary of Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$40,800.00).

(2) On the first day of each month, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive in twelve (12) equal monthly installments the compensation provided for pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

[From and after January 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

5-1-43. (1) The salary of the Lieutenant Governor and of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be \* \* \* Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) annually, and they shall receive for attending each extraordinary or called session the same compensation and mileage as is provided for members of the Legislature. \* \* \*

(2) On the first day of each month, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive in twelve (12) equal monthly installments the compensation provided for pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 4. Section 25-3-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-3-71. The State Personnel Board shall prepare a written legislative report to be submitted to the members of the Mississippi Legislature on December 1, 1988, and on December 1 of every year thereafter, making recommendations on any salary increases and the amounts deemed necessary for all state \* \* \* elected officials and state appointed officials whose salaries are established by statute.



SECTION 5. Section 25-9-133, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-9-133. (1) The board shall recommend policies and procedures for the efficient and economical use of employment positions. The board shall report to the State Fiscal Management Board and the Legislative Budget Office recommendations for the number of employment positions and costs within each department, agency or institution. Such recommendation shall include the job title and salary of each position. The board shall conduct periodic position audits within each department, agency or institution to ensure the effective and efficient use of all personnel resources and to determine compliance with organization and staffing plans by agencies \* \* \*.

(2) No person shall be employed by any agency for any period for any purpose except in an employment position authorized by legislative appropriation or by the body authorized by law to escalate budgets and approve employment positions under the guidelines established by the Legislature. Each employment position so authorized shall be classified and assigned a pay range on the basis of actual job content, according to the State Classification Plan.

SECTION 6. Section 37-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-3-13. \* \* \* The deputy superintendents, associate superintendents and directors shall be selected by and hold office subject to the will of the State Superintendent of Public Education subject to the approval of the State Board of Education. All other personnel shall be competitively appointed by the State Superintendent and shall be dismissed only for cause in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board. The State Board of Education shall set the salary of \* \* \* the members of the teaching staffs and employees of the Mississippi School of the Arts, the Mississippi School for the Blind, the Mississippi School for the Deaf, and the Mississippi School for Math and Sciences. The State Superintendent, subject to the approval of the State Personnel Board, shall fix the amount of compensation of all other employees of the State Department of Education. All salaries, compensation or expenses of any of the personnel of the department shall be paid upon the requisition of the State Superintendent of Public Education and warrant issued thereunder by the State Auditor out of funds appropriated by the Legislature in a lump sum upon the basis of budgetary requirements submitted by the Superintendent of Education or out of funds otherwise made available. The entire expense of administering the department shall never exceed the amount appropriated therefor, plus funds received from other sources other than state appropriations. For a violation of this provision, the superintendent shall be liable, and he and the sureties on his bond shall be required to restore any such excess.

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SECTION 7. Section 47-5-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-20. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To establish the general policy of the department;

(b) To approve proposals for the location of new facilities, for major renovation activities, and for the creation of new programs and divisions within the department as well as for the abolition of the same; provided, however, that the commissioner shall approve the location of no new facility unless the board of supervisors of the county or the governing authorities of the municipality in which the new facility is to be located shall have had the opportunity with at least sixty (60) days' prior notice to disapprove the location of the proposed facility. If either the board of supervisors or the governing authorities shall disapprove the facility, it shall not be located in that county or municipality. Said notice shall be made by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the members of the board or governing authorities and to the clerk thereof;

(c) Except as otherwise provided or required by law, to open bids and approve the sale of any products or manufactured goods by the department according to applicable provisions of law regarding bidding and sale of state property, and according to rules and regulations established by the State Fiscal Management Board; \* \* \*

(d) To adopt administrative rules and regulations including, but not limited to, offender transfer procedures, award of administrative earned time, personnel procedures, employment practices.

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SECTION 8. Section 47-5-28, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 936, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

47-5-28. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To implement and administer laws and policy relating to corrections and coordinate the efforts of the department with those of the federal government and other state departments and agencies, county governments, municipal governments, and private agencies concerned with providing offender services;

(b) To establish standards, in cooperation with other state agencies having responsibility as provided by law, provide technical assistance, and exercise the requisite supervision as it relates to correctional programs over all state-supported adult correctional facilities and community-based programs;

(c) To promulgate and publish such rules, regulations and policies of the department as are needed for the efficient government and maintenance of all facilities and programs in accord insofar as possible with currently accepted standards of adult offender care and treatment;

(d) To provide the Parole Board with suitable and sufficient office space and support resources and staff necessary to \* \* \* conduct Parole Board business under the guidance of the Chairman of the Parole Board;

(e) To contract for transitional reentry center beds that will be used as noncorrections housing for offenders released from the department on parole, probation or post-release supervision but do not have appropriate housing available upon release. At least one hundred (100) but no more than eight hundred (800) transitional reentry center beds contracted by the department and chosen by the Parole Board shall be available for the Parole Board to place parolees without appropriate housing;

(f) To designate deputy commissioners while performing their officially assigned duties relating to the custody, control, transportation, recapture or arrest of any offender within the jurisdiction of the department or any offender of any jail, penitentiary, public workhouse or overnight lockup of the state or any political subdivision thereof not within the jurisdiction of the department, to the status of peace officers anywhere in the state in any matter relating to the custody, control, transportation or recapture of such offender, and shall have the status of law enforcement officers and peace officers as contemplated by Sections 45-6-3, 97-3-7 and 97-3-19.

For the purpose of administration and enforcement of this chapter, deputy commissioners of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, who are certified by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, have the powers of a law enforcement officer of this state. Such powers shall include to make arrests and to serve and execute search warrants and other valid legal process anywhere within the State of Mississippi while performing their officially assigned duties relating to the custody, control, transportation, recapture or arrest of any offender within the jurisdiction of the department or any offender of any jail, penitentiary, public workhouse or overnight lockup of the state or any political subdivision thereof not within the jurisdiction of the department in any matter relating to the custody, control, transportation or recapture of such offender \* \* \*;

(g) To make an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature reflecting the activities of the department and make recommendations for improvement of the services to be performed by the department;

(h) To cooperate fully with periodic independent internal investigations of the department and to file the report with the Governor and the Legislature;

\* \* \*

( \* \* \*) To contract with licensed special care facilities for paroled inmates to provide authorized medical services and support services for medically frail inmates who have been paroled and who have voluntarily submitted to the Department of Corrections an address to one of the licensed care facilities to receive such services; and

(j) To perform such other duties necessary to effectively and efficiently carry out the purposes of the department as may be directed by the Governor.

SECTION 9. Section 57-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-5. (1) The Governor shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint an executive director who:

(a) Shall have at least a bachelor's degree, and

(b) Shall be an experienced administrator and have at least five (5) years' experience in at least one (1) of the following areas:

(i) Industrial development, or

(ii) Economic development.

(2) The executive director shall be the executive officer of the department in the execution of any and all provisions of this chapter, and his salary shall be fixed by the Governor.

(3) The executive director shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To formulate the policy of the department regarding the economic and tourist development of the state.

(b) To use and expend any funds from state, federal or private sources coming into the department for the purposes herein provided. State funds appropriated for the department shall be expended in accordance with the regulations governing the expenditures of other state funds.

(c) To implement the duties assigned to the department and consistent with specific requirements of law, including, but not limited to:

(i) Support services to include legal, finance, data processing, personnel, communications and advertising, purchasing and accounting;

(ii) Research and planning;

(iii) Outreach, agency liaison and community development;

(iv) Tourism, business travel, and film;

(v) Programs and assistance for existing state business and industry;

(vi) Recruiting new business and industry into the state;

(vii) Fostering and promoting of entrepreneurship and the creation of new business in the state;

(viii) Programs aimed at competing effectively in the international economy by increasing exports of state products and services and by promoting, developing and creating the conditions and programs that will bring about significant increases in investment in the state from other countries;

(ix) Programs relating to the development of ports;

(x) Such other areas as are within the jurisdiction and authority of the department and will foster and promote the economic development of this state;

(xi) \*\*\* The positions of associate directors, deputy directors and bureau directors shall not be state service positions.

SECTION 10. Section 65-1-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-2. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Department of Transportation, which shall include the following offices:

(a) Office of Administrative Services.

(b) Office of Highways.

(c) Office of State Aid Road Construction.

(d) Office of Intermodal Planning.

(e) Office of Enforcement.

(2) Each office shall be composed of such bureaus as deemed necessary by the executive director of the department.

(3) The department is designated as the single state agency to receive and expend any funds made available by the United States Department of Transportation or any agency of the federal government for transportation purposes and to cooperate with federal, state, interstate and local agencies, organizations and persons performing activities relating to transportation. This subsection shall not apply to motor carrier safety assistance program funds made available by the federal government to the Public Service Commission.

(4) The powers, duties and responsibilities of the State Highway Department with respect to the construction and maintenance of the state highway system are transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(5) The powers, duties and responsibilities of the \* \* \* Mississippi Development Authority with respect to aeronautics are transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(6) The powers, duties and responsibilities of the State Tax Commission with respect to the weighing of motor vehicles along the highways of this state at inspection stations and by means of portable scales are transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(7) The powers, duties and responsibilities of the \* \* \* Mississippi Development Authority with respect to transportation matters, except with respect to ports, are transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(8) The powers, duties and responsibilities of the State Aid Engineer and the Office of State Aid Road Construction are transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(9) All powers, duties and responsibilities of the Public Service Commission with regard to railroads, except rate-making authority, are transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The Mississippi Transportation Commission may perform any act and issue any rule, regulation or order which the commission is permitted to do by the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (45 USCS et seq.). A copy of any new rule, regulation or order passed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission shall be furnished to members of the Transportation Committees of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate. Individuals, corporations or companies affected by the order, rule or regulation shall be notified in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

(10) All records, personnel, property and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocation or other funds of all those agencies, boards, commissions, departments, offices, bureaus and divisions that are transferred by Chapter 496, Laws of 1992, shall be transferred to the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The transfer of segregated or special funds shall be made in such a manner that the relation between program and revenue source as provided by law shall be retained.

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SECTION 11. Section 81-1-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

81-1-69. The \* \* \* salary of the commissioner \* \* \* shall be fixed by the \* \* \* Governor in conjunction with the State Compensation Plan, and shall be payable monthly out of the funds of the department.

SECTION 12. Section 25-9-147, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-9-147. The State Personnel Board shall review on an annual basis the variable compensation plan adopted by the Legislature at the regular session of 1981 and subsequently implemented by the State Personnel Board. Each state department or agency subject to the variable compensation plan shall prepare an annual written report under the direction of the head of that department or agency outlining the impact which the plan has had on that department or agency during the preceding fiscal year. Such department or agency report shall be submitted to the State Personnel Board and shall become a part of the board's annual review of the variable compensation plan. After conducting its annual review of the plan and studying the report of each department or agency, the State Personnel Board shall prepare a written legislative report, to be submitted to the members of the Mississippi Legislature prior to January 1 of each year. This written report shall accurately reflect the effect of the variable compensation plan on the various departments or agencies subject to the plan. From and after July 1, 1985, the plan shall be named the "Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan." From and after July 1, 2022, the plan shall be named the "Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan."

SECTION 13. Section 25-3-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides for education benchmark awards for appointive state and district officials, is repealed.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS FROM AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE CEILING ESTABLISHED FOR SALARIES OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTION 5-1-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARY OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON SALARY INCREASES FOR COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-133, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE AN INCORRECT STATUTORY REFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SET THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-20 AND 47-5-28, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE A PROVISION THAT IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE PERSONNEL BOARD PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SET SALARIES OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE A PROVISION THAT IS NO LONGER IN EFFECT GRANTING AN EXEMPTION FROM STATE PERSONNEL BOARD PROCEDURES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 81-1-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE SHALL BE FIXED BY THE GOVERNOR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE COMPENSATION PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-147, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE A NEW NAME FOR THE VARIABLE COMPENSATION PLAN; TO REPEAL SECTION 25-3-34, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDES FOR EDUCATION BENCHMARK AWARDS FOR APPOINTEE STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, D. Blackmon, Bounds, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Evans, B. Evans, M. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McGee, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Wright, Yancey, Young. Total--72.

Nays--Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Arnold, Bennett, Boyd, Clark, Clarke, Crawford, Currie, Darnell, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J. Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Karriem, Ladner, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Miles, Osborne, Owen, Scott, Summers, Turner, Walker, Williamson, Yates, Zuber. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bain, Banks, Bell, C. Bomgar, Brown, C. Criswell, Faulkner, Rosebud, Sanford. Total-10.

Present--Crudup, Gibbs, D. Holloway, Jackson, Thompson, Williams-Barnes. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--52

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1427:** Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program; create.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1427: Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The federal COVID-19 public health emergency continues to create significant exposure and risk to law enforcement officers and fire fighters in the State of Mississippi. American Rescue Plan Act funds are specifically targeted toward assisting with premium pay for such public safety workers. The program created in this act provides for necessary expenditures related to COVID-19, the purpose of which is to provide law enforcement officers and fire fighters with premium pay for their heightened risk during the ongoing federal COVID-19 public health emergency.

SECTION 2. (1) There is created the "Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program," which shall be administered by the Department of Public Safety to provide premium pay to those law enforcement officers and fire fighters in the State of Mississippi as provided for in subsection (2) of this section. Monies disbursed by the Department of Public Safety under this section shall be disbursed in compliance with all requirements and/or conditions on funds appropriated from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the program established under this section.

(2) The program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for that purpose. The Department of Public Safety shall distribute the monies for the program in accordance with the following:

(a) One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of premium pay shall be paid to each eligible individual.

(b) Eligible individuals are all certified, full-time and part-time law enforcement officers and certified, full-time and part-time fire fighters who are serving in the State of Mississippi on the effective date of this act, except those excluded under paragraph (c) of this subsection (2). If a person is an eligible individual in more than one (1) position covered under this paragraph, that person shall only be eligible for one (1) payment of premium pay under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(c) Any law enforcement officer who received hazard pay from the Governor's discretionary funds authorized by the Legislature from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act is not eligible to receive monies under this act.

(d) The department also shall distribute monies to counties, municipalities and other governmental entities that, before the effective date of this act, paid premium pay to law enforcement officers and fire fighters employed by them from funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act, to reimburse those governmental entities for not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) of the amount of premium pay that the governmental entity paid to each recipient.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE FIGHTERS PREMIUM PAY PROGRAM" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS AS PREMIUM PAY FOR THEIR EFFORTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Scott. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **H. B. No. 1593**: (Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 5:58 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 7:30 PM.

At 7:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2822**: ("Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 1599**: (Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2306:** Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to.

**S. B. No. 2338:** DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violations to the State Auditor.

**S. B. No. 2421:** Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

**S. B. No. 2512:** City of Southaven; extend repeal date on restaurant tax.

**S. B. No. 2513:** City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation.

**S. B. No. 2517:** Commercial motor vehicles; authorize voluntary inspection program.

**S. B. No. 2525:** MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property.

**S. B. No. 2649:** Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on.

**S. B. No. 2669:** Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2700:** IHL; extend repealer date and create the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Grant Program.

**S. B. No. 2725:** Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's or their representative's request.

**S. B. No. 2980:** City of Jackson; authorize to continue contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc.

**S. B. No. 2998:** Town of Sardis; authorize the levy of a tax on hotel, motel and restaurant sales.

**S. B. No. 2999:** City of Horn Lake; extend the repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals.

**S. B. No. 3206:** Marshall County; authorize contributions to Byhalia Area Arts Council.



**S. B. No. 3208:** Rankin County; authorize certain road project contracts extending more than 30 days after term of current board.

**S. B. No. 3209:** City of Hernando; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund capital improvements related to parks and recreation.

**S. B. No. 3211:** Meridian Public School District; authorize transfer of former school property to Meridian Housing Authority.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2034:** Intestacy; revise provisions for venue.

**S. B. No. 2336:** State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium authority/allow surcharge on tobacco use.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2245:** Voyeurism; revise sentencing.

**S. B. No. 2263:** Chancery court; revise provisions concerning adoption and name change of incarcerated persons.

**S. B. No. 2545:** Scrap metal; revise provisions of and prescribe certain conditions for the purchase of detached catalytic converters.

**S. B. No. 2735:** Pilot freestanding emergency room; require the Department of Health to issue not more than five licenses.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2620:** Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests.

**S. B. No. 2913:** Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury.

**S. B. No. 3202:** City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 589:** Commend Summer Field Program at USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on its 75th Anniversary.

**S. B. No. 2159:** Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create.

**S. B. No. 2319:** Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property.

**S. B. No. 2321:** Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from.

**S. B. No. 2358:** Candidate filing fees; authorize the state executive committee of a party to determine.

**S. B. No. 2461:** Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions.

**S. B. No. 2508:** Personal delivery devices; regulate.

**S. B. No. 2530:** Department of Information Technology Services; require to report ransomware incidents and revise provisions related thereto.

**S. B. No. 2536:** Criminal convictions; create registry of certain offenders and clarify the effect of expungement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and make various technical amendments to services section.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 590:** Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of McComb.

**S. C. R. No. 592:** Commend State Parole Board member Betty Lou Jones on the occasion of her retirement.

**S. C. R. No. 593:** Recognize service and legacy of WWII Veteran Howard Bennett of Sumrall, Mississippi.

**S. C. R. No. 594:** Commend Booneville High School "Lady Blue Devils" for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 595:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Class 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 597:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Boys Basketball Team for winning 2022 Class 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 598:** Commend Booneville "Lady Blue Devils" Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Team for winning 2021 3A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 599:** Commend Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Volleyball Team for winning first State Championship in program history.

**S. C. R. No. 600:** Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devil" Marching Band for winning 3A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 601:** Commend Hancock High School "Lady Hawks" Girls Bowling Team for three consecutive State Championships.

**S. C. R. No. 602:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Women's Basketball Team for MACCC Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 603:** Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Men's Basketball Team for third consecutive MACCC title.

**S. B. No. 2424:** School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments.

**S. B. No. 2476:** Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create.

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities.

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program; create.

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create.

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; provide moratorium on the application of to state agencies.

**H. B. No. 1108:** Taxation; authorize income tax credit for certain railroad expenditures, allow ad valorem tax exemption for certain property.

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 453:** Tourism; establish programs for certain assistance, designate "One Mississippi" as contemporary music genre official State Song.

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives.

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create.

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions.

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects.

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create.

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing.

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance.

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. C. R. No. 77:** Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn.

**H. C. R. No. 90:** Legislature; change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Crawford, Haney and Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Andrué Fain, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crudup moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pastor Lem Johnson, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Currie moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlene Rice Elliott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Tackett Benefield, which motion prevailed.

Representative Miles moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dana Moore, Iola Johnson, Christeian Benford, Florence "Flo" Chambers, and Mary Helen Conn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betty Hollingsworth, and Janell McQueen Keys, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Alton Jackson Steverson, Jr., Julie Kaye Ward, Carol Carpenter, Beverly Jean Lanke, Mary Carlene McGill, Robert Glenn Reed, Martha Wheeler Egger, Elias Michael Kerby, Jr., Margaret Josephine Sandidge Enlow, Barbara A. Dickey, Christ Steve Castanis, Robert Stewart "Bobby" Caldwell, Jr., and Bruce McDennis Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rodney Richardson, and Dr. Jane Ann Lampton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Williams, Sherri Lewis Dobbs, Nina Bell Sanders, Harlon Ray Tucker, Gerald "Jerry" D. Van Camp, Daniel Lavelle Holifield, Joshua Kevin Chancellor, Barbara Cook Ford, Robert Virgil Miller, and Melvin Ray Lofton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Walton "Dot" Jenkins, Martha "Mott" Frances Langston Williamson, Betty Jean Pullen, Walter Thomas Crafton, Rex Dean Howell, Charles Norwood, Jr., Javah Sheyenne Spence, Leigh Ann Vaughn Hargett, Gary Rowland Little, Helen "Ruzene" Moore Phelon, James Edward Lowe, Sr., Misty Lynn Ford, John Eugene Futhey, Sr., Patty Jo Nail Futhey, Norbert Morgan, Fredonia Rose Litten Granholm, Judy Jefcoat Minyard, Dorris Cole Weatherall, James Keith Geiger, Jeff Vance, Catherine Messina Gardello Hass, Charles W. "Chuck" McDaniel, Charles Heath Carroll, James Louis Blount, Sr., Mary Sue Hayward, Robert Everett "Bob" Evans, Jr., Jerry Randall Costilow, Bernice Walter Wood, Steve Tate, Curtis Durwood Liles, Harold Stewart Neese, Daniel Melton Sossaman, Sr., Wanda Joyce Carlisle, Ouida A. Richardson Loper, Robert Ernest "Tiger" Ralston, Charles

Victor "Chuck" Thomas, Lori Barnett Weatherall, Sidney L. Clark, Calvin Joseph Scheafer, Geraldine Lucius Dye, Mary Louise Nelson Roark, James Robert Cummins, Betty Jean Hodges Crouch Moon, Maxine White Cummings, John Lance Bentley, Eunice Allene Campbell, Willo Dene Gray, Dorothy Olene Little, William Alfred "Bill" Wilson, Roger Don Juan Davis, Karen Ann Munstenteiger, William Harrison "Bill" Phillips, Shelley Ann Larry Smith, Rudolph Rocha, Sr., Cleon McAlpine, Jr., George Wilson Mullen, Sr., Mary Linda Hartley Harper Fly, Travis Justin Blaylock, Guy Ray Weir, Donald Dozier Skelton, Helen V. Clanton, Randy Joe Sutton, Candace Carver Richardson, Roger Harold Appelhans, Peggy Louise Cole Boyette, David Wayne Grant, Shirley S. Vance, and Glyn Vance, which motion prevailed.

At 7:41 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 5, 2022, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022

(NINETY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker Gunn in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Charles Young, Jr..

Rep. Young led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bomgar, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Criswell, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Brown, C.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Weathersby, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 919:** MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment. Monday, April 4, 2022, 11:00 AM

**H. B. No. 1586:** Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Monday, April 4, 2022, 10:40 AM

**H. B. No. 1587:** Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Monday, April 4, 2022, 10:44 AM

**H. B. No. 1589:** Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Monday, April 4, 2022, 10:47 AM

**H. B. No. 1619:** Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Monday, April 4, 2022, 10:50 AM

**H. B. No. 1621:** Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Monday, April 4, 2022, 10:52 AM

**H. B. No. 1623:** Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Monday, April 4, 2022, 10:54 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 531:** Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create. Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 3:37 PM

**H. B. No. 1603:** Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22. Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 4:04 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

At 10:10 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:35 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

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Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 13,078,204.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 280,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

#### AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	145
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the



annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, etc) Licenses Issued	150,000
Average Cost per License Issued	25.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	575,000
Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	24.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	13,000
Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	53.00
Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	538
Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	550.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	
Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths Due to Incidents Involving LCG	0
Number of Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Inspection	60.00
Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
Average Cost per Safety Training School	145.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) are provided and shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall be provided for the Department of Insurance to purchase vehicles for inspectors.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase of smoke alarms.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding any project for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or project shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

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

SECTION 12. Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a master's degree in business administration. Those applicants deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements providing fire prevention information.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund, for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 130,000.00.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund which was created in House Bill 842 of the 2022 Regular Session and the Annual Fire Fund which was created in House Bill 451 of the 2022 Regular Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance

Fund, Supplemental Rural Fire Truck

Fund, and/or Annual Fire Fund \$ 4,000,000.00.

Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,360,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 2,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 18. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Insurance is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2020	\$ 960.00
Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2021	\$ 150.00
Mike Chaney	2020	\$ 379.99

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,

Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C. Total-1.

Present--Stamps. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2865: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Mental Health for the purposes described in this section, for the period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 86,069,500.00.

The funds appropriated under this section are for the purpose of assisting with behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Mental Health for the purposes described in this section, for the period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 18,550,000.00.

The funds appropriated under this section are for the purpose of providing funding to the Department of Mental Health, which shall be utilized at Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) or for the benefit of CMHCs to allow for investments in software, databases, telemedicine capabilities, and other information technology resources that support behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. As a condition of receiving the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the Department of Mental Health shall obtain advice from the Office of the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility when determining the utilization of funds.

SECTION 5. (1) As used in this section and Section 6 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Mental Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of (ARPA). In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 6. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 7. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following: AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, RESPONDING TO OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS, ASSISTING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, AND OTHER OPERATIONAL EXPENSES ALLOWABLE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Daniel H. Sparks  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Brown, C, Osborne, Scoggin. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3062: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes described in this section, for the period beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 217,250,000.00.

This additional appropriation under this section is for the purpose of completing capital projects at state-owned buildings or grounds that are allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 2. "Capital projects" for the purpose of this act shall mean the following:

- (a) Eligible projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), lead remediation, and stormwater infrastructure;
- (b) Prevention, mitigation, or other services in congregate living facilities and other key settings;
- (c) Ventilation system installation and improvements;
- (d) Capital investments in public facilities to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics;
- (e) Improvements to state parks due to increased use;
- (f) Any other eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury, excluding broadband infrastructure.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management prioritize necessary investment in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure when determining projects unless the entity operates a congregate living facility or the purpose is expressly stated in this act.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Seventy-nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$179,750,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided for capital projects at state-owned buildings or grounds occupied by the following state agencies or for the following purposes as cited herein:

- (a) Any state-owned building as deemed necessary by the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management \$ 14,000,000.00.
- (b) The Department of Corrections \$ 80,000,000.00.
- (c) The Department of Mental Health \$ 40,000,000.00.
- (d) The Department of Human Services Oakley Youth Development Center \$ 5,000,000.00.
- (e) State Department of Health for necessary capital investment to assist in responding to the public health emergency \$ 12,000,000.00.
- (f) The State Fire Academy \$ 750,000.00.
- (g) To the entity that oversees the operations of state parks for the purpose of eligible water, wastewater, and stormwater projects. \$ 12,000,000.00.
- (h) To the entity that oversees the operations of state parks for the purpose of improvements to state parks due to increased use and to promote tourism \$ 16,000,000.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided for critical capital projects as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management at state-owned buildings or grounds occupied by the following universities: Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, or any related subsidiaries of these Universities.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be provided for critical capital projects as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real

Property Management at state-owned buildings or grounds occupied by the following public community and junior colleges: Coahoma Community College, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Hinds Community College District, Holmes Community College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College District, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 5 subsection (b), the following sum Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) or so much as may be necessary is provided to the Town of Walnut Grove to assist with improvement to the sewer system and lagoon that serves the Walnut Grove Correctional Facility.

SECTION 9. (1) As used in this section and Section 10 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 10. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to each entity listed in Sections 5, 6, and 7 under this act, each entity shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 11. The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report. The reports shall contain a listing of the projects intended to be funded through this appropriation, the amount of funds allocated toward each project, the amount of funds expended on each project, and the status of each project.

SECTION 12. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer



shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR ALLOWABLE CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Scoggin, Turner. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following corrections in conference reports on **S. B. No. 3015** and **S. B. No. 3023**:

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

SB 3015: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of

Amend line 226 by deleting the words "Mississippi Farms and Families Program" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program"

SB 3023: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of

Amend line 20 deleting the number "434" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "479"

Amend line 21 deleting the number "180" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "135"

At 10:42 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:52 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1593: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 13,078,204.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 280,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	145
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within

this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, etc) Licenses Issued	150,000
Average Cost per License Issued	25.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	575,000
Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	24.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	13,000
Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	53.00
Number of Fire Marshal Investigations	538
Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	550.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	
Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths Due to Incidents Involving LCG	0
Number of Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Inspection	60.00
Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
Average Cost per Safety Training School	145.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) are provided and shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall be provided for the Department of Insurance to purchase vehicles for inspectors.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the purchase of smoke alarms.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding any project for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or project shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

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

SECTION 12. Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a master's degree in business administration. Those applicants deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements providing fire prevention information.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund, for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 130,000.00.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund which was created in Section 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund which was created in House Bill 842 of the 2022 Regular Session and the Annual Fire Fund which was created in House Bill 451 of the 2022 Regular Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund, Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund, and/or Annual Fire Fund	\$ 4,000,000.00.
Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund	\$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Fund and/or the Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,360,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Fund and/or the Supplemental Rural Fire Truck Fund, which was created in Section 152 of Chapter 1, Laws of 2004, Third Extraordinary Session, to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023\$ 2,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 18. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Insurance is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2020	\$ 960.00
Wise Carter Child & Caraway	2021	\$ 150.00
Mike Chaney	2020	\$ 379.99

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Charles Jim Beckett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steversen, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Newman, Scoggin. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3002: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 340,447,794.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,032,867,271.00.

SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3325800000, for the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023:

Alcorn State University	\$ 254,700.00.
Jackson State University	\$ 390,600.00.
Mississippi Valley State University	\$ 254,700.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the amount of One Million Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$1,615,903.00) shall be derived from unexpended balances in the Ayers program funds

provided for the purpose in prior-year appropriations enacted by The Mississippi Legislature. These funds are to be allocated as follows:

Jackson State University .....	\$ 1,165,697.00.
Alcorn State University .....	\$ 3,275.00.
Mississippi Valley State University .....	\$ 446,931.00.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2) or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

The board of trustees shall ensure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 8. It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

(a) For Mississippi State University as interest on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of university land, the	
sum of	\$ 14,387.00.
(b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on original seminary fund, the	
sum of	\$ 32,643.00.
(c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on 1904 land grant fund, the	
sum of	\$ 9,965.00.
(d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on LaBauve Fund, the sum	
of	\$ 1,420.00.
(e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United States government, the sum of	\$ 9,389.00.
(f) For Alcorn State University as interest on land script and land sales funds, the sum of	\$ 12,592.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following amount shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University,  
Delta State University, Jackson State University,  
Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for  
Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University  
of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi

for the sum of \$ 68,873,070.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 12. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

SECTION 15. No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

SECTION 16. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 17. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 18. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,221
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Fields of STEM, Health & Education	5,337
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Undergraduate Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment	20.10
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	44.20
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132



Research

Number of Patents Obtained in Emerging  
Technologies

25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 20. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch \$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center \$ 485,000.00.

SECTION 23. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center \$ 155,000.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intent of the Legislature that at the end of Fiscal Year 2023 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to Legislative appropriation.

SECTION 25. None of the State General Funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 26. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation \$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 29. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta Center for Culture and Learning \$ 100,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

SECTION 30. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program \$ 90,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's university and college students to gain real-life experience working in Washington, D.C. The funding will provide scholarships at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations and Universities and Colleges Committees.

SECTION 31. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the DuBard School.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$266,750.00) is provided for the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology initiatives.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

SECTION 38. It is the intention of the Legislature that Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water or sewer service to any existing, privately-owned structures that presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to charge a flat or metered rate for the service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately-owned structures.

SECTION 39. Of the funds herein appropriated, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided to the Charter School Authorizer Board. Of this amount, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be provided in General Funds and Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided in Special Funds from the Charter School Authorizer Board Fund - Fund No. 3001700000.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to Alcorn State University for STEM related programs as determined by the university.

SECTION 41. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much as necessary, shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. It is the intent of the legislature that funds can be used for both research and upgrades to the physical space in order to perform research and entrepreneurship.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Fifty-one Million One Hundred Forty-three Thousand Dollars (\$51,143,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated for the following purposes:

(a) Delta State University – Commercial Aviation Department to defray expenses related to the purchase of flight simulators, training equipment, and other capital improvements

\$ 2,478,000.00.

(b) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the operations of the Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics \$ 1,000,000.00.

(c) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the Healthcare Innovation Tech Hub Infrastructure, Biomedical Innovation, Nano-Bio Immuno Engineering Consortium (NIEC), Data Science and Artificial Intelligence \$ 15,000,000.00.

(d) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center \$ 10,000,000.00.

(e) Mississippi State University to defray the expenses related to the construction, furnishing, and equipping of the Kinesiology & Autism Building, High-Performance Computing Center and/or Ballew Hall \$ 12,000,000.00.

(f) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to the expansion of the nursing program

\$ 2,500,000.00.

(g) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related to the renovation and expansion of the Davey L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center \$ 3,000,000.00.

(h) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related to the operations of the Poultry Sciences Program

\$ 165,000.00.

(i) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence

hall \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 43. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 15,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University \$ 746,792.00.

Delta State University \$ 599,527.00.

Jackson State University \$ 1,294,884.00.

Mississippi State University (including  
the Forest and Wildlife Research Center  
and the Division of Agriculture,

Forestry and Veterinary Medicine) \$ 4,401,981.00.

Mississippi University for Women \$ 538,804.00.

Mississippi Valley State University \$ 654,339.00.

University of Mississippi \$ 4,063,186.00.

University of Southern Mississippi \$ 2,700,487.00.

Total \$ 15,000,000.00.

SECTION 44. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

Mississippi Valley State University

Emergency Roof Repair \$ 3,000,000.00.

University of Southern Mississippi Ocean

Enterprise – Gulfport \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 45. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in SB 2904, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,911,895.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Delta State University \$ 306,335.00.

Mississippi Valley State University \$ 688,116.00.

University of Southern Mississippi \$ 917,444.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 46. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 47. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 48. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Rita Potts Parks, Bart Williams  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Charles Jim Beckett, C. Scott Bounds

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen, Williamson.  
Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Scoggin. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, including the Homestead Exemption Division, the Motor Vehicle Comptroller functions, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division Liquor Distribution Center, and The Enforcement Division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 47,316,431.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 27,059,277.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 714  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval

from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, and he is hereby empowered to select in the manner provided by Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, such employees as may be necessary to the administration of all acts relating to the exemption of homesteads and the reimbursement of tax losses to the several taxing units of the state, and to assign them to the use of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated may be used for any expenses which the commission may legally incur. Provided, however, that no part of the money herein appropriated shall be used for the payment of attorney's fees, except upon recommendation of the Governor with the approval of the Attorney General, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other employee who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rule of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof, except that when the relationship is by affinity and the person is dead through whom the relationship was established, this rule shall not apply. In the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making such payment shall be liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund three (3) times any such amount so paid to be recovered at suit by the Attorney General.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Tax Administration	
Cost per Unit of Work (Item/Case/Call)	14.06
Cost per Call Center Call Answered	3.53
Audit	
Cost per Audit	721.01
Tax Production per Audit (\$)	8,173.08
Tax Enforcement	
Cost per Dollar Collected in Recovery Actions	0.06
General Administration	
Average Cost per Return Processed	4.18
ROI - Revenue Collected per Dollar of Expense	127.88
Property & Motor Vehicle Services	
Cost per Homestead Exemption Application	3.31
Cost per Title Issued	2.62
Abc Liquor Distribution Center	
Cost per Case Shipped	2.18

ROI - GF Dollars Returned per Dollar of Cost	14.05
Enforcement	
Number of Violations-Medical Cannabis	20
Number of Permits-Medical Cannabis	200
Number of Permits-Alcohol	2,400
Enforcement and Permitting Cost Per	
Permit-Medical Cannabis	4,761.00
Enforcement and Permitting Cost Per	
Permit-Alcohol	1,039.58
Average Number of Days to Issue	
Permit-Medical Cannabis	30
Average Number of Days to Issue	
Permit-Alcohol	23
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits	
Receiving Administrative Actions	10.00
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits	
Receiving Criminal Actions	10.00
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits	
Inspected	100.00
Percent of Permit Applications	
Approved-Medical Cannabis	75.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purpose of reimbursing the counties of the state, the road districts and school districts therein and the municipal separate school districts, for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of homes from certain ad valorem taxes under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 90,600,000.00.

SECTION 8. Each county, road district, school district and municipal separate school district which has incurred a tax loss that is reimbursable under Section 7 of this act shall be reimbursed a sum which is equivalent to the amount of tax loss produced by the application of tax rates annually fixed for maintenance and current expenses to the assessed value of homes, or so much thereof as has been lawfully authorized under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

The disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 shall be based upon the certificates required of the clerks of the county boards of supervisors and of the clerks of the municipalities, which certificates shall conform strictly in every respect to the requirements of the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

All disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act shall be made strictly in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and no disbursements other than those clearly authorized by those sections shall be made, the provisions of any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act may be distributed to any county, municipality, school district or other taxing district in which the assessed valuation of the taxing district has increased as a result of reappraisal of the property of the taxing district unless the governing board of the taxing district has published a notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the taxing district, stating the lower millage rate that would produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxation on property of the taxing district that was produced in the fiscal year before the property of the taxing district was reappraised.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue – License Tag

Commission from any other special source funds made available to the License Tag Commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 4,200,000.00.

SECTION 11. None of the funds appropriated in Section 10 of this act shall be expended to purchase motor vehicle license tags made or manufactured by any department, agency or instrumentality of a state other than the State of Mississippi. None of the funds appropriated in this section shall be used for the purchase of bolts, nuts or other fastening devices for attaching said motor vehicle license tags. Provided further, that all motor vehicles belonging to any state department, agency, commission, institution or any other division of state government shall have license tags which shall bear the words "Government" at the bottom of such license tags.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be expended unless an advisory committee continues to coordinate, in an advisory capacity only, with the Department of Revenue in the determination of the collection of statistical data and information related to economic and tax policy. This advisory committee shall consist of the following members or their designees: the Director of the Legislative Budget Office, the Director of the Joint Legislative PEER Committee, the State Economist, the President of the Mississippi Economic Council and the Director of the Mississippi Economic Policy Center.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Revenue shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that up to Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$811,740.00) shall be allocated as follows: to the Municipal Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) and to the Justice Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) to be supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Four Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$2,451,375.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for IT infrastructure, facility repairs, and equipment upgrades or purchases.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for complying with the provisions of Senate Bill 2844, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated



for the Department of Revenue for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in Senate Bill 2966, 2022 Regular Session to provide for defraying the expenses related to the operations of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 3,631,268.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses for facility repairs, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2923, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 900,000.00

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, INCLUDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DIVISION, THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMPTROLLER FUNCTIONS, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND THE BUREAU OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE COUNTIES, COUNTY DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TAX LOSSES INCURRED BY REASON OF THE EXEMPTION OF HOMES FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, C. Scott Bounds, Charles Jim Beckett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hobgood-Wilkes, Scoggin. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report # 2 was adopted on **S. B. No. 3064**: (Appropriation; to DFA for the MAICU and Ind K-12 Grant Program, - ARPA funds.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

At 11:01 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 11:28 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 11:29 AM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:33 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 1:33 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:55 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Read called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report# 2 was adopted on **H. B. No. 1611**: (Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3045**: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 36,996,312.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 448,583,532.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 341

Time-Limited: 1

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Tort Claims Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 6,549,874.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 8

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed

Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 39,995.00.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 7,265.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds to defray the expense of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women as established pursuant to Sections 43-59-1 through 43-59-14, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 6 and 7, the following positions are authorized:

**AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:**

Permanent: 1  
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of State Property Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 12,603,897.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that two (2) of the allotted Full-Time Permanent Positions in Section 3 of this bill may be used for performing related administrative duties of the State Property Insurance program.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing a grant to the Mississippi Home Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$ 1,810,227.00.

SECTION 12. The funds appropriated in Section 11 shall be targeted to individuals with disabilities or individuals with serious mental illnesses who:

(1) Are being discharged from a state psychiatric hospital after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or

(2) Have been discharged from a state psychiatric hospital within the last two (2) years; and

(a) Had multiple hospital visits in the last year due to mental illness; or

(b) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been arrested or incarcerated in the last year due to conduct related to mental illness; or

(c) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been homeless for one (1) full year or have had four (4) or more episodes of homelessness in the last three (3) years.

(3) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for ninety (90) days or less and who resides in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Any funds appropriated herein to hire additional staff or employ staff shall only be used to implement this housing program.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that an annual financial report based upon the state's fiscal year shall be provided to the Attorney General, the Chairman of Senate Appropriations, the Chairman of House Appropriations, and the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose,

directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, MHC board member, or person who has been a member of the MHC within the last year.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill 2948, 2021 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 \$140,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

The purpose of allocating these funds to nonentitlement units of local government in accordance with the provisions applicable to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) and any applicable federal guidelines.

SECTION 16. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Broadband Commission as established in House Bill No. 1029, 2022 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the period beginning upon passage and ending June 30, 2023 \$351,500.00.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 16, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 16, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated

in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, for expenses related to the Mississippi Broadband Commission.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 20. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 22. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repairs and renovation projects. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services shall not use any of the funds authorized in this section to pay salaries. For the purposes of this section, the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services does not have the authority to escalate from the Capital Expense Fund or the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the administration of projects for the repair and maintenance of state-owned buildings.

SECTION 24. A report based on expenditures incurred during the current and immediate past fiscal years shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E. Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School Building, the Robert G. Clark, Jr. Building and other state buildings, and this report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for official business only.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray any shortfall in the Master Lease Purchase Program as defined in Section 31-7-10, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund, as established in Section 29-5-215, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 28. Notwithstanding any other provision, the agency shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Thirty-seven Million Nine Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$37,925,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner

as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

- (a) To assist Mississippi Delta Community College in paying costs associated with the construction of a men's dormitory  
\$ 7,500,000.00.
- (b) To assist Singing River Health System in paying costs associated with the Singing River Healthcare Workforce Academy  
\$ 7,000,000.00.
- (c) To assist Gulfport Memorial Hospital in paying costs associated with the pediatric multispecialty center located at or near Gulfport Memorial Hospital in collaboration with the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Gulf Coast Community College \$ 7,000,000.00.
- (d) To assist Holmes Community College in paying costs associated with tornado damage  
\$ 3,000,000.00.
- (e) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi in paying costs associated with roof repairs and other capital expenditures related to the Reed Green Coliseum \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (f) To assist East Jasper School District with operational expenses due to an error related to the average daily attendance (ADA) used in determining the district's MAEP allocation  
\$ 725,000.00.

- (g) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration in paying costs associated with the NeoGov System  
\$ 350,000.00.

- (h) To assist the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce in paying costs associated with the Agriculture Theft building \$ 350,000.00.

- (i) To assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation with construction, furnishing, and equipping the Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo  
\$ 5,000,000.00.

- (j) To assist Mississippi State University with the construction, furnishing, and equipping of the Northern Gulf Aquatic Food Research Center \$ 4,000,000.00.

Any amounts allocated to a project that are in excess of that needed to complete the project may be used for general repairs and renovations at state-owned facilities, universities, and community colleges at the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three Hundred Eighty-eight Million One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$388,120,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of the following funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration.

- (a) 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund \$ 85,570,000.00.
- (b) 2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund \$ 35,000,000.00.
- (c) 2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund \$ 35,250,000.00.
- (d) 2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund \$ 10,000,000.00.
- (e) 2022 Local Improvements Project Fund \$ 222,300,000.00.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 32. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount
Mississippi Interactive LLC	2018	\$ 4,940.00
Mississippi Interactive LLC	2019	\$ 4,940.00
City of Jackson	2020	\$ 358.68



SECTION 33. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 34. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, except for Sections 16, 17, and 18 shall be enacted from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Manly Barton, Kevin Horan

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hopkins, Williamson. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Karriem, Scoggin, Taylor. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2780:** Budget; provide for various transfers, create several special funds, and create Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2780: State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	AMOUNT	FUND NUMBER
Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund	3348400000	\$ 2,000,000.00
Mississippi Ports Improvement Fund	6343322100	\$ 10,000,000.00
Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund	3307800000	\$ 2,500,000.00
Mississippi Land, Water, and Timber Resources Fund	634WC00000	\$ 2,500,000.00
MDOT 2022 Maintenance Project Fund created in this act		\$ 45,000,000.00
MDOT 2022 Capacity Project Fund created in this act		\$ 35,000,000.00
MDOT 2022 Infrastructure Match Fund created in this act		\$ 40,000,000.00
MDOT 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Fund created in this act		\$100,000,000.00
TOTAL		\$237,000,000.00

SECTION 2. During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 6821113000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	AMOUNT	FUND NUMBER
Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund created in this act		\$ 55,000,000.00
Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund created in Senate Bill No. 2700, 2022 Regular Session		\$ 10,000,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 65,000,000.00

SECTION 3. During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund - Archives and History (Fund No. 6447C00000) to Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund (Fund No. 3348400000).

SECTION 4. During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Eight Thousand Eighty-six Dollars and Ninety-five Cents (\$8,086.95) from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Special Fund (Fund No. 3319600000) and the sum of Eight Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars and Sixty-four Cents (\$8,601.64) from the Department of Revenue General Administration Special Fund (Fund No. 3319700000) to the Sales Tax Fees Fund (Fund No. 3318100000).

SECTION 5. During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Six Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$623.00) from the Secretary of State Help Mississippi Vote Fund (Fund No. 3311M00000) to the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000).

SECTION 6. During fiscal year 2023, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund created by House Bill No. 606, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 7. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund," which shall consist of funds calculated based on a reduction in the state's general revenue due to the coronavirus public health emergency, made available through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and transferred into the fund by act of the Legislature. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Finance and Administration, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of providing government services.

SECTION 8. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Maintenance Project Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for maintenance projects by adopting the Pavement Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission on Minute Book 105, page 732 and further required by Section 65-1-141.

SECTION 9. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Capacity Project Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for capacity projects by adopting the Capacity Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by the Mississippi Transportation Commission on Minute Book 105, page 732 and further required by Section 65-1-141.

SECTION 10. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Infrastructure Match Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to provide for funds necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Federal Highway Administration appropriations and from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

SECTION 11. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on

amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-179. Of the monies expended under this section, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation be excluded from applying for use of funds in order to give preference to counties and municipalities.

SECTION 12. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is established the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program, to be administered by the Department of Finance and Administration. Under the program, eligible independent schools may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, stormwater, broadband and other eligible infrastructure projects to be funded by the Legislature using Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

(3) The use of grants shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. An eligible independent school found to be fully or partially noncompliant with grant requirements shall return to the state all or a portion of the grant monies received and used for unallowable expenditures. Applicants shall confirm their understanding of these terms.

(4) For purposes of this section, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings as defined in this subsection:

(a) "Program" means the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established under this section.

(b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "ARPA funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(e) "Eligible independent school" means any private or nonpublic school operating within the State of Mississippi that:

(i) Is a member of the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) and located in the State of Mississippi; or

(ii) Is accredited by a state, regional or national accrediting organization; and

(iii) Is not subject to the purview of authority of the State Board of Education.

(5) On or before July 1, 2022, the department shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the program established under this section, including application procedures and deadlines.

(6) Funds under the program shall be awarded for ARPA eligible projects in the following order:

(a) Eligible water, wastewater and stormwater projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and other eligible water projects allowable by ARPA;

(b) Broadband infrastructure projects;

(c) Capital investments for prevention, mitigation and ventilation in congregate living facilities and other key settings; and

(d) Any eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury, excluding premium pay for employees.

(7) The governing board of any eligible independent school may submit an application for grant funds under this section. Applicants shall certify to the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them by the department under this section is in compliance with the ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other

criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the department.

(8) An application for a grant under this section shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes. Each application shall include the following at a minimum: applicant contact information; project description and type of project; project map; estimate of the population served by the projects; estimated project cost; estimated project schedule; and readiness to proceed. The department is authorized to accept additional rounds of grant proposals for application consideration as needed.

(9) Applications shall be reviewed, and the department shall certify that each project submitted is eligible under ARPA and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. For water, wastewater and stormwater projects, the department must also certify that it is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater or stormwater infrastructure as defined in ARPA and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the department. All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Funds shall be made available to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant, and the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement.

(10) Grant funds shall be used prospectively and grants are not available to cover the costs of debt incurred before the effective date of this section.

(11) The maximum amount of grant funds that may be awarded to any eligible independent school under the program is One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

(12) The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report about the program. The reports shall contain the applications received, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and the status of each applicant's project.

(13) Grant funds received under this section must be obligated no later than December 31, 2024, and must be expended no later than December 31, 2026. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project using any other funds available.

(14) The department may retain an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray its administrative costs.

(15) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 13. Section 19-11-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-11-27. No board of supervisors of any county shall expend from, or contract an obligation against, the budget estimates for road and bridge construction, maintenance and equipment, made and published by it during the last year of the term of office of such board, between the first day of October and the first day of the following January, a sum exceeding one-fourth (1/4) of such item of the budget made and published by it, except in cases of emergency. The clerk of any county is prohibited from issuing any warrant contrary to the provisions of this section. No board of supervisors nor any member thereof shall buy any machinery or equipment in the last six (6) months of their or his term unless or until he has been elected at the general election of that year. The provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) \* \* \* projects of any type that receive monies from the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund, the 2018 Transportation and Infrastructure Improvement Fund or the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund and (ii) to expenditures \* \* \* on deficient bridges in the State Aid Road System or the Local System Road Program that have \* \* \* been deemed to be a deficient bridge as defined in Section 65-37-3 or to a contract, lease or lease-purchase contract executed pursuant to the bidding requirements in Section 31-7-13 and approved by a unanimous vote of the board. Such unanimous vote shall include a statement indicating the board's proclamation that the award of the contract is essential to the efficiency and economy of the operation of the county government. \* \* \*

SECTION 14. Section 77-5-907, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-5-907. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Public Utilities Application Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used for administration expenses related to the processing of grants by the Public Utilities Staff. Any application fee collected under the grant programs and deposited to the Public Utilities Staff Regulation Fund before September 1, 2020, shall be transferred to the \* \* \* Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Fund created by House Bill No. 1029, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 15. Section 57-1-601, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-601. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words shall have the following meanings ascribed in this section, unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

(a) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) "Municipality" means \* \* \* any municipality with a population of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal decennial census at the time the municipality submits an application to the MDA under this section.

(c) "Revitalization zone" means an area in the municipality officially designated by ordinance or resolution of the governing authorities of the municipality as a revitalization zone and approved and certified by the MDA as meeting the requirements of this section.

(2) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Main Street Investment Grant Fund" which shall consist of funds from any source designated for deposit into the fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the MDA for the purposes authorized in subsection (3) of this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from the proceeds of general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the MDA in providing grants under this section through the use of proceeds of such general obligation bonds. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for the program. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for assistance shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such assistance. Reimbursements made under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) The MDA shall establish a program to make grants to \* \* \* a municipality to assist with maintaining and improving the viability of revitalization zones. The proceeds of a grant made to \* \* \* a municipality under this section may be used for maintaining and/or improving the viability of a revitalization zone through means deemed appropriate by the governing authorities of \* \* \* a municipality, including, but not limited to, making loans, grants and/or other forms of assistance to any person or public or private association or other entity for use for infrastructure projects, improvements to properties, signage and other purposes related to maintaining and/or improving the viability of the revitalization zone.

(4) (a) If \* \* \* a municipality desires a grant under this section, the municipality shall submit an application to the MDA seeking (i) approval and certification of the proposed revitalization zone and (ii) a grant for the purposes authorized in this section. The application shall include, at a minimum:

1. The name of the proposed revitalization zone, together with the words, "revitalization zone";
2. A description of the revitalization zone by metes and bounds;

3. A map showing the parcels of real property included in the revitalization zone and the present use of such parcels;

4. A master plan for the revitalization zone that has been approved by sixty percent (60%) of the property owners within the zone at the time the municipality submits the application; and

5. Any other information required by the MDA.

The governing authorities of \* \* \* a municipality may designate the boundaries of a proposed revitalization zone by adoption of an ordinance or resolution that is spread upon its minutes and describes the boundaries of the zone.

(b) The MDA shall review the application to confirm that the revitalization zone meets the requirements of this section. A revitalization zone may embrace two (2) or more separate parcels of real property, and such property may be publicly and/or privately owned. Each revitalization zone shall be of such size and form as to include all properties that, in the determination of the municipality and the MDA, constitute an integral part of the revitalization zone. If the MDA determines that the boundaries of the proposed revitalization zone exceed the area that is reasonably deemed to be integral to the revitalization zone, the MDA may reduce the boundaries of the proposed area. Upon the approval and selection of a municipal revitalization zone project, the MDA shall certify the revitalization zone.

(5) The MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 16. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund created in House Bill 842, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022, except for Section 14, which shall take effect and be in force from and after the passage of this act.

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

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE CERTAIN TRANSFERS DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023 FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND, CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND, CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND - ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL SPECIAL FUND, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL FUND, SECRETARY OF STATE HELP MISSISSIPPI VOTE FUND AND STATE GENERAL FUND TO OTHER FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO CREATE THE "CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GOVERNMENT SERVICES; TO CREATE THE 2022 MAINTENANCE PROJECT FUND, THE 2022 CAPACITY PROJECT FUND, THE 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH FUND AND THE 2022 EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND AS SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES; TO CREATE THE "INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION WITH FUNDS APPROPRIATED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS; TO PRESCRIBE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE GRANT APPLICATION REGULATIONS; TO SET THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF GRANT FUNDS THAT MAY BE AWARDED TO ANY ELIGIBLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL; TO AMEND SECTION 19-11-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE EXCEPTIONS TO LIMITATIONS ON COUNTY EXPENDITURES DURING THE LAST YEAR OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS TO ALLOW EXPENDITURES FOR

CERTAIN ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 77-5-907, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FEES DEPOSITED INTO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF REGULATION FUND SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE BROADBAND EXPANSION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF MISSISSIPPI (BEAM) FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-601, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS FOR MAIN STREET GRANTS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE RURAL FIRE TRUCK MATCHING ASSISTANCE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Williamson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hopkins, Scoggin. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1611: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department



of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023  
\$ 190,565,867.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 1,920,474,778.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Department of Human Services that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended; however, notwithstanding any other provision in this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that any amount of funds and positions may be transferred between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services in order to comply with agreements made by the State of Mississippi with the United States District Court in reference to the Olivia Y., et al. lawsuit.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

##### FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 74,189,899.00.

Special Funds \$ 1,739,554,699.00.

Total \$ 1,813,744,598.00.

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

##### AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: Full Time 1,471

Time-Limited: Full Time 516

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the

funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

#### DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

##### FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	116,375,968.00
Special Funds	\$	180,920,079.00
Total	\$	297,296,047.00

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

##### AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1,517
Time-Limited:	417

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2024 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2023 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which shall be published by the State Personnel Board. Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2023 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board with the exception of new hires that are determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

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

Funds have been appropriated herein for the purpose of funding Project SEC2 minimum salaries for all employees covered under the Colonel Guy Groff/Neville Kenning Variable Compensation Plan. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds are used to increase all employees' salaries up to the minimum level as determined by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services and Department of Child Protection Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2022. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2024 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2023 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to the Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2022. The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and

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

SECTION 8. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services are authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2023 Target
Support Services	
Percent of Referred/Directed	
Investigative Audits Conducted	100.00
Percent of Special Investigations Conducted	95.00
Percent of Referred/Obtained Fraud	
Investigations Conducted Timely	100.00
Percent of Referred Administrative	
Disqualification Hearings & Fair	
Hearings Conducted Timely	99.00
Percent of Monitoring Reviews Conducted	
within Acceptable Timeframes	98.00
Total Amount of Funds Recovered	3,500,000.00
Aging & Adult Services	
In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	28,975
Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	203,297
Number of Congregate Meals	491,685
Number of Home Delivered Meals	2,201,105
Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of	
Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17
Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction	
of Persons on Waiting List	5.00
Child Support Enforcement	
Number of Paternities Established	15,500
Percent Change in Paternities Established	3.30
Number of Obligations Established	16,000
Percent Change in Obligations Established	12.50
Total Collections (\$)	378,000,000.00
Percent Change in Total Collections	-2.50
Number of Absent Parents Located	68,000
Percent of Child Support Cases Current	
on Payments	-2.53
Community Services	
Number of Elderly Served by CSBG & LIHEAP	20,352
Number of Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP	26,762
Number of Households Achieving	
Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP	0

Percent Increase in Rate of Household Attaining Self-Sufficiency	0.00
Number of Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in the Number of Households Stabilized	0.00
Number of Households Weatherized	516
Early Childhood Care & Dev	
Number of Children Served	30,138
Assistance Payments	
Dollar Amount of Assistance	690,000.00
Food Assistance	
Number of Average Monthly Households	225,000
Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP (\$)	716,413,100.00
Percent of Mississippi Households Receiving SNAP Benefits	22.51
Tanf Work Program	
Number of Average Monthly TANF Households	4,600
Number of Average Monthly Persons Served in TANF Work Program	1, 107
TANF Work Program Participation Rate (%)	60.00
Number of Persons Employed Through the TANF Work Program for the Year	720
Number of Households Receiving TANF Benefits During the Year	4,600
Percent of Households Receiving TANF During the Year	49.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Enter Employment	30.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Enter Employment at a Salary Sufficient to be Ineligible for TANF	19.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Remain Employed for: One Year After Leaving the Program	75.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training who Remain Employed for: Five Years After Leaving the Program	65.00
Social Services Block Grant	
Number of Clients Served, Division of Family & Children's Services	75,611
Number of Clients Served, Aging & Adult Services	21,178
Number of Clients Served, Youth Services	12,880
Youth Services	
Community Services (Children Served)	15,000
Institutional Component (Children Served)	300
Number of Volunteers - Community Services/Institution	0
Number of Children Placed in Alternative Placement	0
Percent of Children Diverted from Institutional Care	95.00
Recidivism Rate (%)	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2024.

SECTION 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2023, the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement Program compared with the prior year.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives for the purpose of child support enforcement.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of Public Safety no later than July 31, 2022.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, to the Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the Senior Olympics Program.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, herein to the Department of Child Protection Services, it is the intention of the Legislature that Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$93,601.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement HB 1090 of the 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to HB 571, 2019 Regular Session, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for maintaining a 24-hour hotline that is to be manned at all times, and for a coordinator to work with the Department of Public Safety, and to contract with outside agencies or service providers to organize for the provision of specialized services, including counseling services and other appropriate care to children who have been victims of commercial and sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) may be expended for the Department of Child Protection Services for Kinship Care Payments as authorized by Section 43-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 20. As a condition of receiving and expending any funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human Services:

(a) Shall use a competitive procurement process for entering into all TANF subgrant agreements with non-state entities when the federal government does not direct to whom the funds must be subgranted;

(b) Upon awarding of a grant to any subgrantee of the department, shall require the subgrantee to submit a monthly report to the department that contains, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(i) A listing of all costs incurred by the subgrantee during the previous month;

(ii) A listing of all clients served by the subgrantee, with an explanation of which services were provided to the clients;

(iii) A listing of all lower-tier subgrantees, who must be approved by the department before the execution of any such agreement by the prime subgrantee; and

(iv) Any other data required by the department to provide sufficient evidence of budgetary compliance;

(c) Shall not advance funds to a subgrantee for more than sixty (60) days; and

(d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only after the required documentation is provided and is approved by the department.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty-four Million Dollars (\$54,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided for the Department of Human Services for the initial funds needed to secure federal funding for a new computer system.

SECTION 22. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Child Protection Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as reappropriated in HB 1398, 2021 Regular Session, for information technology system developments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023 ..... \$ 14,204,943.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2022.

SECTION 23. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Human Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1398, 2021 Regular Session to provide for computer expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023

\$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 24. It is the intent of the Legislature, that within the funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide any qualifying grants of CARES Act or American Rescue Act funding in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the three (3) regional food banks that serve Mississippi, including Feed the Gulf Coast, Mid-South Food Bank, and Mississippi Food Network.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. (1) Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Department of Child Protection Services \$57,600,000.00.

These funds are provided for the purpose of defraying eligible operational expenses as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

(2) None of the funds provided under this section shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

(3) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal

controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(4) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

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

SECTION 27. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Sam C. Mims, V, C. Scott Bounds

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, Hood, Hopkins, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Williamson, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Scoggin. Total-2.

Present--Evans, B. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

At 5:10 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 6:24 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; to DFA for the MAICU and Ind K-12 Grant Program, - ARPA funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3064: Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of funding the MAICU Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2700, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..... \$ 10,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of funding the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2780, 2022 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023..... \$ 10,000,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. (1) As used in this section and Section 5 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit



Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 5. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds granted under this act, each entity shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department and granted to them under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA. Further, as a condition of receiving and expending funds appropriated under Section 2, the entities shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 6. The money appropriated by Section 1 of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the MAICU Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. The money appropriated by Section 2 of this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022.

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

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) GRANT PROGRAM FUND" TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE "MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (MAICU) INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022"; TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE "INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Rita Potts Parks  
(No Signature)

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLeod, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--Aguirre, Clark, Clarke, Currie, Darnell, Evans, B, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McLean, Owen, Rosebud, Scott. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C, Criswell, Eubanks, Haney, Hines, Holloway, Hopkins, Johnson, Miles, Scoggin, Summers, Williamson. Total-13.

Present--Brown, B, Crudup, Gibbs, D, Jackson, Karriem, Stamps. Total--6.  
Necessary for passage--54

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 3045**:

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

SB 3045: Appropriation; Finance and Administration.

Amend Line 16 by deleting the number "448,583,532" and inserting in lieu thereof the number "461,583,532".

At 6:27 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 6:34 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, create various special funds.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1353: Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Eighty-five Million Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$85,570,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 20 of this act.

SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 21 of this act.

SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Thirty-five Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$35,250,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 22 of this act.

SECTION 4. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund created in Section 23 of this act.

SECTION 5. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Four Million Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,450,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund created in Section 41-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created in Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Four Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$4,490,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund created in Section 49-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide funds necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations. Not more than Two Million Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$2,870,000.00) of such funds may be used to match the annual CWSRF appropriations and not more than One Million Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$1,620,000.00) of such funds may be issued to match the supplemental IIJA appropriations.

SECTION 8. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Dam Safety Fund created in Section 19, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020.

SECTION 9. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 Tate County - Erosion Control and Repair Fund created in Section 24 of this act.

SECTION 10. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, to the ACE Fund created in Section 57-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 12. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund

created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to Mississippi Business Investment Fund created in Section 57-61-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, to be used for the purposes provided in Section 57-61-36(3), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Fund created in Section 57-75-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, to be used for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 14. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Economic Development Highway Fund created in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 16. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the Mississippi Main Street Investment Grant Fund created in Section 57-1-601, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Two Hundred One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$201,500,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in Section 25 of this act.

SECTION 18. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Twenty Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$20,800,000.00) from the State BP Settlement Fund created in Section 27-103-302.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the 2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in Section 25 of this act.

SECTION 19. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Fiscal Officer shall transfer the sum of Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, to the special fund created in Section 26 of this act.

SECTION 20. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University .....	\$ 5,040,000.00
Preplanning for repair, renovation, and expansion of and upgrades and improvements to the David L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center; campus safety and security project, including open space	

development, sprinkler systems for dormitories, security camera installation, card access systems, street lighting, and emergency kiosks; and repair, renovation and upgrading of campus infrastructure.....\$	1,040,000.00	
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Math and Science Building.....\$	4,000,000.00	
Delta State University .....		\$ 5,640,000.00
Repair, renovation and replacement of and upgrades and improvements to HVAC systems and related equipment and infrastructure.....\$	3,937,500.00	
Repair and renovation for ADA compliance for the Bologna Performing Arts Center.....\$	1,702,500.00	
Jackson State University .....		\$ 12,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new dining facility and related facilities.....\$	12,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University .....		\$ 14,680,000.00
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....\$	14,680,000.00	
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine .....		\$ 9,610,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....\$	9,610,000.00	
Mississippi University for Women .....		\$ 2,500,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....\$	2,500,000.00	
Mississippi Valley State University.....		\$ 10,200,000.00
Repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Charles Lackey Recreation Center.....\$	10,200,000.00	
University of Mississippi .....		\$ 5,500,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new mechanical and power plant building and related		

facilities.....\$	4,500,000.00	
Preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the School of Accountancy.....\$	1,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center.....	\$	8,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....\$	8,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi .....	\$	11,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new science research facility...\$	11,000,000.00	
IHL Education and Research Center .....	\$	1,400,000.00
Repair and replacement of chillers and related equipment for the campus air conditioning and heating system.....\$	1,400,000.00	
TOTAL .....	\$	85,570,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

SECTION 21. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining

in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. Monies in the fund may not be used or expended for any purpose except as authorized under this section.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of acquisition of real property, construction of new facilities, equipping and furnishing facilities, including furniture and technology equipment and infrastructure, and addition to or renovation of existing facilities for community and junior college campuses as recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board. The amount to be expended at each community and junior college is as follows:

Coahoma.....	\$ 1,570,500.00
Copiah-Lincoln .....	1,840,500.00
East Central.....	1,735,500.00
East Mississippi.....	2,015,500.00
Hinds.....	3,780,500.00
Holmes.....	2,656,500.00
Itawamba.....	2,415,500.00
Jones.....	2,295,500.00
Meridian .....	1,840,500.00
Mississippi Delta.....	1,655,500.00
Mississippi Gulf Coast .....	3,357,500.00
Northeast Mississippi.....	2,145,500.00
Northwest Mississippi .....	3,500,000.00
Pearl River.....	2,545,500.00
Southwest Mississippi.....	1,645,500.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$35,000,000.00

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 2 of this act from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, into the special fund, then the community college or junior college for which any such monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

SECTION 22. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

STATE AGENCIES.....\$ 35,250,000.00  
Department of Finance and Administration.....\$ 21,500,000.00

Continuation of planning,  
repair, restoration of  
and improvements to the  
New Capitol Grounds.....\$ 5,000,000.00

Phase II of repair,  
renovation, furnishing  
and equipping of the  
660 North Street Building..\$ 9,500,000.00

Phase II of repair,  
renovation, furnishing  
and equipping of the  
350 High Street Building..\$ 7,000,000.00

Department of Mental Health.....\$ 7,750,000.00

Phase II of ligature  
compliance measures  
at the Mississippi  
State Hospital.....\$ 1,250,000.00

Planning, construction,  
furnishing and equipping  
of new north entry gate  
security station and  
perimeter fencing at  
the Boswell Regional  
Center.....\$ 1,500,000.00

Planning, repair  
and renovation, furnishing  
and equipping of Buildings  
#42, #49 and #50 at  
Ellisville State School...\$ 3,000,000.00

Planning, construction,  
furnishing and equipping  
of new entry security  
station and reconstruction  
of north passage bridge  
at North Mississippi  
Regional Center.....\$ 2,000,000.00

Department of Public Safety.....\$ 4,000,000.00

Continuation of construction,  
furnishing and equipping of  
new Troop G Highway Patrol  
Substation in Starkville..\$ 4,000,000.00

Mississippi Military Department.....\$2,000,000.00

Planning, repairs,  
renovations, expansions,  
upgrades and furnishing  
and equipping of Readiness  
Centers.....\$ 2,000,000.00

TOTAL.....\$ 35,250,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 3 of this act from the Capital Expense Fund created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, into the special fund, then the agency for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project



shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in paragraph (a) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

SECTION 23. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the costs of site and infrastructure improvements, general repairs and renovations, weatherization, roofing, environmental mitigation, mechanical, electrical and structural repairs required for state-owned facilities, universities and community and junior colleges, repairs, renovations and improvements necessary for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or other codes, purchase and installation of necessary furniture and equipment, and continuation and completion of previously authorized projects.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

SECTION 24. (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 Tate County - Erosion Control and Repair Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Environmental Quality, to assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with ditch erosion control, repair and rehabilitation along and near the project described in Section 27-104-301(2)(mm), Mississippi Code of 1972, and on property located along and near such project, including, but not limited to, creation of detention areas along ditches, replacement of drainage structures along ditches, rock stabilization at downstream ends of ditches and reestablishing vegetative cover on all disturbed areas.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this section.

SECTION 25. (1) A special fund, to be designated as the "2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the

end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as follows:

- (a) To the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of providing a grant to the Scott Ford House, Inc., to develop the property located at 136 East Cohea Street in the City of Jackson, the home of the former slave Mary Scott Green, to tell her story and that of other Mississippi midwives, and to develop the property located at 138 East Cohea Street in the City of Jackson as a house museum to tell the family story of the midwife Virginia Scott Ford ..... \$200,000.00
- (b) To assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi ..... \$300,000.00
- (c) To assist in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a recreation center and related facilities in the Town of Centreville, Mississippi ..... \$500,000.00
- (d) To assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with recreational equipment and lights for the Richards Community Center ..... \$150,000.00
- (e) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the National Guard Armory in Town of Gloster, Mississippi ..... \$250,000.00
- (f) To assist the City of Georgetown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Railroad Avenue lighting and park area ..... \$50,000.00
- (g) To assist the City of Georgetown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Railroad Avenue sidewalks ..... \$100,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Brookhaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with geometric improvements, signalization improvements, striping/signing and drainage improvements to Brookway Boulevard beginning at Interstate 55 and continuing east to U.S. Highway 51 ..... \$1,000,000.00
- (i) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Old School Commons restoration and upgrades necessary to meet ADA regulations ..... \$500,000.00
- (j) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Blackwater Road Bridge project ..... \$500,000.00
- (k) To assist the Town of Tylertown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of the Civic Center and Mississippi State University Extension Service offices ..... \$450,000.00
- (l) To assist the City of Durant, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs ..... \$50,000.00
- (m) To assist the Town of Goodman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs ..... \$50,000.00
- (n) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with courthouse renovation ..... \$150,000.00
- (o) To assist the Town of Pickens, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the town police station ..... \$50,000.00
- (p) To the Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, to assist the Town of Crawford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure needs ..... \$250,000.00
- (q) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Mallett Road ..... \$1,000,000.00
- (r) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire truck ..... \$350,000.00
- (s) To assist the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs ..... \$500,000.00
- (t) To assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of natural gas

lines .....	\$150,000.00
(u) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Northside Drive drainage channel improvements, mobilization, channel shaping and grading .....	\$250,000.00
(v) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with J.L. King Center infrastructure, security and lighting .....	\$250,000.00
(w) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a parking lot and related facilities for the Jackson Convention Center .....	\$1,000,000.00
(x) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of a building to be used by the City of Oxford Police Department .....	\$1,000,000.00
(y) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire truck .....	\$250,000.00
(z) To assist the City of Columbus, Mississippi, Fire and Rescue in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire engine .....	\$350,000.00
(aa) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of and repair and renovation of a building to house City Hall and repair and renovation of the former City Hall to house other city departments .....	\$1,000,000.00
(bb) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Itawamba County Courthouse and construction of a Justice Court .....	\$1,000,000.00
(cc) To assist Jones County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and additions to the Jones County Law Enforcement Complex .....	\$500,000.00
(dd) To assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with additions to the Veterans Museum in Laurel, Mississippi .....	\$250,000.00
(ee) To assist Arise and Shine, Inc., with providing children and youth programs and services in Copiah County, Mississippi .....	\$50,000.00
(ff) To assist the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with providing lighting for Pedestrian and Bicycle Corridor Federal Aid Project No. STP-0130-00(013)LPA/107363-701000 .....	\$250,000.00
(gg) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Millsaps Heritage Center in the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi .....	\$300,000.00
(hh) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water system, sewer system and other infrastructure improvements and development of the Fayard project beautification .....	\$1,500,000.00
(ii) To assist the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, in paying various costs for the City Fire Department .....	\$25,000.00
(jj) To assist in paying various costs for the Fenton Fire Station in Hancock County, Mississippi .....	\$25,000.00
(kk) To assist in paying various costs for the County Farm Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi .....	\$25,000.00
(ll) To assist in paying various costs for the Lizan Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi .....	\$25,000.00
(mm) To assist in paying various costs for the Saucier Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi .....	\$25,000.00
(nn) To assist in paying various costs for the Success Fire Station in Harrison County, Mississippi .....	\$25,000.00
(oo) To assist the City of Fayette, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of a fire station for the city's fire department .....	\$400,000.00
(pp) To assist the City of Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a satellite fire station .....	\$200,000.00
(qq) To assist the City of Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to Winddance Drive necessary for trucking company weight restrictions .....	\$100,000.00

(rr) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting and curb upgrades to McCullough Boulevard ..... \$500,000.00

(ss) To assist the City of Booneville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair, replacement, adjustment and relocation of sewer lines and related sewer system infrastructure underneath and near the Northeast Mississippi Community College football field and surrounding area..... \$1,000,000.00

(tt) To assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to Bozeman Road, beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 463 and proceeding north..... \$2,500,000.00

(uu) To assist the City of Madison, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of the Performing Arts Center and placement of utility lines under the center..... \$1,000,000.00

(vv) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements around and near both of the city's parks, including, but not limited to paving town streets and parking lots, drainage improvements, water and sewer line repairs and extensions, and pavilion construction in such parks..... \$400,000.00

(ww) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and resurfacing of "Jimmy Beckley" Industrial Park Road ..... \$500,000.00

(xx) To assist the Town of Derma, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water well repairs ..... \$50,000.00

(yy) To assist the Town of Vardaman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving town streets ..... \$150,000.00

(zz) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of an ambulance center for Tippah County Hospital..... \$500,000.00

(aaa) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the town's fire department..... \$300,000.00

(bbb) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department..... \$25,000.00

(ccc) To assist in paying costs associated with creating a SkillPath 2030 Lab for the North Tippah School District..... \$200,000.00

(ddd) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the city's fire department..... \$100,000.00

(eee) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various infrastructure projects ..... \$200,000.00

(fff) To assist Mississippi Hills Heritage Area Alliance in paying costs associated with alliance activities ..... \$100,000.00

(ggg) To assist in paying costs associated with exhibits with robotics and code training for students at the Issac Chapel Rosenwald Historical Museum and Education Center in Marshall County, Mississippi..... \$200,000.00

(hhh) To assist Delta Health System in paying costs associated with capital improvements and infrastructure improvements related to patient room compliance and women's center services ..... \$2,000,000.00

(iii) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of the Mississippi Songwriters Performing Arts Center and improvements to Town Commons Park, including, but not limited to, parking and through roads for an amphitheater ..... \$4,000,000.00

(jjj) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and upgrades to Front Street Fire Station..... \$500,000.00

(kkk) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expansion of RV sites and paving at Shepard State Park ..... \$1,500,000.00

(lll) To assist Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated the CR424 Road project..... \$500,000.00

(mmm) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of a firehouse for the Thorn Volunteer Fire Department in Chickasaw County, Mississippi..... \$50,000.00

(nnn) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road projects in Supervisors District 2 in Clay County including overlay of Mayhew Road, Mayfield Road, Pinkerton Road, Clisby Road and Herman Shirley Road ..... \$500,000.00

(ooo) To assist Monroe County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance and repairs ..... \$500,000.00

(ppp) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with roof repair and/or replacement for Bryan Public Library ..... \$250,000.00

(qqq) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of the Michael H. Ball Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12191 building in Carroll County, Mississippi\$200,000.00

(rrr) To assist the Town of Duck Hill, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing streets ..... \$200,000.00

(sss) To assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying various costs associated with the town's water tower project ..... \$20,000.00

(ttt) To assist in paying costs associated with various Winona-Montgomery County Consolidated School District renovation projects ..... \$7,000,000.00

(uuu) To assist in paying costs associated with a regional communications system for the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency..... \$200,000.00

(vvv) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the city's downtown storm drainage system and related infrastructure ..... \$500,000.00

(www) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with pavement maintenance for county roads ..... \$500,000.00

(xxx) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Mental Health Diversion Center in Purvis, Mississippi..... \$500,000.00

(yyy) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition and repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a building and related facilities for the Bovina Volunteer Fire Department in Warren County, Mississippi ..... \$250,000.00

(zzz) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting for city baseball fields ..... \$250,000.00

(aaaa) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of culverts and construction and installation of sluice gates..... \$75,000.00

(bbbb) To assist the City of Grenada, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road resurfacing for Southwest Frontage Road..... \$250,000.00

(cccc) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and extension of New Industrial Park Road ..... \$500,000.00

(dddd) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing of National Guard Trout Road ..... \$750,000.00

(eeee) To assist in paying costs associated with roof repair for Phillip Community Center in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi..... \$50,000.00

(ffff) To assist the City of Petal, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of an access road beginning at or near the intersection of Central Avenue and M. J. Harris Drive in Petal, Mississippi, and running southerly into the Robert E. Russell Sports Complex ..... \$500,000.00

(gggg) To assist the City of Iuka, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road paving, purchase of utility vehicles for the city's police department and fire department, city park upgrades, library repair and purchase of a dump truck and two (2) police cars ..... \$250,000.00

(hhhh) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with relocating the fire station on Main Street in the city to a less congested corner lot near the current location..... \$750,000.00

(iiii) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of the Agricola Multipurpose Center in George County, Mississippi..... \$1,600,000.00

(jjjj) To assist in paying costs associated with industrial park wastewater replacement main in George County,

Mississippi.....\$400,000.00  
 (kkkk) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of a multipurpose arena in Jackson County, Mississippi .....\$750,000.00  
 (llll) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to roads and bridges including, but not limited to, CR 195 and  
 CR 215.....\$650,000.00  
 (mmmm) To assist Smith County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and repaving of county  
 roads.....\$250,000.00  
 (nnnn) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles for the Winston County Sheriff's Department.....\$150,000.00  
 (oooo) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a gas line project from Dekalb, Mississippi, to Scooba, Mississippi.....\$500,000.00  
 (pppp) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Kemper County Volunteer Fire Department.....\$50,000.00  
 (qqqq) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department.....\$150,000.00  
 (rrrr) To assist the Town of Scooba, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of town  
 facilities .....\$75,000.00  
 (ssss) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting..  
 .....\$1,750,000.00  
 (tttt) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with flood control, detention basins or other infrastructure improvements in and around Gordon's Creek  
 .....\$250,000.00  
 (uuuu) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Alcorn County Courthouse.....\$1,000,000.00  
 (vvvv) To assist in paying costs associated with Alcorn County School District improvements.....\$150,000.00  
 (wwww) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist in paying Alcorn County Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association  
 expenses.....\$100,000.00  
 (xxxx) To assist the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., in paying costs associated with capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the Jacinto Courthouse and related facilities in Alcorn County, Mississippi.....\$100,000.00  
 (yyyy) To assist Covington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Kelly Creek Road and/or Fruitstand Road.....\$200,000.00  
 (zzzz) To assist Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Willie Fortenberry Road, Gum Swamp Road and/or Sumrall Road  
 .....\$100,000.00  
 (aaaaa) To assist the Town of Shubuta, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with refurbishing, repair, renovation, restoration and furnishing of the Town Hall building.....\$200,000.00  
 (bbbbb) To assist in paying costs associated with completion of the HVAC system for the Coahoma County Higher Education Center .....\$150,000.00  
 (ccccc) To assist Simpson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various road paving  
 projects .....\$500,000.00  
 (ddddd) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving South Maple Street, Elm Street, North Oak Street and North Maple Street  
 .....\$200,000.00  
 (eeeee) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Simpson County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs:

Braxton Fire Department, Cato Fire Department, Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department, Magee Fire Department, Mendenhall Fire Department, Mendenhall Station 7 Fire Department, Old Pearl Volunteer Fire Department, Pinola Fire Department, Puckett Volunteer Fire Department and Shell Road Volunteer Fire

Department ..... \$150,000.00

(fffff) To assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of playground equipment for Houston Community Park in Itawamba County ..... \$50,000.00

(ggggg) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and repairs to Tanglewood

Road ..... \$450,000.00

(hhhhh) To assist Scott County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Coal Bluff

Road ..... \$350,000.00

(iiii) To assist the Town of Plantersville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and the purchase of equipment for the town's police department ..... \$100,000.00

(jjjjj) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Maben Sturgis Road ..... \$1,000,000.00

(kkkkk) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the city's Main Street project ..... \$1,250,000.00

(lllll) To assist Humphreys County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, including asbestos removal, to the Humphreys County Courthouse. \$400,000.00

(mmmmm) To assist the City of New Albany, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with central business district renovations ..... \$250,000.00

(nnnnn) To assist in paying costs associated with storm shelter and community center renovations in the Red Hill Community in Union County, Mississippi. \$150,000.00

(ooooo) To the Board of Trustees of Southwest Mississippi Community College for the purpose of providing funds for the costs associated with the construction of a new indoor multipurpose center on the campus of the college ..... \$500,000.00

(ppppp) To Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for the purpose of making improvements at parks and facilities as follows: golf cart path repairs and course equipment upgrades at Quail Hollow Golf Course in Pike County; building repairs and equipment upgrades at Bogue Chitto Water Park in Pike County; building repairs, arena equipment and bleachers at Ethel Vance Park in Pike County; building repairs and fencing at Liberty Town Fields in Pike County; ADA sidewalk improvements and building repairs at Walkers Bridge Water Park in Walthall County; pier improvements, building improvements and road improvements at the County Outdoor Complex in Walthall County and park improvements in Franklin County ..... \$1,000,000.00

(qqqqq) To assist the Caledonia Natural Gas District in paying costs associated with acquisition of three (3) pickup trucks to be used as service trucks ..... \$150,000.00

(rrrrr) To assist Neshoba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with transition to the MSWIN system ..... \$1,000,000.00

(sssss) To assist in paying costs associated with the Neshoba General Hospital Ambulance Enterprise ..... \$250,000.00

(ttttt) To assist the Briarwood Pool in Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with ADA requirements and accessibility plan ..... \$250,000.00

(uuuuu) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase I White Oak Creek streambank erosion improvements to a portion of the creek running from at or near Old Canton Road to at or near Briarwood Drive in the City of Jackson, Mississippi ..... \$2,000,000.00

(vvvvv) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Endville

Road ..... \$500,000.00

(wwwww) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following volunteer fire departments in Wayne County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Battles Volunteer Fire Department, Beat Four Volunteer Fire Department, Buckatunna Volunteer Fire Department, Central Volunteer Fire Department, Clara Volunteer Fire Department, Coyt Volunteer Fire Department, Crossroads Volunteer Fire

Department, Denham Volunteer Fire Department, Ecutta Volunteer Fire Department, Hiwanee Volunteer Fire Department, Matherville Volunteer Fire Department, Maynor Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Mulberry Volunteer Fire Department, Pleasant Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Progress Volunteer Fire Department, Strengthford Volunteer Fire Department and Yellow Creek Volunteer Fire Department..... \$340,000.00  
 (xxxxx) To assist the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, in paying city fire department costs ..... \$70,000.00  
 (yyyyy) To assist in paying various department costs for Stateline Volunteer Fire Department in Greene County, Mississippi..... \$20,000.00  
 (zzzzz) To assist in paying various department costs for Richton Volunteer Fire Department in Perry County, Mississippi..... \$20,000.00  
 (aaaaaa) To assist the City of Stateline, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles for the city's police department..... \$50,000.00  
 (bbbbbb) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to North Frontage Road from Interstate 59 in Picayune.. \$850,000.00  
 (ccccc) To assist the City of Raymond, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation, rehabilitation and expansion of and additions to the city's police station ..... \$250,000.00  
 (ddddd) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of roads and bridges ..... \$500,000.00  
 (eeeeee) To assist the Town of Potts Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a fire truck ..... \$300,000.00  
 (fffff) To assist the Town of Hickory Flat, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of equipment for the town's police department ..... \$100,000.00  
 (gggggg) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of roads in Supervisors District 1 in Union County ..... \$500,000.00  
 (hhhhh) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of roads in Supervisors District 2 in Union County ..... \$500,000.00  
 (iiiiii) To provide matching funds to the City of Charleston, Mississippi, for the repair of Charleston City Hall..... \$250,000.00  
 (jjjjj) To assist the Town of Coffeeville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street improvements..... \$125,000.00  
 (kkkkk) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of the Water Valley Civic Auditorium ..... \$225,000.00  
 (lllll) To assist Pearl River County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with county road maintenance ..... \$500,000.00  
 (mmmmm) To assist the City of Morton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads around Morton High School and surrounding areas in the City of Morton ..... \$150,000.00  
 (nnnnn) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the eight (8) volunteer fire departments in Scott County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs and expenses..... \$200,000.00  
 (ooooo) To assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of facilities at Chautauqua Park in Crystal Springs, Mississippi ..... \$500,000.00  
 (ppppp) To assist Quitman Community Hospital in paying costs associated with improvements and upgrades to facilities and equipment..... \$500,000.00  
 (qqqqq) To provide funds to be distributed in the amount of \$25,000.00 to fire departments in Prentiss County, Mississippi, to assist in paying equipment costs ..... \$425,000.00  
 (rrrrr) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting and other improvements to city owned facilities ..... \$1,000,000.00  
 (sssss) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and infrastructure



improvements..... \$5,000,000.00  
 (ttttt) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of an Agriculture Technology building at Independence High School in the Tate County School District ..... \$750,000.00  
 (uuuuu) To provide funds to be distributed equally among all volunteer fire departments in Clarke County, Mississippi, to assist in paying equipment costs and for upgrades..... \$150,000.00  
 (vvvvv) To assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of motor vehicles with upfit, lights, cages and sirens, for the Clarke County Sheriff's Department ..... \$100,000.00  
 (wwwww) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with HVAC system and equipment repairs and/or replacement..... \$500,000.00  
 (xxxxx) To assist Alliance School for Workforce Development in paying costs associated with roof and building repairs for its building ..... \$100,000.00  
 (yyyyy) To Attala County, Mississippi, to provide funds for the acquisition of fire trucks for Carmack Volunteer Fire Department, Friendship Volunteer Fire Department, Providence Fire Department and Zama Volunteer Fire Department ..... \$1,000,000.00  
 (zzzzz) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in defraying expenses associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to county roads and bridges ..... \$1,000,000.00  
 (aaaaa) To Leake County, Mississippi, to provide funds for the acquisition of fire trucks for volunteer fire departments in Leake County ..... \$2,000,000.00  
 (bbbbb) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and/or replacement of the roof for the Jack Post Industrial Building. \$1,000,000.00  
 (ccccc) To assist the Town of West, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to town facilities ..... \$200,000.00  
 (ddddd) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and maintenance of city facilities ..... \$500,000.00  
 (eeeeee) To assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new building for American Legion Post No. 44 in Attala County, Mississippi ..... \$300,000.00  
 (ffffff) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with site work for and construction and development of streets, street lighting and signals, electrical and communications distribution systems and equipment, water system and sewer system infrastructure and related infrastructure within an area bound by U.S. Highway 80, Springridge Road, Interstate 20 and Clinton-Raymond Road/Madison Street in the City of Clinton..... \$8,000,000.00  
 (ggggg) To assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's water system and sewer system infrastructure ..... \$1,000,000.00  
 (hhhhh) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in defraying expenses associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to roads and bridges..... \$8,000,000.00  
 (iiiiii) To assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements..... \$2,000,000.00  
 (jjjjj) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of Pearl ..... \$500,000.00  
 (kkkkk) To assist Harrison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Sportsplex improvements..... \$1,500,000.00  
 (lllll) To assist in paying costs associated with improvements to Lumpkin Stadium for the Long Beach School District ..... \$100,000.00  
 (mmmmm) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Choctaw County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Chester Volunteer Fire Department, Sherwood Volunteer Fire Department, Reform Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Ackerman Fire Department, Bywy Volunteer Fire Department, Simpson Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Weir Fire Department, Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department, Union Volunteer Fire Department and Town of French Camp Fire Department ..... \$200,000.00

(nnnnnnn) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Winston County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Nanih Waiya Volunteer Fire Department, Shiloh Volunteer Department, City of Louisville Fire Department, Lo Butcha Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Noxapater Volunteer Fire Department and Mars Hill Volunteer Fire Department..... \$120,000.00

(ooooooo) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Webster County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs: Town of Mathiston Volunteer Fire Department, City of Eupora Fire Department and Tomnolen Volunteer Fire Department..... \$60,000.00

(ppppppp) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street repairs, resurfacing and improvements ..... \$300,000.00

(qqqqqqq) To assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with constructing a road and other transportation infrastructure in the City of Louisville that will provide and improve access to land owned by the city designated for an economic development project on or near the location of Winston Plywood & Veneer ..... \$200,000.00

(rrrrrrr) To assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with sidewalk repairs, lighting and improvements for the town's Historic Downtown District and School Street..... \$100,000.00

(sssssss) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following road districts in Choctaw County, Mississippi: Beat 1 Choctaw County road and resurfacing repairs for Seward Road and Whites Loop, Beat 4 Choctaw County road and resurfacing repairs for Penderville Road, Beat 5 Choctaw County road and resurfacing repairs for McClure Road, McKnight Road and Enon Road and Beat 3 Choctaw County road and resurfacing

repairs for roads ..... \$500,000.00

(ttttttt) To assist the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street repairs, resurfacing and improvements..... \$200,000.00

(uuuuuuu) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the town's facilities ..... \$100,000.00

(vvvvvvv) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Courthouse renovations and improvements..... \$100,000.00

(wwwwwww) To assist American Legion Post 82 in the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities ..... \$25,000.00

(xxxxxxx) To assist VFW Post 3806 in the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities ..... \$25,000.00

(yyyyyyy) To assist VFW Post 4540 in Winston County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities..... \$25,000.00

(zzzzzzz) To assist VFW Post 5569 in the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities ..... \$25,000.00

(aaaaaaaa) To assist in paying the costs associated with land acquisition, site development and construction, furnishing and equipping of new buildings and facilities for, and the relocation of, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby to property owned by the Mississippi Military Department and located near Camp Shelby in Forrest County, Mississippi

.....\$6,000,000.00

(bbbbbbb) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations of city offices.....\$1,000,000.00

(ccccccc) To assist the Town of Sardis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to roads and bridges.....\$250,000.00

(ddddddd) To assist the Town of Como, Mississippi in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other improvements to roads and bridges.....\$250,000.00

(eeeeeee) To assist the City of Bay Springs, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs to Payton

Avenue.....\$35,000.00  
(ffffff) To assist the Town of Heidelberg, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs to Walnut  
Street.....\$45,000.00  
(ggggggg) To assist the Town of Heidelberg, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the acquisition of the Old Heidelberg Academy.....\$350,000.00  
(hhhhhhh) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with improvements to Dabbs Street.....\$250,000.00  
(iiiiiii) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to the county courthouse.....\$350,000.00  
(jjjjjjj) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi in paying the costs associated with the repair and renovation of the coliseum.....\$600,000.00  
(kkkkkkk) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the paving and improvements to  
Salem/Courts Road.....\$600,300.00  
(lllllll) To assist Tougaloo College in paying the costs associated with the improvement, renovation and preservation of the historic Mansion building..\$600,000.00  
(mmmmmmm) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a traffic signal at the intersection of Airways Blvd. and Guthrie Drive.....\$270,000.00  
(nnnnnnn) To assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a traffic signal at the intersection of Byhalia Road and Hwy 305 in Lewisburg/Olive Branch.....\$270,000.00  
(oooooooo) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with building the Chickasaw Trail Emergency Response Center.....\$1,000,000.00  
(ppppppp) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovation of a community center.....\$30,000.00  
(qqqqqqq) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with bridge and drainage projects.....\$500,000.00  
(rrrrrrr) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for  
Thalia Mara Hall.....\$2,000,000.00  
(sssssss) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the Jackson Planetarium.....\$2,000,000.00  
(ttttttt) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with airport improvements.....\$500,000.00  
(uuuuuuu) To assist the Town of Sardis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Sardis Lake Development project.....\$1,700,000.00  
(vvvvvvv) To assist the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with paving, repairs and improvements to city streets.....\$250,000.00  
(wwwwwww) To assist the Town of Walnut Grove, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the purchase of a new fire truck.....\$250,000.00  
(xxxxxxx) To assist the Lee County 4th District Community Development Group, a nonprofit corporation, in paying the costs associated with the construction/improvement to its community center.....\$300,000.00  
(yyyyyyy) To assist the Windows of Amory, a nonprofit corporation, for expenses related to improvements and operations of the former First Christian Church, known as "The Windows".....\$200,000.00  
(zzzzzzz) To assist the City of Aberdeen, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to the Magnolias.....\$150,000.00  
(aaaaaaaa) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to historical structures in the county.....\$75,000.00  
(bbbbbbbbb) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the replacement of an air conditioning and heating system for the county jail.....\$80,000.00

(ccccccccc) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the resurfacing of Russom-Westside Road..... \$300,000.00

(ddddddddd) To assist the Summit Community Development Foundation in paying the costs associated with the Stand Pipe project ..... \$200,000.00

(eeeeeeeee) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with lighting of the Mississippi River Bridge..... \$500,000.00

(fffffffff) To assist the City of Magee, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements ..... \$150,000.00

(ggggggggg) To assist the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements ..... \$150,000.00

(hhhhhhhhh) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in defraying expenses for infrastructure improvements and industrial facility..... \$1,000,000.00

(iiiiiii) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with roof repairs for a county-owned building..... \$600,000.00

(jjjjjjjjj) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with an overpass for Old Highway 63 over Highway 98..... \$1,200,000.00

(kkkkkkkkk) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with asbestos abatement and demolition of an abandoned factory building .. \$600,000.00

(lllllllll) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the conversion of the old farmer's market into a regional emergency operations center ..... \$1,200,000.00

(mmmmmmmmm) To assist the Greene County School District in paying costs associated with tornado and wind damage at the McLain Attendance Center. \$50,000.00

(nnnnnnnnn) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrades, mitigation and improvements to the city marina... \$750,000.00

(ooooooooo) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovations and expansions of the Ball Park Road Fire Station ..... \$750,000.00

(ppppppppp) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Riley Road..... \$500,000.00

(qqqqqqqqq) To assist the Pearl & Leaf Rivers Rails to Trails Recreational District in paying the costs associated with overlaying the trail from James Lynn Cartledge Gateway to Carolyn McRaney Gateway and paving the parking lots at stations ..... \$1,500,000.00

(rrrrrrrrr) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements to North Flowood Drive ..... \$2,000,000.00

(sssssssss) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with improvements to Highway 25 between Grants Ferry Road and Mississippi Highway 471 ..... \$4,000,000.00

(ttttttttt) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with inspection, repairs and improvements to the Electric Department Office. \$40,000.00

(uuuuuuuuu) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a roof replacement on the county courthouse ..... \$400,000.00

(vvvvvvvvv) To assist the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a new fire truck. .... \$500,000.00

(wwwwwwwww) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrades and improvements for the historic Old Courthouse and grounds in Vicksburg..... \$650,000.00

(xxxxxxxxx) To assist the City of Gulfport, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Interconnecting Gulfport project related to the federal BUILD grant route, to include Pool Street Extension, Creosote Road Extension, and Daniel Boulevard Extension ..... \$3,500,000.00

(yyyyyyyyy) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction and repairs of the Lake George Bridge..... \$3,000,000.00

(zzzzzzzzz) To assist Issaquena County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction and repairs of the Mannie Road Bridge... \$1,500,000.00

(aaaaaaaaa) To assist Sharkey County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction and repairs of the Low Water Bridge Road Bridge ..... \$1,500,000.00

(bbbbbbbbbb) To assist the Warren County Port Commission in defraying expenses for environmental and permit ..... \$500,000.00

(ccccccccc) To assist Quitman County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements on county roads and bridges ..... \$500,000.00

(ddddddddd) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the widening of Cochran Road ..... \$600,000.00

(eeeeeeeeeee) To assist the City of Richland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Highway 49 pedestrian crossover ..... \$500,000.00

(fffffftttt) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Pearl-Richland Intermodal Bridge ..... \$2,000,000.00

(gggggggggg) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with improvements to Highway 21 in Sebastopol, Mississippi ..... \$400,000.00

(hhhhhhhhhhh) To assist the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrading rescue extrication equipment ..... \$60,000.00

(iiiiiiiiiii) To assist the City of Hernando, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the Oak Grove and Highway 51 intersection ..... \$500,000.00

(jjjjjjjjjjj) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in the refurbishment of Ballard Park for the purposes of renovation and to establish a special needs (all inclusive) children's playground ..... \$500,000.00

(kkkkkkkkkkk) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with turnaround access at the Elvis Presley Birthplace ..... \$250,000.00

(lllllllllll) To assist the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements ..... \$250,000.00

(mmmmmmmmmmm) To assist the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the acquisition of land and construction of a new police station ..... \$1,000,000.00

(nnnnnnnnnnn) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction of the Commerce Park Connector Road ..... \$1,000,000.00

(ooooooooooo) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with road paving and improvements to city streets ..... \$1,500,000.00

(ppppppppppp) To assist the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvement on Pleasant Hill Road from SR 302 to Stateline Road ..... \$750,000.00

(qqqqqqqqqqq) To assist the Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District in paying the costs associated with an infrastructure project ..... \$10,000,000.00

(rrrrrrrrrrr) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the EFLAP Bridge Replacement ..... \$500,000.00

(sssssssssss) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements at the Getwell Road and Harper Road Intersection ..... \$350,000.00

(ttttttttttt) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with improvements to the Blue Mountain Children's Park ..... \$150,000.00

(uuuuuuuuuuu) To assist the Town of Farmington, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with computer equipment upgrades for city hall ..... \$25,000.00

(vvvvvvvvvvv) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Corinth Veterans Honor Memorial ..... \$25,000.00

(wwwwwwwwwww) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi in paying the costs associated with re-roofing the coliseum ..... \$500,000.00

(xxxxxxxx) To assist Stone County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with road paving and improvements to county roads and bridges ..... \$500,000.00

(yyyyyyyy) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying the costs of construction and development of the downtown green space associated with the new federal courthouse as part of the Thad Cochran Project ..... \$500,000.00

(zzzzzzzz) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying the costs of redevelopment of Hangar 173 at airport to assist the Mississippi Delta Community College (MDCC) Aerospace Maintenance Instruction Program ..... \$1,500,000.00

(aaaaaaaa) To assist the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Airport Terminal Road Extension Project ..... \$1,000,000.00

(bbbbbbbb) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a tornado siren and storm shelter at Carter's Branch Volunteer Fire Department ..... \$50,000.00

(cccccccc) To assist the Town of Marietta, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with an infrastructure project ..... \$165,000.00

(dddddddd) To assist the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with modernizing the town's police force ..... \$100,000.00

(eeeeeeee) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a roof replacement for the Circuit Courthouse ..... \$400,000.00

(ffffff) To assist the City of Iuka, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to city streets ..... \$150,000.00

(gggggggg) To assist the Yellow Creek Inland Port Authority in paying the costs associated with infrastructure and port improvement ..... \$1,500,000.00

(hhhhhhhh) To assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a Veteran's Service Center in Pontotoc ..... \$125,000.00

(iiiiiiii) To assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Fairgrounds/Exhibit Building Parking Project ..... \$100,000.00

(jjjjjjjj) To assist the City of Calhoun City, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with paving and improvements to city streets ..... \$200,000.00

(kkkkkkkk) To assist the Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX) in paying the costs associated with upgrading exhibits ..... \$250,000.00

(llllllll) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations at the Oakes African-American Cultural Center ..... \$100,000.00

(mmmmmmmm) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the Pass Christian Downtown Redevelopment Initiative ..... \$750,000.00

(nnnnnnnn) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the renovations of the county courthouse ..... \$ 350,000.00

(oooooooo) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with road paving and improvements to city streets ..... \$400,000.00

(pppppppp) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, for reimbursement to the city for engineers, clean up of debris, and to stabilize exterior of Electric Department when surrounding buildings collapsed (local state of emergency) ..... \$35,000.00

(qqqqqqqq) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority in paying the costs associated with the downtown revitalization project ..... \$750,000.00

(rrrrrrrr) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction of an amphitheater ..... \$50,000.00

(ssssssss) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with a walking trail ..... \$10,000.00

(tttttttt) To assist Lowndes County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the construction, development, upgrades and improvements to the rail yard expansion at the West Bank Port, and other rail improvements in Lowndes County that provide otherwise support freight rail service to and from the West Bank Port ..... \$3,200,000.00

(uuuuuuuuuu) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the widening, straightening and clearing debris from Eubanks Creek from State Street to Old Canton Road ..... \$500,000.00

(vvvvvvvvvv) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration in paying the costs associated with the development of the LeFleur's Bluff Otter Creek Golf Park and Connector Trail Project..... \$13,250,000.00

(wwwwwwwww) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the river front development..... \$3,500,000.00

(xxxxxxxxxx) To assist the City of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and improvements to roads and bridges ..... \$300,000.00

(yyyyyyyyyy) To assist the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music Museum in paying the costs associated with the completion of the Ellis Theatre ..... \$500,000.00

(zzzzzzzzzz) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the city owned electrical system ..... \$500,000.00

(aaaaaaaaaaa) To assist the North Mississippi Health Services in paying the costs associated with the unfinished dedicated operating room for cesarean deliveries at the hospital in Amory, Mississippi, which room may be used as a negative pressure room ..... \$1,000,000.00

(bbbbbbbbbbb) To assist the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in paying costs associated with renovations, repairs and improvements to the B.B. King Museum and Club Ebony ..... \$2,500,000.00

(ccccccccccc) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration – Bureau of Building, Ground and Real Property Management for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum in paying costs associated with renovations, repairs and improvements to the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame ..... \$2,500,000.00

(ddddddddddd) To assist the Town of Macon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with storm cleanup and emergency operation including storm debris removal ..... \$75,000.00

(eeeeeeeeeee) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair of the Veterans Building ..... \$25,000.00

(fffffffffff) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance and repairs ..... \$150,000.00

(ggggggggggg) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing Champion Hill Road.....\$500,000.00

(hhhhhhhhhhh) To assist the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various infrastructure projects..... \$100,000.00

(iiiiiiiiiii) To assist the Town of McCool, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various infrastructure projects..... \$100,000.00

(jjjjjjjjjjj) To assist the Tate County Heritage Museum in paying costs associated with acquisition and updating of exhibits and displays and repair, restoration, upgrades and improvements to equipment and facilities.....\$50,000.00

(kkkkkkkkkkk) To assist the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation in paying the costs associated with:

(i) Design, preplanning, construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi; and

(ii) Design, preplanning, construction and development of infrastructure at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi..... \$1,000,000.00

SECTION 26. (1) A special fund is created within the State Treasury to be used as provided in this section. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Mississippi Development Authority ("MDA") as follows:

(i) Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of providing funds to assist Pinchers Seafood, with support and expansion of its operations in Mississippi, including, but not limited to, land acquisition, construction of facilities and dredging. In order to receive such assistance, Pinchers Seafood must submit an application to the MDA. The MDA shall review and approve the projects for which the assistance may be used. If the MDA approves an application for assistance, it also must use other available funds from its programs, for which Pinchers Seafood is eligible to receive assistance, to assist with the completion of the approved projects.

(ii) Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of providing funds to assist Halter Marine with support and expansion of its operations including shoreline power in Mississippi. In order to receive such assistance, Halter Marine must submit an application to the MDA. The MDA shall review and approve the projects for which the assistance may be used. If the MDA approves an application for assistance, it also must use other available funds from its programs, for which Halter Marine is eligible to receive assistance, to assist with the completion of the approved projects.

(iii) Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of providing funds to assist Highland Carbon Solutions, LLC, with the establishment of its operations in Mississippi. In order to receive such assistance, Highland Carbon Solutions, LLC, must submit an application to the MDA. The MDA shall review and approve the projects for which the assistance may be used. If the MDA approves an application for assistance, it also must use other available funds from its programs, for which Highland Carbon Solutions, LLC, is eligible to receive assistance, to assist with the completion of the approved projects.

SECTION 27. Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-5-145. (1) A special fund, to be designated the "Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any source, including proceeds of any state general obligation bonds designated for deposit therein. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The expenditure of monies deposited into the fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration. Monies deposited into such fund shall be allocated and disbursed according to the provisions of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds and are not used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the special fund, then the Department of Finance and Administration shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

(2) Monies deposited into the fund shall be allocated and disbursed as follows:

(a) (i) \*\*\* Fifty-six Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$56,050,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants on a reimbursable basis through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service in helping pay the costs incurred in preserving, restoring, rehabilitating, repairing or interpreting 1. historic county courthouses, 2. historic school buildings, and/or 3. other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Where possible, expenditures from the fund shall be used to match federal grants or other grants that may be accessed by the Department of Archives



and History, other state agencies, county governments or municipal governments, school districts or nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service. Any properties, except those described in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this subsection, receiving monies pursuant to this section must be designated as "Mississippi Landmark" properties prior to selection as projects for funding under the provisions of this section.

(ii) One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grants through the Department of Finance and Administration, based upon the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History, to assist county governments in helping pay the costs of historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Grants to individual courthouses under this paragraph (a)(ii) shall not exceed Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00).

(b) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Amory Regional Museum in Amory, Mississippi, to pay the costs of capital improvements, repair, renovation, furnishing and/or equipping of the museum. The Department of Finance and Administration is directed to transfer Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) from the fund to the city on or before December 31, 2004, and the city shall place the funds into an escrow account. The city may expend the funds from the account only in an amount equal to matching funds that are provided from any source other than the state for the project. As the funds are withdrawn from the escrow account, the city shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the amount of the funds that have been withdrawn and that the funds withdrawn are in an amount equal to matching funds required by this paragraph.

(c) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the courthouse and related facilities in Jacinto, Mississippi, and to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping other buildings and facilities near the courthouse.

(d) Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Oxford-Lafayette County Heritage Foundation to pay the costs of capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing, equipping and/or acquiring the L.Q.C. Lamar Home in Oxford, Mississippi.

(e) One Million Four Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,425,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Columbus, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Columbus City Hall building and related facilities.

(f) One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, to pay the costs of restoration and renovation of the Old Wesson School.

(g) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the Town of Shubuta, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with construction, reconstruction, refurbishing, repair, renovation and restoration of the Shubuta Town Hall building and related facilities.

(h) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Okolona, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the purchase, repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of a building and related facilities on Main Street in the City of Okolona, for the purpose of establishing a welcome center in which historical information relating to the City of Okolona will be displayed, including, but not limited to, information relating to the furniture, banking, retail and farming industries; education; historical collections owned by individuals and organizations; genealogy; Okolona College; and the Battle of Okolona and the War Between the States.

(i) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Tallahatchie County Courthouse.

(j) Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Wayne County, Mississippi, to assist in paying the costs associated with repair, renovation and restoration of the Wayne County Courthouse.

(k) Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the cost of rehabilitation and restoration of Winterville Indian Mounds in Washington County, Mississippi.

(l) Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to the City of Kosciusko, to assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with (i) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the Kosciusko Natchez Trace Visitor Center in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, and (ii) repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping, additions to and expansion of the historic Strand Theater in the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi.

(m) One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Jefferson County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades and improvements to the confederate cemetery and related properties and facilities in the county.

(n) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Tate County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with painting, refurbishment and historical restoration and renovation of the Tate County Courthouse.

(o) Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to Humphreys County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Humphreys County Courthouse.

(p) One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) of any monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2023 shall be allocated and disbursed as grant funds to assist in paying the costs associated with relocation, repair, renovation and restoration of a one-room school building and related facilities including costs incurred before July 1, 2022, and such grant funds shall not be subject to any requirement for matching funds.

( \*\* \*q) Monies in the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund which are derived from proceeds of state general obligation bonds may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection for which funding is provided under this section. Reimbursement may be made only until such time as the project is completed. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) (a) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments, municipal governments, school districts, universities, community colleges, state agencies and nonprofit organizations that have obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status from the United States Internal Revenue Service for projects associated with the preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, repair or interpretation of (i) historic courthouses, (ii) historic school buildings, and/or (iii) other historic properties identified by certified local governments. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(ii), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e), (2)(f), (2)(g), (2)(h) and (2)(j) of this section.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History shall receive and consider proposals from county governments for projects associated with historically appropriate restoration, repair and renovation of historically significant county courthouses. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of

procedures, criteria and standards developed by the board. The board shall determine those projects to be funded and may require matching funds from any applicant seeking assistance under this section. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(a)(i), (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(4) The Department of Archives and History shall publicize the Community Heritage Preservation Grant Program described in this section on a statewide basis, including the publication of the criteria and standards used by the department in selecting projects for funding. The selection of a project for funding under the provisions of this section shall be made solely upon the deliberate consideration of each proposed project on its merits. The board shall make every effort to award the grants in a manner that will fairly distribute the funds in regard to the geography and cultural diversity of the state. This subsection shall not apply to projects described in subsection (2)(b), (2)(c), (2)(d), (2)(e) and (2)(f) of this section.

(5) With regard to any project awarded funding under this section, any consultant, planner, architect, engineer, exhibit contracting firm, historic preservation specialist or other professional hired by a grant recipient to work on any such project shall be approved by the board before their employment by the grant recipient.

(6) Plans and specifications for all projects initiated under the provisions of this section shall be approved by the board before the awarding of any contracts. The plans and specifications for any work involving "Mississippi Landmark" properties shall be developed in accordance with "The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties."

SECTION 28. Section 39-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

39-11-13. (1) (a) A special fund, to be designated as the "Building Fund for the Arts," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. The fund shall consist of any money designated for deposit therein from any source, including, but not limited to, any state general obligation bonds issued for the purposes described in this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(b) Money deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Mississippi Arts Commission, to provide grants to nonprofit organizations that are qualified as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and units of local government to pay the costs of:

(i) Repair, upgrading, expansion, renovation or enhancement of existing buildings and facilities for the presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such buildings or facilities;

(ii) Construction of new buildings and facilities for the presentation, teaching or exhibition of the arts in any and all of its forms and furniture, equipment and/or technology for such buildings or facilities; or

(iii) The development, construction, equipping and furnishing of an entertainment and film center and museum and completion of a sound stage project.

Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of any monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 2023 shall be used to provide grant funds for the establishment of a band and music program for a nonprofit organization in this state that is qualified as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The entity to which such grants are made shall provide matching funds from local, federal or private sources equal to forty percent (40%) of the proposed project cost in order to be eligible for a grant under this section.

(d) The maximum aggregate amount of monies in the special fund that may be used to provide grant funds to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection shall not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and no monies in the special fund may be used to provide grant funds under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection after July 1, 2003. The maximum aggregate amount of grant

funds that may be provided to an entity or combination of entities under paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection during a fiscal year shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

(2) (a) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in the special fund are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 3 through 18 of Chapter 541, Laws of 2001, as amended by Chapter 540, Laws of 2002, as amended by Chapter 519, Laws of 2003, as amended by Chapter 1, Laws of 2004 Third Extraordinary Session, as amended by Chapter 538, Laws of 2006, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 607, Laws of 2007, and are not used within four (4) years after the date such bond proceeds are deposited into the special fund, then the Mississippi Arts Commission shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the State Bond Commission.

(b) [Repealed]

(3) The Mississippi Arts Commission is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of money deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi Arts Commission, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by the Department of Finance and Administration upon request of the Mississippi Arts Commission, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, or his or her designee.

(4) The Mississippi Arts Commission shall adopt necessary rules and regulations to govern the administration of the program described in subsection (1) of this section, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations governing applications for grants and rules and regulations providing for the distribution of grant funds. The Mississippi Arts Commission shall comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

SECTION 29. Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-1-701. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Eligible entity" means any (i) county, (ii) municipality or (iii) public or private nonprofit local economic development entity including, but not limited to, local authorities, commissions, or other entities created by local and private legislation or pursuant to Section 19-5-99.

(b) "Optioned property" means industrial property that is subject to a real estate option to purchase contract entered into between an eligible entity and a real estate owner, where such option shall be for a minimum of three (3) years and the option price shall not exceed the appraised fair market value of the real estate.

( \*\* \*c) "Eligible expenditures" means:

(i) Fees for architects, engineers, environmental consultants, attorneys, and such other advisors, consultants and agents that MDA determines are necessary to complete site due diligence associated with site development improvements located on industrial property that is publicly owned or is optioned property; \*\* \*

(ii) Contributions toward site development improvements, as approved by MDA, located on industrial property that is publicly owned \*\* \*;

(iii) Contributions toward public infrastructure improvements directly serving industrial property that is publicly owned or is optioned property; and/or

(iv) Contributions toward acquisition of publicly owned real property used for economic development purposes by an eligible entity, where the acquisition price shall not exceed the appraised fair market value of the property.

( \*\* \*d) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

( \*\* \*e) "Site development improvements" means site clearing, grading, and environmental mitigation; improvements to drainage systems; easement and right-of-way acquisition; sewer systems; transportation directly affecting the site, including roads, bridges or rail; bulkheads; taxiways and parking ramps; land reclamation; water

supply (storage, treatment and distribution); telecommunications systems, including fiber optic; natural gas distribution systems; aesthetic improvements; the dredging of channels and basins; or other improvements as approved by MDA.

(2) (a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to make grants to assist eligible entities as provided in this section.

(b) Monies in the fund which are derived from proceeds of bonds issued under Section 2 of Chapter 390, Laws of 2017, Section 5 of Chapter 412, Laws of 2018, Section 1 of Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, Section 4 of Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, or Section 8 of Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by MDA for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by MDA. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by MDA. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(3) (a) MDA shall establish a program to make grants to eligible entities to match local or other funds associated with improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property for industrial economic development purposes and other property improvements as approved by MDA. An eligible entity may apply to MDA for a grant under this program in the manner provided for in this section. An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must provide matching funds in an amount determined by MDA. Matching funds may be provided in the form of cash and/or in-kind services as determined by MDA.

(b) An eligible entity desiring assistance under this section must submit an application to MDA. The application must include:

(i) A description of the eligible expenditures for which assistance is requested;

(ii) The amount of assistance requested;

(iii) The amount and type of matching funds to be provided by the eligible entity; and

(iv) Any other information required by MDA.

(c) Upon request by MDA, an eligible entity shall provide MDA with access to all studies, reports, documents and/or plans developed as a result of or related to an eligible entity receiving assistance under this section.

(4) MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the department shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

(5) MDA shall file an annual report with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than December 1 of each year, describing all assistance provided under this section.

SECTION 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2022. Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 DEPARTMENT OF

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING LOAN FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI DAM SAFETY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 TATE COUNTY - EROSION CONTROL AND REPAIR FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE ACE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT AUTHORITY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET INVESTMENT GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE STATE BP SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE "2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO A SPECIAL FUND CREATED IN THIS ACT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES; TO CREATE THE "2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO CREATE THE "2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO CREATE THE "2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO CREATE THE "2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR STATE AGENCIES REPAIR AND RENOVATION PURPOSES; TO CREATE THE "2022 TATE COUNTY - EROSION CONTROL AND REPAIR FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DITCH EROSION CONTROL, REPAIR AND REHABILITATION; TO CREATE THE "2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS LOCAL PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF PROJECTS; TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 39-11-13,

MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARTS MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham (No Signature), Jason White

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B, Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B, Evans, M, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, D, Gibbs, K, Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Stevenson, Straughter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bomgar, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, C, Hines, Hopkins, Johnson, Lamar, McGee, Scoggin, Williamson. Total-8.

Present--Young. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

At 6:38 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 6:48 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker Gunn in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2822: "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

SECTION 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022."

(2) There is hereby established within the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program under which municipalities, counties and certain public utilities not regulated by the Public Service Commission may apply for reimbursable grants to make necessary investments in water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to be funded by the Legislature utilizing Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds made available under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). Such grants shall be made available to municipalities and counties to be matched with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA on a one-to-one matching basis. Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds that a county transfers to a municipality or that a county or municipality transfers to a public utility not regulated by the Public Service Commission are eligible on a one-to-one matching basis. Municipalities that received less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the total allocation of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are eligible for a two-to-one match only on the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded or to be awarded to them under ARPA. The total funds provided for all two-to-one matches shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). The dollar amount for professional fees that can be allocated as a part of a county's, municipality's or public utility's matching share is not to exceed four percent (4%) of the total project cost.

(3) For purposes of this act, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "MCWI Grant Program" means the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program.

(b) "ARPA" means the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, which amends Title VI of the Social Security Act.

(c) "State Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 602 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(d) "Local Recovery Funds" means Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds awarded through Section 603 of Title VI of the Social Security Act amended by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2.

(e) "Department" means the Department of Environmental Quality.

(f) "Professional fees" means fees for the services of attorneys and engineering, surveying, and environmental studies.

(g) "Project" means the infrastructure improvements defined in an application that (i) complies with all requirements of ARPA, and (ii) is eligible for a grant award under this section.

(4) (a) On or before July 1, 2022, the Department of Environmental Quality shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer the MCWI Grant Program prescribed under this act, including application procedures and deadlines. The department is exempt from compliance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law in fulfilling the requirements of this section.

(b) The Department of Health shall advise the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality regarding all such rules and regulations as related to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

(5) Funding under the MCWI Grant Program shall be allocated to projects certified by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality as eligible for federal funding including, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Construction of publicly owned treatment works;

(b) Projects pursuant to the implementation of a nonpoint source pollution management program established under the Clean Water Act (CWA);

(c) Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage;



(d) Management and treatment of stormwater or subsurface drainage water;

(e) Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures;

(f) Development and implementation of a conservation and management plan under the CWA;

(g) Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth in the CWA;

(h) Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned treatment works;

(i) Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water;

(j) Facilities to improve drinking water quality;

(k) Transmission and distribution, including improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in infrastructure and lead service line replacements;

(l) New sources to replace contaminated drinking water or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and recovery system for water storage;

(m) Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent contaminants or equalize water demands;

(n) Purchase of water systems and interconnection of systems;

(o) New community water systems;

(p) Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater infrastructure;

(q) Dam and reservoir rehabilitation, if the primary purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and project is necessary for the provision of drinking water;

(r) Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act; and

(s) Any eligible drinking water, wastewater or stormwater project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury.

(6) The governing authority of a municipality, county or public utility that is not regulated by the Public Service Commission may submit an application for grant funds under this act if the applicant is an operator-member of Mississippi 811, Inc., as defined in Section 77-13-3. Applicants shall certify to the department that each expenditure of the funds awarded to them under this act is in compliance with ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the State Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds. Subsequent submissions will be due by the dates established by the department.

(7) An application for a grant under this act shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes. Each application for grant funds shall include the following at a minimum: (a) applicant contact information; (b) project description and type of project; (c) project map; (d) estimate of population affected by the project; (e) disadvantaged community criteria (population, median household income, unemployment, current water/sewer rates); (f) estimated project cost; (g) list of match funds of direct Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds received and to be received from the federal government, a certification that such funds have been or will be used for the project detailed in the application, and documentation of commitment; (h) estimated project schedule and readiness to proceed; (i) engineering services agreement; (j) engineering reports; and (k) information about status of obtaining any required permits.

(8) The department must apply a system for use in ranking the grant applications received. When applying the ranking system, the department shall apply a greater weight to projects that have approved engineering/design, plans and permits if the department has deemed the project is ready to begin construction within six (6) months. Projects that are included on the municipal or county engineer's approved list and provide applicable supporting documentation shall receive additional consideration awarded to the application. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a)

the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the project and the number of communities the project serves; (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the project; (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by the United States Department of Treasury rules for ARPA funds; (j) the extent to which the project benefits multiple political subdivisions in a regional manner; (k) the project's ability to enhance public service infrastructure, including transportation and emergency access; and (l) any other factors as determined by the department.

(9) The grant program shall include a specific emphasis on addressing the needs of an economically disadvantaged community, including providing safe, reliable drinking water in areas that lack infrastructure, providing sewage treatment capacity in unsewered areas and providing regional development of infrastructure to serve multiple communities.

(10) Applications shall be reviewed and scored as they are received. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality shall certify whether each project submitted is a "necessary investment" in water, wastewater, or stormwater infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act and all applicable guidance issued by the United States Department of the Treasury. The Department of Environmental Quality shall review the lists of recommended water infrastructure projects and issue its list of recommended projects to the Mississippi Department of Health for its advice. Grant agreements shall be executed between the recipient and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. All final awards shall be determined at the discretion of the executive director of the department. Any funds awarded to the City of Jackson under this section shall be deposited in the Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund of the State Treasury. Funds shall be obligated to a grantee upon the execution of a grant agreement between the department and the approved applicant. Funds shall be made available to a grantee when the department obtains the necessary support for reimbursement. The department is authorized to conduct additional rounds of grants as needed; however, in the first round no more than forty percent (40%) of the total funds appropriated for each grant program may be awarded by the department, and the remaining funds may be awarded in the second or subsequent rounds which shall occur no later than six (6) months from the previous round. To ensure equitable treatment between the categories of projects, no less than twenty percent (20%) awarded under this section shall be allocated to each of the three (3) categories of drinking water projects, wastewater projects and stormwater projects. In second or subsequent rounds, any funds not requested may be allocated to any category.

(11) Grant funds shall be used prospectively; however, grant funds may be used to reimburse expenses incurred before the enactment of this program if the costs are adequately documented and comply with applicable ARPA guidelines. An applicant must agree to obtain all necessary state and federal permits and follow all state bidding and contracting laws and fiscally sound practices in the administration of the funds.

(12) (a) Monies must be disbursed under this section in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, established by the American Rescue Plan of 2021.

(b) The use of funds allocated under this program shall be subject to audit by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General and the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor. Each person receiving funds under these programs found to be fully or partially noncompliant with the requirements in this act shall return to the state all or a portion of the funds received.

(13) The department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen, and the Legislative Budget Office

quarterly reports and annual reports that are due by the dates established in the Compliance and Reporting Guidance by the United States Department of Treasury. The reports shall contain the applications received, the score of the applications, the amount of grant funds awarded to each applicant, the amount of grant funds expended by each applicant, and status of each applicant's project.

(14) Grant funds shall be available under this act through December 31, 2026, or on the date of the fund expenditure deadline provided by the federal government, whichever occurs later. Each grant recipient shall certify for any project for which a grant is awarded that if the project is not completed by December 31, 2026, and the United States Congress does not enact an extension of the deadline on the availability of ARPA Funds, then the grant recipient will complete the project through other funds.

(15) The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality may retain an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of the total funds allocated to the program to defray administrative costs.

(16) The department shall be exempt from provisions of the Public Procurement Review Board for any requirements of personal or professional service contracts or the pre-approval of the solicitation for such contracts used in the execution of its responsibilities under this act. This subsection shall stand repealed on January 1, 2026.

(17) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 2. A public utility as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(iv) shall not deny or refuse services to any business entity solely on the basis that the entity is a licensee under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 3. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2818, 2022 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 1421, 2022 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars

(\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c), any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning, any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services, any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019, any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission, any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services, any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation at such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories, \* \* \* any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health and/or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2023, any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, utility rate expert services, \* \* \* any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022, any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026, and any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026. Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;

2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;

3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;

4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and

5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Notwithstanding the exemption of personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services and personal and professional services contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services from the provisions of this section under subsection (2)(f), before the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services may enter into a personal or professional service contract, the department(s) shall give notice of the proposed personal or professional service contract to the Public Procurement Review Board for any recommendations by the board. Upon receipt of the notice, the board shall post the notice on its website and on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165. If the board does not respond to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the notice, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. If the board responds to the department(s) within seven (7) calendar days, then the board has seven (7) calendar days from the date of its initial response to provide any additional recommendations. After the end of the second seven-day period, the department(s) may enter the proposed personal or professional service contract. The board is not authorized to disapprove any proposed personal or professional services contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2022.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE "MISSISSIPPI MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM ACT OF 2022" ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY UTILIZING CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA); TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH GRANTS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES AND CERTAIN UTILITIES ON A ONE-TO-ONE MATCHING BASIS AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL GRANT TO SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES BASED ON CORONAVIRUS



LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS; TO PRESCRIBE ELIGIBLE PROJECTS UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE MULTIPLE ROUNDS OF WATER, WASTEWATER, AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROJECTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO PROMULGATE GRANT APPLICATION REGULATIONS AND ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO ADMINISTER THE MCWI GRANT PROGRAM AND RETAIN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS; TO EXEMPT DEQ FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES LAW IN PROMULGATING REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS AND FROM OVERSIGHT BY THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD WHEN ENTERING INTO NECESSARY CONTRACTS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT A UTILITY MAY NOT DENY WATER SERVICE SOLELY ON THE BASIS THAT THE CUSTOMER IS A MEDICAL MARIJUANA LICENSEE; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: W. Briggs Hopson III, John A. Polk, J. Walter Michel  
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Jason White

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Bain, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Beckett, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, Brown, B. Burnett, Busby, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clarke, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Darnell, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, B. Evans, M. Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, D. Gibbs, K. Goodin, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, Hood, Horan, Horne, Huddleston, Jackson, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McLeod, Mickens, Miles, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Patterson, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Reynolds, Roberson, Robinson, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Smith, Stamps, Steverson, Straughter, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Walker, Wallace, Watson, Weathersby, White, Williams-Barnes, Wright, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bomgar, Brown, C. Clark, Criswell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hopkins, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Summers, Tullos, Williamson. Total-12.

Present--Rosebud, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--55

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; increase.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2246:** Electronic search warrants; authorize issuance of in investigations of certain sex offenses against children.

**S. B. No. 2879:** Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact.

**S. B. No. 2887:** School Boards; allow to purchase electric vehicles for student transportation.

**S. B. No. 2893:** Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by JSU Development Foundation.

**S. B. No. 2899:** Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 574:** Commend Choctaw Central "Lady Warriors" Basketball Team for winning Class 4A State Championship.

**S. C. R. No. 605:** Suspend rules for further consideration of HB 451; delete repealer on the nonadmitted policy fee.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing.

**H. B. No. 1730:** Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County.

**H. B. No. 1731:** Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County.

**H. B. No. 1732:** Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County.

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Rowland, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Newman, Shanks and Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Otis Tolbert, which motion prevailed.

Representative Darnell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Anthony "Tony" Scott, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bain moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Johnson Noble, which motion prevailed.

Representative Robinson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruby Tucker Pitts, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bain and Carpenter moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bill Ross, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans (91st) moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deacon Frank Baylis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jarrod King, and Betty Mechatto, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Aubrey N. Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lois Jean Redd-Sutton, and Michael Ansary Douglas, which motion prevailed.

At 7:04 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned Sine Die, with the Journal left open until the final bill has been received from Governor Reeves.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022

The House did not convene on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

**H. B. No. 1719:** Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County.

**H. B. No. 1758:** Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County.

**H. C. R. No. 46:** "Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 11-17, 2022, as.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on.

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and DAs; increase salaries of.

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

**H. B. No. 1427:** Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters.

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1663:** Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

Adopted: 04/04/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

of. **S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

Adopted: 04/05/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs.

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

Adopted: 04/05/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

**S. B. No. 2780:** State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds.

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds.

Adopted: 04/05/22

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 604:** Paying tribute to United States Army Korean War casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwyn, Mississippi, finally laid to rest.

**S. B. No. 2120:** Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers.

**S. B. No. 2335:** State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year.

**S. B. No. 2371:** Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement and clarify use of reverse auction.

**S. B. No. 2422:** Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance and distribution of procurement cards or digital solutions for classroom supplies.

**S. B. No. 2509:** Outdoor advertising signs; revise height limit provisions.

**S. B. No. 2543:** Department of Public Safety; revise provisions related to.

**S. B. No. 2739:** Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service.

**S. B. No. 2810:** State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework.

**S. B. No. 2820:** COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; create and require MDOH to establish and administer.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:



**H. C. R. No. 46:** "Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 11-17, 2022, as.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on.

**H. B. No. 1006:** ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and District Attorneys; increase salaries of.

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of.

**H. B. No. 1427:** Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program; create.

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 7, 2022, however the following messages were received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2063:** Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

**S. B. No. 2430:** Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program; create for purpose of improving educational facilities.

**S. B. No. 2781:** Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriations bills.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs.

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations, nonprofit museums and MS Main Street Association.

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program.

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program.

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy.

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission.

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1719:** Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County.

**H. B. No. 1758:** Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission.

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health.

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of.

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mims requested that the House be in memory of Dunbar Dowdy Watt.

Representative Summers requested that the House be in memory of Jessie Thomas Griffith, II.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2022

The House did not convene on Friday, April 8, 2022, however the following messages were received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3008:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

**S. B. No. 3010:** Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**S. B. No. 3011:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

**S. B. No. 3012:** Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

**S. B. No. 3013:** Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3018:** Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

**S. B. No. 3019:** Appropriation; Military Department.

**S. B. No. 3023:** Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3025:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

**S. B. No. 3034:** Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3053:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

**S. B. No. 3064:** Appropriation; to DFA for the MAICU and Ind K-12 Grant Program, - ARPA funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 545:** Recognize public service of longtime Hinds County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative Tomie T. Green.

**S. B. No. 2865:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3004:** Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs.

**S. B. No. 3006:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

**S. B. No. 3009:** Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

**S. B. No. 3015:** Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3017:** Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

**S. B. No. 3021:** Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

**S. B. No. 3022:** Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

**S. B. No. 3026:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

**S. B. No. 3027:** Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3028:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

**S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.

**S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.

**S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3003:** Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

**S. B. No. 3005:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

**S. B. No. 3007:** Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

**S. B. No. 3016:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

**S. B. No. 3020:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes.

**S. B. No. 3029:** Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

**S. B. No. 3038:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

**S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

**S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS MCWI Grant Program-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3060:** Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds.

**S. B. No. 3062:** Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2780:** Budget; provide for various transfers, create several special funds, and create Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program.

**S. B. No. 2822:** "Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish.

**S. B. No. 2844:** Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permit.

**S. B. No. 3002:** Appropriation; IHL - General support.

**S. B. No. 3024:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

**S. B. No. 3014:** Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

The House did not convene on Monday, April 11, 2022, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, April 11, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 400:** Riding bailiffs; revise salary of. Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:51 PM

**H. B. No. 586:** Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; extend repealer on. Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:54 PM

**H. B. No. 660:** Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities. Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:55 PM

**H. B. No. 679:** The Victoria Huggins Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create. Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:57 PM

**H. B. No. 1101:** Trip optimizer system; provide moratorium on the application of to state agencies. Friday, April 8, 2022, 3:59 PM

**H. B. No. 1757:** Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals. Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:01 PM

**H. B. No. 1759:** Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers. Friday, April 8, 2022, 4:03 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2507:** MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**H. B. No. 1353:** Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, create various special funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 554:** Commend Millicent Gunter for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science.

**S. C. R. No. 591:** Designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness Day in Mississippi."

**S. C. R. No. 596:** Commend Belmont High School "Cardinals" Boys Golf Team for winning 2021 MHSAA 3A State Championship.



STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

The House did not convene on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, however the following message was received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. B. No. 2723:** Office of Workforce Development; revise how MS Works funds may be spent by and certain collaborations with.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 14, 2022, however the following message was received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, April 14, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 453:** Tourism; establish programs for certain assistance, designate "One Mississippi" as contemporary music genre official State Song. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:49 PM

**H. B. No. 470:** Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:51 PM

**H. B. No. 677:** County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:55 PM

**H. B. No. 811:** Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:57 PM

**H. B. No. 881:** University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:00 PM

**H. B. No. 906:** State offenders serving sentences in county jail; may serve sentences in any county jail. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:01 PM

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**H. B. No. 918:** Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit, revise distance restrictions for certain locations. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:02 PM

**H. B. No. 971:** Driver's license; increase time period to renew expired license without examination. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:03 PM

**H. B. No. 1029:** Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 1:38 PM

**H. B. No. 1035:** Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:06 PM

**H. B. No. 1065:** Nuisance animals; prohibit the transportation, importation and release of wild hogs. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:12 PM

**H. B. No. 1177:** Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:10 PM

**H. B. No. 1323:** Tallahatchie River Authority; create. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:15 PM

**H. B. No. 1343:** Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:17 PM

**H. B. No. 1430:** Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:20 PM

**H. B. No. 1479:** Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:20 PM

**H. B. No. 1510:** Elections; revise procedures regarding voter roll maintenance. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:23 PM

**H. B. No. 1691:** Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 3:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022

The House did not convene on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, however the following message was received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Tuesday, April 19, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 474:** Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives. Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:50 AM

**H. B. No. 657:** Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and make various technical amendments to services section. Monday, April 18, 2022, 12:04 PM

**H. B. No. 842:** Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities. Monday, April 18, 2022, 1:58 PM

**H. B. No. 863:** "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; revise composition of board of directors of corporation. Monday, April 18, 2022, 1:59 PM

**H. B. No. 1005:** Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program; create. Monday, April 18, 2022, 2:01 PM

**H. B. No. 1031:** Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects. Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:51 AM

**H. B. No. 1052:** MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development. Monday, April 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

**H. B. No. 1162:** Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Monday, April 18, 2022, 2:05 PM

**H. B. No. 1185:** State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Monday, April 18, 2022, 2:09 PM

**H. B. No. 1247:** Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority. Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:52 AM

**H. B. No. 1313:** "Representative Bill Kinkade Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:01 AM

**H. B. No. 1351:** Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 2:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 580:** Commend Northwest Community College Football Team for consecutive State Championships.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

The House did not convene on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

## TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 606:** Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 4:39 PM

**H. B. No. 1599:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:30 PM

**H. B. No. 1600:** Appropriation; Education, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:24 AM

**H. B. No. 1601:** Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:32 PM

**H. B. No. 1604:** Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:02 AM

**H. B. No. 1605:** Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:35 PM

**H. B. No. 1609:** Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:38 PM

**H. B. No. 1610:** Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:01 AM

**H. B. No. 1611:** Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:27 AM

**H. B. No. 1612:** Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:40 PM

**H. B. No. 1613:** Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:29 AM

**H. B. No. 1616:** Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:41 PM

**H. B. No. 1624:** Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:44 PM

**H. B. No. 1628:** Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 10:29 AM

**H. B. No. 1629:** Appropriation; Attorney General. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:47 PM

**H. B. No. 1664:** Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:48 PM

**H. B. No. 1769:** Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition. Tuesday, April 19, 2022, 2:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 1006:** ARPA Workforce Development and Retention Act; create.  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 10:45 AM

**H. B. No. 1517:** Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs. Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 10:47 AM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 607:** "Parker's Law"; create crime of "fentanyl delivery resulting in death".  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bills were purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

**H. B. No. 1719:** Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County.

**H. B. No. 1730:** Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County.

**H. B. No. 1731:** Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County.

**H. B. No. 1732:** Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County.

**H. B. No. 1758:** Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Wednesday, April 20, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 446:** Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations. Monday, April 18, 2022, 12:00 PM

**H. B. No. 451:** Nonadmitted policy fee; revise distributions of and delete repealer on. Monday, April 18, 2022, 3:30 PM

**H. B. No. 1423:** State Appellate and trial judges and District Attorneys; increase salaries of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:55 AM

**H. B. No. 1424:** Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:53 AM

**H. B. No. 1518:** Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations, nonprofit museums and MS Main Street Association. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:35 AM

**H. B. No. 1521:** Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing and Respiratory Therapy Education Incentive Program. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:58 AM

**H. B. No. 1593:** Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 3:31 PM

**H. B. No. 1594:** Appropriation; Fire Academy. Monday, April 18, 2022, 3:32 PM

**H. B. No. 1595:** Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Monday, April 18, 2022, 3:39 PM

**H. B. No. 1597:** Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:55 AM

**H. B. No. 1598:** Appropriation; Arts Commission. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:50 AM

**H. B. No. 1602:** Appropriation; Library Commission. Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:56 AM

**H. B. No. 1606:** Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:08 AM

**H. B. No. 1608:** Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:10 AM

**H. B. No. 1614:** Appropriation; Health, Department of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 3:41 PM

**H. B. No. 1617:** Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:15 AM

**H. B. No. 1625:** Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:20 AM

**H. B. No. 1626:** Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:45 AM

**H. B. No. 1627:** Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Monday, April 18, 2022, 10:46 AM

**H. B. No. 1747:** City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Monday, April 18, 2022, 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 21, 2022, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Thursday, April 21, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 770:** Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create. Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 4:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

The House did not convene on Friday, April 22, 2022, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Friday, April 22, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 155:** State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids. Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 2:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Friday, April 22, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

**H. B. No. 1163:** Sales tax; revise definition of "installation charges" to exclude labor services in connection with residential roofing. Friday, April 22, 2022, 7:00 AM

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Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Friday, April 22, 2022

## TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 719:** Compensation for certain county officials; increase. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 1:30 PM

**H. B. No. 936:** Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 10:24 AM

**H. B. No. 1108:** Taxation; authorize income tax credit for certain railroad expenditures, allow ad valorem tax exemption for certain property. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 10:21 AM

**H. B. No. 1408:** Sheriffs' salaries; increase. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 1:33 PM

**H. B. No. 1427:** Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program; create. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 10:00 AM

**H. B. No. 1509:** COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 8:00 AM

**H. B. No. 1542:** Appropriation; additional to DPS for the Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Program. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 10:01 AM

**H. B. No. 1685:** Pregnancy Resource Act; create. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 1:58 PM

**H. B. No. 1767:** Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in. Thursday, April 21, 2022, 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022

The House did not convene on Monday, April 25, 2022, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, April 25, 2022

## TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:



I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

**H. B. No. 1421:** ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health. Monday, April 25, 2022, 1:24 PM

**H. B. No. 1538:** Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Monday, April 25, 2022, 1:22 PM

**H. B. No. 1630:** Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Monday, April 25, 2022, 4:34 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR  
Monday, April 25, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bill was purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

**H. B. No. 1426:** Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022

The House did not convene on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, however the following message was received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

**S. C. R. No. 501:** Commend Philadelphia Automobile Dealer Bill Griffis for his nomination for the 2022 TIME Dealer of the Year Award.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

The House did not convene on Thursday, April 28, 2022, however the following message was received:

April 28, 2022

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1353

I am returning House Bill 1353: "AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS REVOLVING LOAN FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI DAM SAFETY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 TATE COUNTY - EROSION CONTROL AND REPAIR FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE ACE FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT AUTHORITY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET INVESTMENT GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE "2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE STATE BP SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE "2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND" CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO A SPECIAL FUND CREATED IN THIS ACT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN BUSINESSES; TO CREATE THE "2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO CREATE THE "2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO CREATE THE "2022 STATE

AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; TO CREATE THE "2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR STATE AGENCIES REPAIR AND RENOVATION PURPOSES; TO CREATE THE "2022 TATE COUNTY - EROSION CONTROL AND REPAIR FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DITCH EROSION CONTROL, REPAIR AND REHABILITATION; TO CREATE THE "2022 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS LOCAL PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 39-5-145, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF PROJECTS; TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 39-11-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARTS MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-701, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXPAND THE CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." *Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White*, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

I am vetoing Section 25(2)(w) (Lines 647-650) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to pay costs associated with construction of a parking lot and related facilities at the Jackson Convention Center.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(ee) (Lines 674-676) providing a \$50,000 appropriation to Arise and Shine, Inc. to provide programing and services in Copiah County.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(ppppp) (Lines 967-978) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for various facility improvements including golf cart path repairs and course equipment upgrades at Quail Hollow Golf Course.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(ttttt) (Lines 987-989) providing a \$250,000 appropriation to the Briarwood Pool to pay costs associated with facility improvements.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(bbbbbbbbb) (Lines 1216-1218) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi to pay costs associated with renovations of city offices.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(ssssssss) (Lines 1268-1270) providing a \$2,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to pay costs associated with facility improvements at the Jackson Planetarium.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(ddddddddd) (Lines 1302-1304) providing a \$200,000 appropriation to the Summit Community Development Foundation to pay costs associated with the Stand Pipe project.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(yyyyyyyyyy) (Lines 1452-1455) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the City of Greenville, Mississippi to pay costs associated with the construction and development of a downtown green space.

I am also vetoing Section 25(2)(vvvvvvvvvv) (Lines 1528-1531) providing a \$13,250,000 appropriation to the Department of Finance and Administration to pay costs associated with the development of the LeFleur's Bluff Otter Creek Golf Park and Connector Trail Project.

Finally, I am vetoing Section 26 (Lines 1588-1632) providing a \$7,500,000 appropriation to the Mississippi Development Authority and directing that the appropriated funds be disbursed to Pinchers Seafood, Halter Marine and Highland Carbon Solutions, LLC.

Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law." The removal of these separate, distinct and complete appropriations does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1353. *See Reeves*, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR  
April 28, 2022  
10:30 a.m.

**PART I**

**History of Actions on All Legislative  
Matters Considered by the House**

Titles of all House bills in this part of the index are condensed and appear in numerical order, showing the authors and the committees to which they were referred. House bills with more than two authors will reflect only the first recorded author. Senate bill numbers begin at 2001, so as to prevent duplication of House bill numbers.

Titles of all Senate bills which reached the House are condensed and appear in numerical order in this part of the index, showing the committees to which they were referred.

Following these titles are abbreviations indicating actions on the bills, followed by figures showing the pages in the Journal where such actions will be found. Explanations of these abbreviations are shown below. The chapter in the General Laws or in the Local and Private Laws, as the case may be, is shown for each bill which became law. The General Laws and the Local and Private Laws are published in separate volumes.

**EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS**

AA - Author added	MRT - Motion to reconsider tabled
AD - Adopted without record vote	MRWD - Motion to reconsider withdrawn
AP - Approved by Governor	MTL - Motion to table lost
BWLS - Law without Governor's Signature	MTLT - Motion to lay on table
CE - Consent to correct error	MTLTL - Motion to lay on table lost
CR - Committee Report	PO - Point of order
CRA - Conference Report Adopted	PV - Governor partially vetoed
CRO - Conference Report Offered	R - Reconsidered
CU - Called up	RC - Recommitted
EV - Explanation of Vote	RF - Referred to committee
F - Failed	RRB - Request return of bill by Sen.
HC - House concurred in Senate amendment	RS - Received from Senate
HCA - House Committee or Conferees appointed	RTT - Read for the third time
HRC - House requested conference	SC - Senate concurred in House amendments
HRFC - House recommitted for further conference	SCA - Senate conferees appointed
I - Introduced	SCRA - Senate conference report adopted
JI - Journal Insertion	SR - Speaker's Ruling
LTSC - Laid on table subject to call	SRC - Senate refused to concur and requested conference
MAC - Motion to advance on calendar	SRFC - Senate recommitted for further conference
MHC - Moved to heel of Calendar	T - Tabled
ML - Motion lost	V - Yea or Nay vote on a bill
MPIL - Motion to postpone indefinitely	Veto - Vetoed by Governor
MR - Motion to reconsider entered	
MRL - Motion to reconsider lost	
MRCL - Motion to recommit lost	

**A. HOUSE BILLS**

H. B. No.

1 - (Corrections) Use of technology portals by those on probation/parole; require MDOC to implement certain rules regarding. Bell (65th). I2.

2 - (Judiciary A) Youth court records; authorize judge to release to adult who was former subject, as a child, of abuse/neglect proceeding. Bell (65th). I2.

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- 3 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. Bell (65th). I2.
- 4 - (Public Health and Human Services) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Bell (65th). I2.
- 5 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Eubanks Creek and Hanging Moss Creek. Bell (65th). I2.
- 6 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental Health Treatment Facility; revise hearing and commitment procedures. Bell (65th). I2.
- 7 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Faulkner. I2.
- 8 - (Judiciary B) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Rushing. I3.
- 9 - (Judiciary B) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Rushing. I3.
- 10 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. Rushing. I3.
- 11 - (Judiciary B) Court-ordered restitution, certain; require payment of victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed to court. Rushing. I3.
- 12 - (Judiciary A) Adverse possession; require possessor to notify chancery clerk before title vests. Rushing. I3.
- 13 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; remove the provision that prescribes the manner in which affordable rental housing must be appraised. Rushing. I3.
- 14 - (Education) Small School District Equipment, Maintenance and Infrastructure Grant; create to assist certain school districts. Rushing. I3.
- 15 - (Appropriations) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Rushing. I3.
- 16 - (Transportation) State aid system; increase maximum total mileage of. Rushing. I3.
- 17 - (Education) Teacher contracts; prohibit superintendents from entering into with current licensed employees for continuation of employment before April 15. Rushing. I3.
- 18 - (Appropriations) Retirement; create separate system for state and local law enforcement officers. Rushing. I3.
- 19 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Yancey. I3.
- 20 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Yancey. I3. CR141. CU422. V422. RS644. SS657. AP679.
- 21 - (Judiciary A) Attorneys; provide for 6 hours of continuing legal education for those employed by Legislature. Yancey. I3.
- 22 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. Paden. I3.

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23 - (Judiciary B) Public officials; authorize the Department of Public Safety to investigate. Ladner. I3.

24 - (Judiciary B) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Ladner. I3.

25 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers are necessitated. Ladner. I3.

26 - (Education) School Recognition Program; restrict awards to teachers and licensed staff and require SBE to adopt rules for administration. Ladner. I4.

27 - (Corrections) Correctional system cost-per-day reviews; transfer responsibility from PEER to MDOC. Ladner. I4.

28 - (Appropriations) PEER committee; require to review the operations of Child Protection Services. Ladner. I4.

29 - (Judiciary B) Parole Board; bring forward sections relating to powers and duties of. Ladner. I4.

30 - (County Affairs) County jail dockets; require additional data for transparency purposes and require uniform recording of data. Ladner. I4.

31 - (Education) Charter schools; reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. Ladner. I4. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477.

32 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Ladner. I4. CR124. CU375. LTSC375.

33 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Ladner. I4. CR311. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU501. V501.

34 - (Apportionment and Elections) Redistricting; authorize Legislature to alter boundaries of counties, municipalities and school districts. Ladner. I4.

35 - (Local and Private Legislation) Standard Dedeaux Water District; delete provision on compensation of commissioners. Ladner. I4.

36 - (Constitution) Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Newman. I4.

37 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Newman. I4.

38 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of platinum, gold, silver bullion and numismatic coins. Newman. I4.

39 - (Judiciary B) Littering; increase fines and deposit certain assessments into Keep Mississippi Beautiful and law enforcement funds. Newman. I4.

40 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require division to promptly sell or lease residence of deceased recipient obtained through estate recovery. Newman. I4.

41 - (Ways and Means) Certificate of title; remove requirement for applicant to file a bond or deposit of cash as a condition of issuance. Newman. I4.

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42 - (Education) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Scott. I4.

43 - (Appropriations) Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. Read. I5. CR312. CU354. V354.

44 - (Education) Teacher licensure; create additional nontraditional route for certain individuals to receive. Porter. I5.

45 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; provide for 3% increase in compensation for each of the next 4 fiscal years. Porter. I5.

46 - (Judiciary B) Federal judges; authorize to solemnize marriage. Porter. I5.

47 - (Education) School bus drivers; require to be first aid and CPR trained and certified. Porter. I5.

48 - (Public Health and Human Services) Adult day care facilities; provide for licensure by State Department of Health. Porter. I5.

49 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Faulkner. I5.

50 - (Education) Public and private schools; require all employees to be tested annually for tuberculosis. Faulkner. I5.

51 - (Education) Public and private schools; require all employees to annually receive flu vaccine. Faulkner. I5.

52 - (Ways and Means) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Faulkner. I5.

53 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. Faulkner. I5.

54 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Faulkner. I5.

55 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Faulkner. I5.

56 - (Universities and Colleges) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Faulkner. I5.

57 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Workplace Safety and Health Office; establish under State Board of Health. Thompson. I5.

58 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Thompson. I5.

59 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County with repair/replacement of a bridge. Thompson. I5.

60 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Thompson. I6.



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- 61 - (Judiciary B) Amiya Braxton; revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. Thompson. I6. CR139.
- 62 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2022; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Thompson. I6.
- 63 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding National Resource Camp pilot program. Thompson. I6.
- 64 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Lee County and municipalities of Verona, Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Thompson. I6.
- 65 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Thompson. I6.
- 66 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Clark. I6.
- 67 - (Education) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Clark. I6.
- 68 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create as an advisory board on industry standards. Clark. I6.
- 69 - (Judiciary B) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Clark. I6.
- 70 - (Judiciary B) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Clark. I6.
- 71 - (Ways and Means) Housing Repair Grant Fund; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. Clark. I6.
- 72 - (Education) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Clark. I6.
- 73 - (Education) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Clark. I6.
- 74 - (Public Health and Human Services) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Clark. I6.
- 75 - (Rules) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Clark. I6.
- 76 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Clark. I6.
- 77 - (Public Property) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Clark. I7.
- 78 - (Education) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Clark. I7.
- 79 - (Education) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Clark. I7.
- 80 - (Education) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Clark. I7.

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- 81 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. Clark. 17.
- 82 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) ATVs; create voluntary certificate of number system, mandatory for public lands. Clark. 17.
- 83 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). Clark. 17.
- 84 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Clark. 17.
- 85 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Clark. 17.
- 86 - (County Affairs) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. Clark. 17.
- 87 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Clark. 17.
- 88 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with construction of a park. Clark. 17.
- 89 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with repair and renovation of county courthouse. Clark. 17.
- 90 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Clark. 17.
- 91 - (Judiciary B) Department of Human Services; authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to child support. Clark. 17.
- 92 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Clark. 17.
- 93 - (Municipalities) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Clark. 17.
- 94 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Tchula with road improvements. Clark. 17.
- 95 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Clark. 18.
- 96 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Clark. 18.
- 97 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Clark. 18.
- 98 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for additional funding for crisis centers and outpatient services. Clark. 18.
- 99 - (Appropriations) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Clark. 18.
- 100 - (County Affairs) Election commissioners; require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. Clark. 18.

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- 101 - (Education) Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2022; create. Clark. I8.
- 102 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Clark. I8.
- 103 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Clark. I8.
- 104 - (Corrections) Joint state-county work program; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Clark. I8.
- 105 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Clark. I8.
- 106 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Clark. I8.
- 107 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2022; create. Clark. I8.
- 108 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Clark. I8.
- 109 - (County Affairs) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. Clark. I8.
- 110 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Clark. I8.
- 111 - (Ways and Means) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Clark. I8.
- 112 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; expand to include health care employees who die of COVID and public safety officers from COVID. Miles. I8.
- 113 - (Transportation) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Miles. I9. CR317.
- 114 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Miles. I9.
- 115 - (Appropriations) Trooper training class; require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2022 and 2023 sessions to defray expenses of. Miles. I9.
- 116 - (Tourism) Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund; use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. Miles. I9.
- 117 - (Rules) Holy Bible; designate as the official state book of Mississippi. Miles. I9.
- 118 - (Education) Statewide testing program; require the SBE to cease administration of for the 2021-2022 school year. Miles. I9.
- 119 - (Education) End-of-course subject area tests; discontinue and require minimum score on the ACT for graduation. Miles. I9.

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120 - (Education) End-of-course assessments; remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation. Miles. I9.

121 - (Education) Statewide Assessment Program; require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Miles. I9.

122 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. Miles. I9.

123 - (Education) School districts; authorize to offer supplemental compensation to Medicare eligible retired bus drivers if they secure Medicare. Miles. I9.

124 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for gastric pacemakers. Miles. I9.

125 - (Constitution) Firearms; prohibit discharge near schools or churches. Miles. I9.

126 - (Judiciary A) Landlord-tenant; authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty. Porter. I9.

127 - (Transportation) CDL; prohibit for persons convicted of certain trafficking crimes. Porter. I9. CR158. CU399. V399.

128 - (Insurance) Child care facilities, licensed; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Porter. I9.

129 - (Education) National Board Certified teachers; provide additional annual salary supplement to those employed in Walthall County. Porter. I9.

130 - (Appropriations) Capitol police; authorize transfer of compensatory leave from previous agency. Read. I9.

131 - (Public Health and Human Services) State of emergency; provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary. Ladner. I10.

132 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. Paden. I10.

133 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise certain provisions to address investment in federally designated qualified opportunity zones. Paden. I10.

134 - (Public Health and Human Services) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I10.

135 - (Education) AEDs; require at public schools and state-supported institutions of higher learning and provide authority to lease. Paden. I10.

136 - (Judiciary B) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Paden. I10.

137 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Health Department to provide epi-pens and AEDs in IHLs, community colleges and schools. Paden. I10.

138 - (Judiciary B) Statute of limitations; remove for crimes against children. Paden. I10.

139 - (Education) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Paden. I10.

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- 140 - (Workforce Development) Day and Temporary Labor Services Act; create. Paden. I10.
- 141 - (Judiciary B) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Paden. I10.
- 142 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I10.
- 143 - (Tourism) State song; designate "My Home Mississippi" as second official state song. Paden. I10.
- 144 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "hotel" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Paden. I10.
- 145 - (Constitution) Suffrage; restore to all upon meeting all terms and conditions of sentence. Paden. I10.
- 146 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of permanent exhibits. Paden. I10.
- 147 - (Universities and Colleges) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2022"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community and junior college attendance. Paden. I10.
- 148 - (Education) Assistant teachers; require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. Paden. I11.
- 149 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Paden. I11.
- 150 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Paden. I11.
- 151 - (Public Health and Human Services) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Paden. I11.
- 152 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Paden. I11.
- 153 - (Public Health and Human Services) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I11.
- 154 - (Education) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Massengill. I11.
- 155 - (Insurance) State Health Plan; delete prohibition on covering hearing aids. Massengill. I11. CR339. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU519. V519. RS680. HRC707. HCA871. SCA909. CRO1003. CRA1003. SCRA1249. SS1537. AP2187.
- 156 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioner; revise office of to be nonpartisan. Massengill. I11.
- 157 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Massengill. I11.
- 158 - (Transportation) Off-road vehicles; revise definitions of. Massengill. I11. CR158. CU401. V401. RS704. SS797. AP862.

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159 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. Zuber. I11.

160 - (Insurance) Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create. Zuber. I11. CR331. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU514. V514. RS800. SS820. AP929.

161 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize elected officials to serve on. Zuber. I11. CR311. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU502. LTSC502.

162 - (Rules) Legislature; limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote for passage to sessions in even-numbered years. Zuber. I11.

163 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the state auditor. Zuber. I11.

164 - (Constitution) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Shanks. I11.

165 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Brandon with improvements to City Hall. Shanks. I11.

166 - (Appropriations) Criminal investigators; increase salary of. Shanks. I12.

167 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; require to input missing person cases into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NAMUS). Shanks. I12.

168 - (Judiciary A) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Shanks. I12.

169 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Shanks. I12. CR125. CU319. LTSC319.

170 - (Judiciary B) Firearms; authorize concealed carry without a permit during emergency evacuations. Patterson. I12.

171 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with construction of a park. Lancaster. I12.

172 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Bennett. I12. CR314. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU510. V510.

173 - (Education) School attendance officers; clarify fulfillment of duties before, during and after designated leave period. Bennett. I12.

174 - (Education) Teacher licensure; revise disciplinary procedures relating to suspension or revocation of, and due process. Bennett. I12.

175 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used. Holloway. I12. CR159. CU359. V359. RS800. SS812. AP877.

176 - (Apportionment and Elections) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at large. Holloway. I12.

177 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. Holloway. I12.

178 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Holloway. I12.

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179 - (Transportation) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Holloway. I12.

180 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Holloway. I12. CR158. CU399. V399.

181 - (Tourism) Blue; designate as the state color of Mississippi. Holloway. I12.

182 - (Education) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Holloway. I12.

183 - (Judiciary B) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. Burnett. I12.

184 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Burnett. I13.

185 - (Gaming) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Burnett. I13.

186 - (Gaming) Casinos; revise locations in Tunica County where may locate. Burnett. I13.

187 - (Judiciary B) Firearms possession; authorize for nonviolent felons in homes and cars. Burnett. I13.

188 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Burnett. I13.

189 - (Ways and Means) School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Burnett. I13.

190 - (Judiciary A) Retired judges; authorize to solemnize marriages. Burnett. I13.

191 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Mickens. I13.

192 - (Transportation) License plate; revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag. Mickens. I13. CR159. CU401. V402. RS800. SS815. AP877.

193 - (Public Health and Human Services) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions and authorize practice of medicine or dentistry after expungement of certain crimes. Mickens. I13.

194 - (Education) Corporal punishment; prohibit in public and charter schools. Mickens. I13.

195 - (Corrections) Conditions of probation; clarify that courts may provide certain treatment for veterans when placed on probation. Mickens. I13.

196 - (Judiciary B) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Mickens. I13.

197 - (Judiciary B) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Mickens. I13.

198 - (Education) Statewide Assessment Program; require the SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. Mickens. I13.

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199 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. Clarke. I13.

200 - (Banking and Financial Services) Retail businesses; those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. Clarke. I13.

201 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic properties in Jackson. Clarke. I13.

202 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. Clarke. I14.

203 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. Clarke. I14.

204 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Edwards for funding the town Youth Enrichment Program. Foster. I14.

205 - (Education) Metal detectors; require in all public schools beginning with 2022-2023 school year. Foster. I14.

206 - (Workforce Development) Minimum Wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Johnson. I14.

207 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Department of Health for COVID-19 expenses and related matters. Johnson. I14.

208 - (Workforce Development) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Johnson. I14.

209 - (Corrections) Corrections Inspection Council; establish. Johnson. I14.

210 - (Corrections) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I14.

211 - (Corrections) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I14.

212 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. Johnson. I14.

213 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Johnson. I14.

214 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Johnson. I14.

215 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Health; limit any increase in fees by and revise who can be appointed to child care advisory council by State Health Officer. Johnson. I14.

216 - (Corrections) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Johnson. I14.

217 - (Corrections) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Johnson. I14.



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218 - (Corrections) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Johnson. I14.

219 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Johnson. I15.

220 - (Corrections) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Johnson. I15.

221 - (Public Health and Human Services) Practice of medicine or dentistry; allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. Taylor. I15.

222 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with drainage improvements. Taylor. I15.

223 - (Apportionment and Elections) Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act; create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of voters. Taylor. I15.

224 - (Corrections) Nonviolent offenders, certain; require Department of Corrections to house within a 100-mile radius of offenders' release residences. Taylor. I15.

225 - (Corrections) Workforce training, certain; provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. Taylor. I15.

226 - (Corrections) Regional correctional facilities; require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. Taylor. I15.

227 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. Taylor. I15.

228 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. Taylor. I15.

229 - (Judiciary B) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Taylor. I15.

230 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties with certain road projects. Taylor. I15.

231 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 vaccine mandates; authorize employee exemptions from. Yancey. I15.

232 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Yancey. I15. CR117. CU129. V129. RS644. HC656. RRB661. RS673. HC681. SS703. AP817.

233 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Massengill. I15.

234 - (Judiciary B) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise membership of. Massengill. I15.

235 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional food banks; DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. Massengill. I15.

236 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Powell. I16.

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237 - (Judiciary B) Hazing; increase penalties for. Powell. I16.

238 - (Judiciary B) Universities and colleges anti-hazing policy; require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. Powell. I16.

239 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Powell. I16.

240 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers for storm shelter/safe room construction. Powell. I16.

241 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Powell. I16.

242 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Powell. I16. CR159. CU359. V359.

243 - (Apportionment and Elections) Partisan primary elections; abolish and establish open primary elections. Denton. I16.

244 - (Judiciary A) Child support; revise factors for award of. Denton. I16.

245 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. Denton. I16.

246 - (Judiciary B) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Denton. I16.

247 - (Judiciary B) Concealed firearms; clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. Denton. I16.

248 - (Apportionment and Elections) Armed Services Absentee Voting Law; expand definition of "absent voter" to include those working in federal waters of United States. Denton. I16.

249 - (Education) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Denton. I16.

250 - (Appropriations) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Denton. I16.

251 - (Appropriations) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Denton. I16.

252 - (Appropriations) PERS; increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments. Oliver. I16. CR137. CU352. V352. RS800. SS812. AP877.

253 - (Constitution) Second Amendment Preservation Act; create. Oliver. I17.

254 - (Judiciary B) Firearms; interpose state law in place of any federal law confiscating firearms. Patterson. I17.

255 - (Judiciary B) Funeral processions; yield right-of-way to and prescribe fine for failure to. Morgan. I17.

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256 - (Ways and Means) Manufactured and mobile homes; require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county. Morgan. I17. CR159. CU360. V360. RS803. HC901. SS926. AP999.

257 - (Judiciary B) Theft of street, road or highway signs; provide penalties for. Morgan. I17.

258 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Morgan. I17. CR126. CU372. V372.

259 - (Judiciary B) Drone Prohibition Act; create. Morgan. I17.

260 - (Agriculture) Inventory of livestock; repeal provision requiring state institutions of higher learning to file quarterly inventory report. Pigott. I17. CR137. CU380. V380.

261 - (Agriculture) Foundation herds of certain livestock; repeal authority of IHL Board relating to purchase, breeding and maintenance of. Pigott. I17. CR137. CU381. V381.

262 - (Agriculture) 4-H Club Demonstration Camps; repeal authority of MSU Extension Service to create and maintain in Panola and Madison Counties. Pigott. I17. CR137. CU381. V381.

263 - (Public Health and Human Services) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Scott. I17.

264 - (Education) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Scott. I17.

265 - (Education) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release privilege eligibility. Scott. I17.

266 - (Education) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Scott. I17.

267 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Shubuta with improvements to Town Hall building. Scott. I17.

268 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Scott. I17.

269 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Department of Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. Scott. I17.

270 - (Education) Home economics; require to be taught in "D" and "F" rated school districts. Scott. I18.

271 - (Judiciary B) Misdemeanor expunction; remove age restriction. Scott. I18.

272 - (Education) School attendance officers; require to visit homes of certain children within 72 hours of unexcused absence. Scott. I18.

273 - (Education) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Scott. I18.

274 - (Ways and Means) Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act; create. Scott. I18.

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275 - (Judiciary B) Nonviolent offenders; authorize reduction of sentences for passage of end-of-course subject area tests by offenders. Scott. I18.

276 - (Workforce Development) Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. Scott. I18.

277 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF and Medicaid; require teenage recipients of to participate in programs about birth control, abstinence and parenting. Scott. I18.

278 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act; create. Scott. I18.

279 - (Corrections) Task force to address the disparity of African-American males in the judicial system; create. Scott. I18.

280 - (Education) Comprehensive School Health Education Program; include additional components in and require school nurse to teach. Scott. I18.

281 - (Education) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. Scott. I18.

282 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Scott. I18.

283 - (Education) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Scott. I18.

284 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Scott. I18.

285 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Scott. I18.

286 - (Education) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Scott. I18.

287 - (Education) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in D and F districts. Scott. I19.

288 - (Education) MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force; create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. Scott. I19.

289 - (Education) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement in C, D and F school districts. Scott. I19.

290 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. Scott. I19.

291 - (Judiciary B) Felony expunction; revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. Scott. I19.

292 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Scott. I19.

293 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Scott. I19.

294 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Scott. I19.

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295 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Scott. I19.

296 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Scott. I19.

297 - (Appropriations) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Scott. I19.

298 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Scott. I19.

299 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide continued eligibility for eligible women for up to 12 months postpartum. Scott. I19.

300 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. Scott. I19.

301 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. Scott. I19.

302 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Scott. I19.

303 - (Universities and Colleges) "2022 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Scott. I19.

304 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Scott. I20.

305 - (Education) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; create to help assistant teachers to become licensed. Scott. I20.

306 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; require to be conducted by paper ballot or with optical mark reading equipment. Scott. I20.

307 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Scott. I20.

308 - (Apportionment and Elections) Same day voter registration; authorize. Scott. I20.

309 - (Education) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Scott. I20.

310 - (Education) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Scott. I20.

311 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software, sales of feminine hygiene products. Scott. I20.

312 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal election commissioners; revise appointments of. Scott. I20.

313 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Hines. I20.

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314 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of career technical buildings at the Greenville Higher Education Center. Hines. I20.

315 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Hines. I20.

316 - (Insurance) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Hines. I20.

317 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Hines. I20.

318 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Hines. I20.

319 - (Public Health and Human Services) State agencies; prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants. Hines. I20.

320 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Hines. I20.

321 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Hines. I21.

322 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Human Services; require a board of directors to be created within. Hines. I21.

323 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Hines. I21.

324 - (Judiciary B) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Hines. I21.

325 - (Public Utilities) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Hines. I21.

326 - (Education) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Hines. I21.

327 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Hines. I21.

328 - (Public Health and Human Services) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Hines. I21.

329 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Hines. I21.

330 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Hines. I21.

331 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Hines. I21.

332 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Hines. I21.

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333 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Child Care For Working Families Study Committee; create. Hines. I21.

334 - (Judiciary B) HIV crimes; increase penalties for intentional exposure or contact with blood or seminal fluid. Hines. I21.

335 - (Universities and Colleges) Medical marijuana; authorize Alcorn State University to enter into MOU for local farmers to grow for out-of-state vendors. Hines. I21.

336 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Hines. I21.

337 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for a grant to the Southern Health Commission in Washington County. Hines. I22.

338 - (Gaming) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Hines. I22.

339 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health to establish and operate two STD/HIV specialty clinics. Hines. I22.

340 - (Education) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Hines. I22.

341 - (Youth and Family Affairs) "Mississippi Youthbuild Act"; create. Hines. I22.

342 - (Judiciary B) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Hines. I22.

343 - (Education) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Hines. I22.

344 - (Judiciary A) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Hines. I22.

345 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Hines. I22.

346 - (Appropriations) Homeowner's Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program; create. Hines. I22.

347 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Hines. I22.

348 - (Ways and Means) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Hines. I22.

349 - (Insurance) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Hines. I22.

350 - (Public Health and Human Services) Chronic Diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs to reduce incidence of. Hines. I22.

351 - (Municipalities) Community and Police Safety Act; create. Hines. I22.

352 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Burnett. I22.

353 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Hines. I22.

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354 - (Education) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family emergency. Hines. I22.

355 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove services and equipment from requirement for. Hines. I22.

356 - (Education) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Hines. I23.

357 - (Education) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Hines. I23.

358 - (Rules) Juneteenth National Independence Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Scott. I23.

359 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. Bain. I23.

360 - (Judiciary B) State Public Defender; revise certain powers and duties of. Bain. I23. CR139. CU404. V404.

361 - (Rules) Legislative; authorize House and Senate Sergeant at Arms to carry firearm. Wright. I26.

362 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician referral before performing services. Currie. I26.

363 - (Public Health and Human Services) Home health services; authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. Currie. I26. CR141. CU423. V423.

364 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Currie. I26.

365 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Rural Hospital Loan Program; establish in State Department of Health. Mims. I26. CR141. CU421. V421. RS704. SS797. AP863.

366 - (Judiciary B) Bail; revise how amounts are set. Newman. I27.

367 - (Judiciary B) Prostitution; penalize procurement of as a felony. Newman. I27.

368 - (Judiciary B) Justice and municipal courts; require to file all legal documents by electronic form using MEC. Newman. I27.

369 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Newman. I27.

370 - (Judiciary B) Bail bond; require release when judge approves participation in intervention program. Newman. I27. CR139. CU405. V405.

371 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation; provide that an election shall be held on the question of. Barton. I27.

372 - (County Affairs) Sixteenth section land; authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than 5% of market value. Barton. I27. CR134. CU144. V144.



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373 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; increase qualification fees for. Gibbs (36th). I27.

374 - (Agriculture) Weighing devices; provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. Bomgar. I27.

375 - (Constitution) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Hobgood-Wilkes. I27.

376 - (County Affairs) County elected officers; provide that salaries shall not be reduced due to reduction in total assessed valuation or population. Reynolds. I27.

377 - (Judiciary B) Right to vote; restore to veterans who committed certain crimes upon completing sentencing requirements. Reynolds. I27.

378 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. Reynolds. I27.

379 - (Judiciary A) Property interest; conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. Reynolds. I27. CR314. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU511. V511.

380 - (Insurance) Developmental and physical disabilities; require health insurance policies cover similar to autism spectrum disorder requirement. Reynolds. I27.

381 - (Education) School boards powers and duties; expand to require boards to exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure 16th section land lessees pay taxes on leased lands. Reynolds. I27.

382 - (Corrections) Cell phones and certain other contraband; provide enhanced penalties for offenders and correctional employees. Bell (21st). I28.

383 - (Rules) Mississippi Day of Freedom and Abolishment of Slavery; declare February 7 as. Straughter. I28.

384 - (Rules) Mississippi Congressional district; reapportion. Beckett. I28. CR33. CU38. V39. MR41. MRT42. SS58. AP132.

385 - (Judiciary B) Sexual harassment settlements; require counties, municipalities and state agencies to post on website. Owen. I28.

386 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Osborne. I28.

387 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Osborne. I28.

388 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Natchez Children's Services. Mims. I28.

389 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Natchez Cemetery Association. Mims. I28.

390 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; automatically extend time for filing tax returns when IRS extends time due to emergency/disaster. Mims. I28.

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- 391 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; extend repealer on. Zuber. I28.
- 392 - (Military Affairs) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Osborne. I28.
- 393 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; IHL for MS Valley State University for lowering tuition rate for 2022-2023 academic year. Osborne. I28.
- 394 - (Judiciary A) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Clark. I28.
- 395 - (Public Health and Human Services) Speech-language pathologists and audiologists; create board to license and regulate. Massengill. I28.
- 396 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Columbus with certain road and street improvements. Wright. I28.
- 397 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA to assist City of Columbus in cost of widening of and other improvements to certain roads. Wright. I28.
- 398 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Veterans; exempt from fee for entry and use of state parks. Wright. I28.
- 399 - (Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; bring forward code sections related to. Bell (21st). I28.
- 400 - (Judiciary B) Riding bailiffs; revise salary of. Wright. I28. CR341. CU419. V419. RS705. HRC776. HCA871. SCA931. CRO1084. CRA1084. SCRA1428. SS1639. AP2179.
- 401 - (Ways and Means) Mineral interests; owner of nonproducing interest held separately from surface estate will be liable for portion of ad valorem taxes on land. Bell (21st). I29.
- 402 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Inc. Bell (21st). I29.
- 403 - (Education) CTE students; provide tuition-free instruction and increased financial assistance for industry certification assessment. Bell (21st). I29.
- 404 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Department of Education for administering ACT WorkKeys Assessment to all career and technical education students. Bell (21st). I29.
- 405 - (Workforce Development) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Bell (21st). I29.
- 406 - (Education) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the administration for purpose of graduation. Bell (21st). I29.
- 407 - (Education) Teacher licensure; provide to certain individuals with a minimum of five years experience in public school districts or certain nonpublic schools. Bell (21st). I29.
- 408 - (Education) State Department of Education; require to conduct sampling of material used on the U.S. History end-of-course assessment. Bell (21st). I29.
- 409 - (Judiciary B) Asset forfeiture proceeds; clarify use is for increase in law enforcement budget. Bain. I29.
- 410 - (Judiciary B) Hypodermic syringes or needles; unlawful to sell, obtain, purchase or possess as a direct consumer without a written prescription. Bell (21st). I29.

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- 411 - (Judiciary B) Voyeurism; revise sentencing option for the crime of. Bain. I29.
- 412 - (Appropriations) Postsecondary educational institutions; require 50% in-person instruction as condition of receiving legislative appropriation. Bain. I29.
- 413 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender; revise penalties for. Bain. I29.
- 414 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for completion of drug court. Bain. I29.
- 415 - (Education) State Superintendent of Public Education; align salary of to no more than 150% of Governor's salary. Bain. I29.
- 416 - (Judiciary B) Public records; exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. Bain. I29. CR125. CU318. V318.
- 417 - (Judiciary B) Dogs; regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. Bain. I29.
- 418 - (Education) Public schools; require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all. Bain. I30.
- 419 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Highway Patrol; increase pay. Bain. I30.
- 420 - (Education) Districts of Innovations; require State Department of Education to recognize use of Cambridge Assessment or other nationally recognized assessment for accountability ratings. Bain. I30.
- 421 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DPS for constructing and staffing a new forensic laboratory in Corinth. Bain. I30.
- 422 - (Judiciary B) State assessments; deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. Bain. I30. CR316. CU416. V416.
- 423 - (Education) Accountability rating system; abolish A-F ratings and implement percentage designation ratings. Bell (21st). I30.
- 424 - (Public Health and Human Services) Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; create. Mims. I30. CR141. CU422. V422. RS804. HC836. HC836. SS875. AP964.
- 425 - (Rules) Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month; declare the month of April as. Criswell. I30. CR134. CU351. V351.
- 426 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. Ford (73rd). I30. CR583. CU605. V605.
- 427 - (Ways and Means) Income tax: authorize a credit for certain blood donations. Ford (73rd). I30.
- 428 - (Workforce Development) Career and technical education; revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. Ford (73rd). I30.
- 429 - (Judiciary B) "J.T. Williamson Act"; create to make texting while driving a misdemeanor. Ford (73rd). I30.

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430 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal clerk; authorize to certify the results of a municipal election under certain circumstances. Blackmon. I30.

431 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal election officials; prohibit removal of except where good cause shown. Blackmon. I30.

432 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal executive committee; prohibit members of from campaigning for candidates on the municipal primary election ballot. Blackmon. I30.

433 - (Insurance) Health Insurance policies; require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Currie. I30.

434 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. Currie. I30.

435 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Currie. I30.

436 - (Transportation) Patriot Guard Act; create. Currie. I31.

437 - (Education) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act: enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Currie. I31.

438 - (Judiciary B) "Mississippi Police Funding Protection Act"; create. Currie. I31.

439 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agencies; eliminate requirement to prepare and publish annual reports. Currie. I31.

440 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. Scoggin. I31.

441 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Scoggin. I31.

442 - (Appropriations) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Currie. I31.

443 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Currie. I31.

444 - (Tourism) Mississippi State Song Study Committee; create. Crudup. I31.

445 - (Insurance) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured more than one-fourth of damages. Crudup. I31.

446 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for various purposes. Scoggin. I31. CR160. CU360. V360. V360. RS802. HRC902. HCA951. SCA980. CRO1654. CRA1694. SCRA1724. SS2166. AP2186.

447 - (Workforce Development) Occupational licenses; revise reciprocity requirements for. Currie. I31.

448 - (Workforce Development) E-verify program; transfer responsibility of administering to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce. Currie. I31.

449 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State Parks; provide funding from net proceeds of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation. Currie. I31.

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450 - (Public Health and Human Services) Autopsies; require to include inquiry about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Currie. I31.

451 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; delete repealer on. Zuber. I31. CR331. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU513. V513. RS705. HRC873. HCA951. SCA965. SRFC1247. CRO1274. HRFC1274. CRO1695. CRA1698. SRFC1724. R1966. HRFC1966. CRO2031. CRA2033. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2186.

452 - (Insurance) Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Ford (54th). I31. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU514. V514.

453 - (Tourism) Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2; create. Currie. I32. CR317. RTT478. CU478. RTT478. CU497. V497. RS680. HRC776. HCA925. SCA935. HCA945. SRFC1247. CRO1279. HRFC1279. CRO1634. CRA1638. SCRA1645. SS2072. AP2181.

454 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; increase reimbursement rate for providers of assisted living services. Currie. I32.

455 - (Appropriations) Retirement; create separate system for state and local law enforcement officers and firefighters. Newman. I32.

456 - (Judiciary A) Motor vehicles; require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. Crudup. I32.

457 - (Education) School Resource Officers; revise MCOPS grant program to require attendance at any accredited law enforcement academy. McKnight. I32.

458 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. McKnight. I32.

459 - (Judiciary B) Cyberstalking; revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. Hines. I32.

460 - (Public Health and Human Services) Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Currie. I32.

461 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election Integrity Assurance Committee; authorize to conduct primary elections under certain circumstances and prohibit from receiving any compensation. Blackmon. I32.

462 - (Insurance) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Currie. I32.

463 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Callaway High School. Roberson. I34.

464 - (Workforce Development) "College Sticker Price Act of 2022"; enact to provide students and families certain program and cost information. Bell (21st). I34. CR334. CU419. V420.

465 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the MIND Center at UMMC. Roberson. I34.

466 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend repealer on jobs tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises. Roberson. I34.

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467 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Roberson. I34.

468 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; reauthorize issuance to supporters of certain out-of-state universities. Roberson. I34.

469 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi. Roberson. I34.

470 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copiah County. Roberson. I34. CR160. CU361. RS804. HRC902. HCA951. SCA980. CRO1404. CRA1405. SCRA1428. SS1641. AP2181.

471 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of South Jones Touchdown Club. Scoggin. I34.

472 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to Mississippi. Roberson. I35. CR160. CU361. RS802.

473 - (Ways and Means) State Bond Commission; extend reverter on statute prescribing powers and duties of. Roberson. I35. CR160. CU361. RS802.

474 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act; extend repealers on act and related tax incentives. Roberson. I35. CR160. CU361. RS804. HRC902. HCA951. SCA980. CRO1405. CRA1405. SCRA1428. SS2072. AP2182.

475 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL Board; extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Roberson. I35. CR159. CU469. V469. RS800. SS812. AP877.

476 - (Public Health and Human Services) Departments of Human Services and Child Protection Services; extend repealer on exemption from certain Procurement Review Board Requirements. Roberson. I35.

477 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend expiration date for Department of Health to make physician grants. Roberson. I35. CR316. CU425. V425.

478 - (Forestry) Mississippi Forestry Commission; extend repealer on authority to hire law enforcement officers to investigate woods arson. Roberson. I35. CR157. CU467. V467.

479 - (Universities and Colleges) State Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize six-year contracts for teaching staff and administrative employees. Ford (73rd). I35.

480 - (Judiciary B) Illegal drug transfers; provide enhanced penalty when drug transfer is proximate cause of death. Ford (73rd). I35.

481 - (Banking and Financial Services) Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance; extend repealer on authority to join certain examinations with Federal Reserve Bank. Roberson. I35. CR138. CU461. V461.

482 - (Insurance) Property Insurance Clarity Act; extend repealer on. Roberson. I35. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU515. V515.

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483 - (Appropriations) Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Roberson. I35. CR137. CU353. V353. RS801. SS812. AP877.

484 - (Insurance) Surplus lines insurance; extend repealer on statute prescribing nonadmitted policy fee for. Roberson. I35.

485 - (Judiciary B) Drug crime penalties; revise judicial discretion. Bain. I35. CR125.

486 - (Judiciary A) Adverse possession cases; require losing party to pay court costs and attorney's fees. Boyd. I35.

487 - (Judiciary B) Right to vote; restore to people who committed nonviolent disqualifying crimes upon meeting certain requirements. Reynolds. I35.

488 - (Gaming) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Reynolds. I35.

489 - (Education) School districts; require teachers and other licensed personnel to be paid on semimonthly basis. Hopkins. I36.

490 - (Ways and Means) Electric/hybrid vehicle tax; repeal sections of law authorizing. Hopkins. I36.

491 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter Identification; clarify that only Mississippi driver's license shall be acceptable license. Hopkins. I36.

492 - (Appropriations) Health Care Expendable Fund; extend repealer on. Roberson. I36. CR137. CU353. V353. RS801. SS812. AP877.

493 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; authorize to perform services without referral from another health care provider. Hopkins. I36.

494 - (Education) Exceptional students with significant developmental disabilities and complex communication needs; clarify pathways for receiving educational instruction and training in a UBP. McGee. I36.

495 - (Judiciary B) Scrap metal; revise penalties and suspend license for receipt of stolen property. Currie. I36.

496 - (Drug Policy) Controlled substances; exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under. Bell (65th). I36.

497 - (Judiciary B) Intentional injury to pregnant woman; revise penalties. Boyd. I36.

498 - (Education) "Tim Tebow Act"; establish to provide equal access for homeschoolers to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Boyd. I36.

499 - (Education) End-of-course tests; eliminate passing score as graduation requirement and exempt from accountability ratings for four years. Boyd. I36.

500 - (Ways and Means) Mineral interest; revise procedure for payment of taxes. Boyd. I36.

501 - (Judiciary A) Mineral interests; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Boyd. I36.

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502 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) School board purchasing agent; increase amount of required surety bond. Boyd. I36. CR124. CU375. V375.

503 - (Transportation) Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection." Boyd. I36. CR317. CU474. V474. RS801. SS812. AP877.

504 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway." Boyd. I36. CR317. CU473. V473. RS801. SS812. AP877.

505 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way." Boyd. I37. CR317. CU473. V473. RS801. SS812. AP877.

506 - (Transportation) Timber products; revise time during which vehicles transporting may operate. Boyd. I37.

507 - (Public Health and Human Services) Dialysis facilities; nursing homes shall allow to provide mobile services on site to their patients. Boyd. I37.

508 - (Education) Public schools; require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all. Boyd. I37.

509 - (Education) School boards; require itemized report of central office expenditures to be included in notice for increase in ad valorem taxes. Boyd. I37.

510 - (Appropriations) PERS; retiree may not receive retirement allowance while under contract with state agency as consultant or advisor. Boyd. I37.

511 - (Education) Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan Program; revise to increase financial assistance to those pursuing teacher licensure. Boyd. I37.

512 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. Lamar. I37. CR160. CU361. V361. RS802. HRC902. HCA951. SCA980.

513 - (Insurance) State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan; extend repealer on requirement that state pay certain amounts toward premiums. Roberson. I37.

514 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility. Roberson. I37. CR133. CU320. V320. RS679. SS697. AP774.

515 - (Corrections) Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on. Roberson. I37. CR133. CU321. V321. RS679. SS697. AP774.

516 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. Roberson. I37. CR160. CU362. V362. RS802.

517 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Roberson. I37.

518 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales coins, currency and bullion. Hopkins. I37.

519 - (Judiciary B) Cell site simulator device; require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. Hopkins. I37.



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520 - (Ways and Means) Department of Revenue; authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program. Lamar. I37.

521 - (Insurance) Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of public records. Lamar. I37. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU517. V518. MR555. MRT567.

522 - (Education) Nonpublic schools; authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background check procedures as used by public schools. Lamar. I38. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU488. V488.

523 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with construction of the Evelyn Gandy Parkway North Extension. Byrd. I41.

524 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Byrd. I41.

525 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Byrd. I41.

526 - (Education) "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to include students with a dyslexia diagnosis. Byrd. I41. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU488. V489.

527 - (County Affairs) Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise. Byrd. I41. CR313. CU378. LTSC378. CU379. V379.

528 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Brooklyn Utility Association with water system improvements. Byrd. I41.

529 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Petal Excel By 5 with construction of a playground. Byrd. I41.

530 - (Appropriations) The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022"; create. Bennett. I44. CR44. CU49. V49. V49. RS673. HRC681. HCA699. SCA700. SCRA909. HCO954. HCRA961. JI961. SS995. AP1427.

531 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022; create. Gunn. I44. CR44. CU47. V48. R55. V55. RS881. HRC913. HCA951. SCA981. CRO1047. CRA1049. SCRA1165. SS1425. AP2075.

532 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Roberson. I46.

533 - (Corrections) Work release program; extend repealer on authority of Rankin County sheriff to create pilot program for nonviolent confined offenders. Roberson. I46.

534 - (Corrections) Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention. Roberson. I47. CR133. CU321. V321. RS679. SS697. AP774.

535 - (Judiciary A) Door-to-door solicitors; prohibit from soliciting a residence where a sign is displayed indicating that a resident does not wish to be solicited. Ford (73rd). I47.

536 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DPS for funding the Forensics Laboratory and State Medical Examiner. Ford (73rd). I47.

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537 - (Judiciary B) Children; persons convicted of certain sex offenses not allowed to give health care consent for. Boyd. I47.

538 - (Judiciary B) Adoption procedures; revise home study and residency requirements. Bain. I47.

539 - (Judiciary B) Case plans for inmates; require ordered alcohol/drug treatment to commence within 90 days of admission. Bain. I47.

540 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal executive committee; revise procedure for filling vacancies of. Blackmon. I47.

541 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal primary elections; revise procedure for nominating candidates during when only one candidate qualifies. Blackmon. I47.

542 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Roberson. I47.

543 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Rosebud. I47.

544 - (Corrections) Probation, post-release supervision and technical violations; revise certain time periods concerning. Harness. I47.

545 - (Judiciary B) Public defenders; increase compensation for court appointed. Harness. I47.

546 - (Corrections) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Rosebud. I47.

547 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; phase in 25% reduction for agencies and departments over ten years. Hopkins. I50.

548 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor homes and trailers. Hopkins. I50.

549 - (Public Health and Human Services) Public health; repeal criminal penalty provisions for violations of certain statutes, regulations and orders relating to. Hopkins. I51.

550 - (Apportionment and Elections) Term limits; all elected officials limited to serving only two consecutive terms in office. Hopkins. I51.

551 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem taxation; exempt real property. Hopkins. I51.

552 - (Education) Statewide testing program; cease all statewide uniform assessments and determine promotion based on cumulative grades. Hopkins. I51.

553 - (Workforce Development) Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.; establish funding for. Walker. I51.

554 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise assessment rate for motor vehicles. Hopkins. I51.

555 - (Agriculture) "Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program"; create. Mangold. I51. CR137. CU382. V382.

556 - (Rules) Mississippi congressional districts; reapportion. Johnson. I51.

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557 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Weathersby. I51.

558 - (Public Health and Human Services) Drug and alcohol treatment; require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. Calvert. I51.

559 - (Judiciary B) Interrogations; require to be recorded if crimes of violence. Harness. I51.

560 - (Judiciary B) Youthful Offender Law; enact. Harness. I51.

561 - (Judiciary A) Appellate judges and justices; remove geographical limitation on expense allowance for. Harness. I51.

562 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Harness. I51.

563 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Harness. I51.

564 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Education Reform Act of 2022; create. Harness. I51.

565 - (County Affairs) Employment of full time legal counsel as a county employee; authorize for Adams County. Harness. I52.

566 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Harness. I52.

567 - (Transportation) Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. Harness. I52. CR317. CU402. ML402. V402. RS644. SS657. AP679.

568 - (Education) Statewide assessment program; discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11. Harness. I52.

569 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Harness. I52.

570 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend college. Harness. I52.

571 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol; increase salaries of sworn officers by 3%. Harness. I52.

572 - (Ways and Means) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area" and allow package retailer's permits. Harness. I52.

573 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Rosebud. I52.

574 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Rosebud. I52.

575 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. Rosebud. I52.

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576 - (Apportionment and Elections) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Rosebud. I52.

577 - (Public Health and Human Services) Milk products; exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. Eubanks. I52.

578 - (Agriculture) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Eubanks. I52.

579 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Eubanks. I52.

580 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; provide that inducing or performing is unlawful. Eubanks. I52.

581 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Eubanks. I52.

582 - (Education) Homeschooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Eubanks. I53.

583 - (Ways and Means) Local Taxation and Tax Extension Authority Act; create. Eubanks. I53.

584 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; prohibit the making of false claims for payments as well as for benefits. Roberson. I53.

585 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain nonprofit corporations. Roberson. I53.

586 - (Corrections) Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail; remove repealer on. Newman. I53. CR133. CU323. V323. RS680. HRC707. HCA912. SCA931. CRO1279. CRA1281. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2179.

587 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District building repairs on certain campuses. Summers. I53.

588 - (Gaming) Mississippi Horse Racing Act of 2022; create. Walker. I53.

589 - (Judiciary B) The Sexual Assault Response for College Students Act; create. Cockerham. I53. CR314. CU411. V411.

590 - (Judiciary A) Charitable solicitations; revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. Cockerham. I53. CR138. CU379. V379. RS803. SS820. AP929.

591 - (Education) Community schools; authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. Cockerham. I53. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU489. V489.

592 - (Judiciary A) Child support; suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. Cockerham. I53. CR332. CU438. F438. MR438. R555. V555.

593 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Criswell. I53.

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594 - (Local and Private Legislation) Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time; require direct referendum. Criswell. I53.

595 - (Judiciary B) Firearms Protection Act; create. Criswell. I53.

596 - (Judiciary A) Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority; revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. Criswell. I53.

597 - (Judiciary B) Stun gun; remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. Criswell. I53.

598 - (Judiciary B) Seizure and forfeiture; require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal offenses. Criswell. I53.

599 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Criswell. I53. CR124. CU376. V376. MR385.

600 - (Judiciary B) Seizure and forfeiture; prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. Criswell. I54.

601 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; eligible pregnant women remain eligible for maternal care services for 12 months after end of pregnancy. Roberson. I54.

602 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Roberson. I54.

603 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Starkville Academy athletics. Roberson. I54.

604 - (Judiciary B) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Roberson. I54. CR139. CU319. V319. MR326. R443. V443. RS705. HRC776. HCA871. SCA931. SRFC1248. CRO1303. HRFC1303.

605 - (Judiciary B) Indecent assault; create the crime of and provide penalties. Reynolds. I54.

606 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Lamar. I54. CR160. CU365. RS804. HRC902. HCA951. SCA1018. SRFC1248. CRO1406. CRA1410. R1527. HRFC1527. CRO1547. CRA1551. SCRA1646. SS2071. AP2184.

607 - (Judiciary B) First-degree murder; include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. Lamar. I54. CR125. CU308. V309. RS802. HRC819. HCA871. SCA931. CRO1085. CRA1086. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2185.

608 - (Judiciary B) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Summers. I54.

609 - (Judiciary B) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Harness. I54.

610 - (Ways and Means) Mobile homes; give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. Walker. I54.

611 - (Judiciary A) Corporations and limited liability companies; authorize notice from Secretary of State to be served by electronic mail. Deweese. I54. CR139. CU380. V380.

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612 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Eubanks. I54.

613 - (Judiciary B) The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi; create. Calvert. I54.

614 - (Judiciary A) Casino winnings; provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. Yancey. I54.

615 - (Judiciary B) Statutory rape and sexual assault; revise penalties. Ford (73rd). I54.

616 - (Municipalities) Menaced property; authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property. McGee. I56. CR140. CU458. V458. MR475. MRT484. RS803. SS820. AP929.

617 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. McGee. I57. CR140. CU458. V458.

618 - (Rules) Indigenous Peoples' Day; declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. Crawford. I57.

619 - (Judiciary B) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Karriem. I57.

620 - (Judiciary B) Dept. of Public Safety; revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory and various other laws. Bain. I57. CR340. CU418. V419. RS802. HRC819. HCA871. SCA931.

621 - (Judiciary B) Fleeing law enforcement; increase penalties for the crime of. Bain. I57. CR125. CU375. V375.

622 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; require the court to do so when charges are dismissed or dropped. Bain. I57.

623 - (Judiciary B) Drug Intervention Courts; standardize references. Bain. I57.

624 - (Judiciary B) First Circuit Court District; revise composition of judgeships. Bain. I57.

625 - (Corrections) Pilot Work Release Program; expand to give authority to Sheriff of Harrison County to establish. Felsher. I57.

626 - (Judiciary B) Scrap metal; revise valuation of for penalties. Felsher. I57. CR315. CU411. V411.

627 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Lamar. I57.

628 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new cafeteria at Jackson State University. Cockerham. I57.

629 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; clarify procedures in all courts. Yates. I57. CR125. CU319. V319.

630 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; clarify for qualified electors. Bain. I57. CR139. CU409. V410.

631 - (Education) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Crawford. I57.

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632 - (Education) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Crawford. I57.

633 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. Thompson. I57.

634 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Highway Safety Patrol Substation in Starkville. Weathersby. I57.

635 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Jim Hill High School. Summers. I58.

636 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Meridian High School. Young. I58.

637 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Gautier athletics. Zuber. I58.

638 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. Banks. I59.

639 - (Judiciary B) Drag racing; provide vehicle in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. Banks. I59.

640 - (Judiciary B) Crimes; create for unauthorized use of minor's name and social security number as dependent on income tax return. Banks. I59.

641 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement; require pursuit policy of alleged crime perpetrator. Banks. I59.

642 - (Judiciary B) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Watson. I59.

643 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Watson. I59.

644 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Watson. I59.

645 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mattresses; require seller to give notice when previously owned. Hobgood-Wilkes. I60.

646 - (Apportionment and Elections) Secure Voting Act; create. Hobgood-Wilkes. I60.

647 - (Education) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Crawford. I60.

648 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State park fee; authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Crawford. I60.

649 - (Education) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Crawford. I60.

650 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; revise notary requirements for students enrolled in a college, university or community or junior college. Gibbs (72nd). I60.

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651 - (Education) Compulsory School Attendance Law; rename as the "Kindergarten Increases Diplomas (KIDs) Act," and lower compulsory age to five years. Gibbs (72nd). I60.

652 - (Education) Nonlicensed teachers; authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area positions. Gibbs (72nd). I60.

653 - (Education) National Board Certified teachers; include those employed in Hinds County as eligible for additional supplement. Gibbs (72nd). I60.

654 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Gibbs (72nd). I60.

655 - (Insurance) Auto insurance; not invalidated by intentional acts of insured. Hood. I60.

656 - (Tourism) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Hood. I60.

657 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division. Hood. I60. CR341. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU542. V542. RS804. HRC873. HCA925. SCA931. SRFC1248. CRO1311. HRFC1311. SCRA1541. CRO1564. CRA1605. SS2070. AP2183.

658 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes. Hood. I60. CR341. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU543. V543. MR556. MRWD567. RS802. HRC873. HCA925. SCA933.

659 - (Medicaid) Medicaid Access and Opportunity Act of 2022; create. Hood. I60.

660 - (Appropriations) Gulf Coast Restoration Fund; limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities. Barton. I60. CR312. CU355. V355. RS804. HRC825. SCA937. HCA949. CRO1074. CRA1076. SCRA1543. SS2073. AP2179.

661 - (Ways and Means) Hotel construction projects; authorize sales tax incentive for. Arnold. I60.

662 - (Drug Policy) Tianeptine; add to Schedule II list of controlled substances. Arnold. I61.

663 - (Drug Policy) Kratom; include in Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Arnold. I61.

664 - (Education) Teacher licensure; authorize issuance to certain individuals with foreign certification on reciprocity with documentation. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

665 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Commission on Status of Women; require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2022. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

666 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Commission on Status of Women; require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2022. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

667 - (Education) Active shooter training; require school district employees to attend every three years. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

668 - (Judiciary B) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Gibbs (72nd). I61.



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669 - (Appropriations) State employees; provide for across-the-board increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$30,000.00. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

670 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health support for educators; provide services and training for. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

671 - (Education) Teachers' and teacher assistants' salaries; provide increase to minimum base pay. Gibbs (72nd). I61.

672 - (Judiciary A) Sexual assault kit; regulate processing of. Cockerham. I61. CR332. CU434. V435. RS705. HRC777. HCA985. SCA1018.

673 - (Judiciary A) State Board of Medical Licensure; revise composition of to include consumer members. Cockerham. I61. CR314.

674 - (Judiciary A) Medical Practice Act; revise various provisions of. Cockerham. I61. CR314.

675 - (Rules) Gold star Children's Day; designate August 1 of each year as. Carpenter. I61.

676 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of new Mississippi State Veterans Home in Jackson metropolitan area. Carpenter. I61.

677 - (Military Affairs) County veteran service officers; revise certain provisions regarding certification. Carpenter. I61. CR140. CU383. V384. RS804. HRC818. HCA912. SCA966. CRO1022. CRA1022. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2181.

678 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Access to Care Act; create. Yancey. I61.

679 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; create. Yancey. I61. CR125. CU426. V427. RS705. HRC777. HCA871. SCA931. CRO1311. CRA1312. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2180.

680 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Social security numbers; require counties to take steps to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of. Yancey. I62.

681 - (Drug Policy) Kratom; include in Schedule I controlled substances list. Yancey. I62. CR157. CU427. V427.

682 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. Yancey. I62.

683 - (Corrections) State Parole Board; extend repealer on. Roberson. I62. CR133. CU322. V322. RS803. SS820. AP929.

684 - (Ways and Means) Small Business and Grocer Investment Act; extend repealer on. Roberson. I62. CR160. CU362. V362. RS804. HC903. AD905. SS926. AP999.

685 - (Education) Energy Academy Act; extend repealer on authority of Vicksburg-Warren and Claiborne County school boards to partner with nuclear facility. Roberson. I62.

686 - (Banking and Financial Services) Appraisal Management Companies; extend repealer on registration requirements under Mississippi Appraisal Company Act. Roberson. I62. CR138. CU462. V462.

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687 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer on. Roberson. I62. CR138. CU462. V463. RS679. SS697. AP774.

688 - (Public Property) Public lands; extend repealer on statute prohibiting corporations and nonresident aliens from purchasing. Roberson. I62. CR141. CU460. V460.

689 - (Judiciary B) Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into. Roberson. I62. CR140. CU410. V410. RS680. SS697. AP774.

690 - (Judiciary A) Architects; revise licensing laws to authorize multi-disciplinary firms with landscape architects. Creekmore IV. I62.

691 - (Drug Policy) Tablet press machines; regulate and require registration of. Creekmore IV. I62.

692 - (Ways and Means) Municipalities and counties trails program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Creekmore IV. I62.

693 - (Insurance) Health insurance; provide that mental illness coverage includes substance abuse. Creekmore IV. I62.

694 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for additional funding for intervention courts. Creekmore IV. I62.

695 - (Judiciary B) Intervention courts; revise regulations that govern and add drug abuse prevention to statewide education component. Creekmore IV. I62. CR125. CU374. V374.

696 - (Apportionment and Elections) Pre-election day voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Reynolds. I63.

697 - (Ways and Means) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include certain fire trucks. Reynolds. I63.

698 - (Judiciary A) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Reynolds. I63. CR314. CU437. V437. RS815. HRC818. HCA985. SCA1000. CRO1313. CRA1318.

699 - (Judiciary A) Probate Estates; increase value of. Reynolds. I63.

700 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle/motorcycle license tag for veterans; revise provisions regarding evidence of service. Byrd. I63.

701 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; revise to include nonconsensual touching of body. Reynolds. I63.

702 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Currie. I63.

703 - (Public Health and Human Services) Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program; revise to create mental health treatment courts. Currie. I63.

704 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Banks. I63.

705 - (Judiciary B) Violent offenders, certain; may be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. Banks. I63.

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706 - (Judiciary B) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Banks. I63.

707 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Banks. I63.

708 - (Corrections) DOC's evaluation of requests for proposals for canteen services; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. Banks. I63.

709 - (Education) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Banks. I63.

710 - (Corrections) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. I63.

711 - (Corrections) Conjugal visits; require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. Banks. I63.

712 - (Constitution) Firearms; revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. Banks. I63.

713 - (Corrections) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. I63.

714 - (Corrections) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Banks. I64.

715 - (Corrections) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. I64.

716 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program." Banks. I64.

717 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to State Department of Health for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Gunn. I64.

718 - (Judiciary A) Crime of promoting prostitution; clarify and revise where certain monies are deposited. Gunn. I64. CR314. CU435. V435.

719 - (County Affairs) Compensation for certain county officials; bring forward sections pertaining to. Barton. I64. CR313. CU378. V378. RS804. HRC818. HCA871. SCA910. CRO1138. CRA1159. SCRA1543. SS2165. AP2188.

720 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery. Bell (21st). I64. CR334. CU420. V420. RS704. SS797. AP863.

721 - (Energy) Mineral estates; revert to surface estate owner after ten-year period of nonproduction. Bell (21st). I64.

722 - (Universities and Colleges) Sustainable Energy Partnership Program; establish at Jackson State University. Bell (65th). I64.

723 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for structural improvements at campus entrances to enhance safety. Bell (65th). I64.

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724 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for Sustainable Energy Partnership Program. Bell (65th). I64.

725 - (County Affairs) Delinquent county garbage fees; provide nonrenewal of driver's licenses for nonpayment. Boyd. I64.

726 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Procurement Review Board; exempt certain contracts entered into by the Attorney General's office from oversight by. Boyd. I64.

727 - (Transportation) Timber bridges; require use of for new construction and replacement on certain county and secondary roads. Boyd. I64.

728 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting regulation changes; require Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide notice of. Boyd. I64.

729 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Sound Money Tax Removal Act; create. Bomgar. I64.

730 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Busby. I64.

731 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. Busby. I64.

732 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; create. Felsher. I65. CR141. CU421. V421. RS803. SS820. AP929.

733 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act; revise various provisions of. Mims. I65. CR141. CU454. V454. MR474. MRT484.

734 - (Public Health and Human Services) Project ADAM(Automated Defibrillators in Adam's Memory); establish pilot program to authorize AEDs in schools. Mims. I65.

735 - (Military Affairs) Mississippi Veterans Home Perpetual Care Fund; create. Carpenter. I65.

736 - (Military Affairs) Mississippi Veterans Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund; create. Carpenter. I65.

737 - (Education) Child abuse hotline; require schools to post in clearly visible location. Crawford. I65.

738 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Crawford. I65.

739 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card at the time of license issuance. Crawford. I65.

740 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Crawford. I65.

741 - (Universities and Colleges) Sherry Elmore Nursing Education Forgivable Loan Program; create. Currie. I65.

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742 - (Education) School districts; authorize certain districts to employ retired teachers while they continue to draw retirement allowance. Darnell. I65.

743 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize for 14 days before the election. Gibbs (72nd). I65.

744 - (Education) Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. Gibbs (72nd). I65.

745 - (Appropriations) District Attorneys; increase salaries of. Harness. I65.

746 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act; create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. Harness. I65.

747 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for research project on indoor production of medical marijuana at Alcorn State University. Harness. I65.

748 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL board; delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by state general obligation bonds. Harness. I65.

749 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. Harness. I66.

750 - (Education) Teacher licensure; authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. Busby. I66.

751 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Potts Camp Railroad Bridge and Bypass Project. Kinkade. I66.

752 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Red Banks Road Improvement Project. Kinkade. I66.

753 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Blackwater Road Bridge Project. Kinkade. I66.

754 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Byhalia Railroad Bridge Project. Kinkade. I66.

755 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Karriem. I66.

756 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Karriem. I66.

757 - (Judiciary B) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Karriem. I66.

758 - (Public Health and Human Services) No Patient Left Alone Act; create to provide certain visitation rights for hospital patients. Eubanks. I66.

759 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Eubanks. I66.

760 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Karriem. I66.

761 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Karriem. I66.

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762 - (Rules) State holiday; remove Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate Memorial Day as a. Karriem. I66.

763 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide for a separate managed care program for dental services and dental services providers. Deweese. I66.

764 - (Appropriations) "Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022"; create. Gunn. I66. CR312. CU356. V356. RS863. HRC893. SCA936. HCA945. SRFC1042. CRO1049. HRFC1050.

765 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding physician residency training programs. Mims. I66.

766 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program. Mims. I67.

767 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rural Physicians Scholarship Commission for funding new loan repayment program. Mims. I67.

768 - (Appropriations) Rural Physicians Scholarship Program; expand to include a loan repayment program for graduates who practice in rural areas. Mims. I67. CR336. CU357. V357.

769 - (Appropriations) COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program; create to be administered by Department of Health. Mims. I67. CR336. CU357. V358.

770 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; create. Cockerham. I67. CR115. CU127. V128. RS804. HRC818. HCA985. SCA1000. SRFC1248. CRO1262. HRFC1263. CRO1494. CRA1496. JI14966. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2187.

771 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Equal Pay Act; create. Currie. I67.

772 - (Judiciary A) Employee wages; require to be paid equally for women and men. Clark. I67.

773 - (Judiciary A) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Wright. I67.

774 - (Judiciary A) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Clarke. I67.

775 - (Judiciary A) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Johnson. I67.

776 - (Judiciary A) Equal pay for equal work; require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. Currie. I67.

777 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; provide to State Department of Health for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Gunn. I67.

778 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. Gunn. I67. CR574. CU598. V598. RS863. HRC893. SCA965. HCA971. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050.

779 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. Gunn. I67. CR337. CU395. V395. RS680. SS697. AP799.

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780 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health insurers; authorize exemption from prior authorization requirements of for health care providers if certain criteria are met. Mims. I67.

781 - (Education) The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2022; create. Young. I67.

782 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDE to assist parents in paying school districts for cost of lost/damaged electronic devices assigned to students. Young. I67.

783 - (Banking and Financial Services) Public employees; exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. Young. I68.

784 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Weathersby. I68. CR344. CU366. V366.

785 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; remove provision that freezes provider reimbursement rates unless authorized by legislative amendment. Powell. I68.

786 - (Transportation) Outdoor advertisement signs; revise height requirement. Powell. I68.

787 - (Insurance) Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Powell. I68. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU518. LTSC518.

788 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Black Bayou Water Association for certain water system improvements. Hines. I68.

789 - (Judiciary B) False allegations of hate crime; provide penalties for. Ladner. I68.

790 - (Education) Video surveillance cameras; require to be installed in classrooms and certain other areas of public schools and postsecondary educational institutions. Hobgood-Wilkes. I68.

791 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation; require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. Hopkins. I68.

792 - (Education) Life skills courses; require MDE to develop a comprehensive curriculum for high school students. Porter. I68.

793 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Porter. I68.

794 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; allow court granting a certificate of rehabilitation to also grant an. Reynolds. I68.

795 - (Education) Equal Access to Education Act; create to enhance digital learning opportunities for students and public schools. Roberson. I68. CR331.

796 - (Ways and Means) Personalized motor vehicle license tags; authorize alternative form of. Shanks. I68.

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797 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. Shanks. I68.

798 - (Public Health and Human Services) Reports of suspected abuse; require persons who make to give their name and contact information under certain circumstances. Sanford. I68.

799 - (Judiciary B) Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children; authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting. Sanford. I69. CR125. CU374. V374. RS804. HRC819. HCA871. SCA931.

800 - (Judiciary B) Death penalty executions; remove firing squad as an option. Summers. I69.

801 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. Thompson. I69.

802 - (Judiciary B) "Jennifer's Law"; enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. Thompson. I69.

803 - (Public Health and Human Services) Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. Turner. I69.

804 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers allowed to claim federal earned income tax credit. Watson. I69.

805 - (Insurance) Workers' compensation; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Watson. I69.

806 - (Apportionment and Elections) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Walker. I69.

807 - (Judiciary B) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Watson. I69.

808 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Watson. I69.

809 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Watson. I69.

810 - (Insurance) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Watson. I69.

811 - (Transportation) Memorial highways; designate in Rankin County, Mississippi. Weathersby. I69. CR317. CU537. V537. AA538. RS802. HRC818. HCA871. SCA933. CRO1090. CRA1090. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2181.

812 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for colorectal cancer examinations in accordance with American Cancer Society. Yancey. I69.

813 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin Act; create. Yancey. I69. CR117. CU129. V130.

814 - (Agriculture) Cottage food products; delete prohibition on the Internet sale of. Yates. I69.



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815 - (Education) Wireless learning environments; require school districts to develop and implement within two years. Young. I69.

816 - (Public Health and Human Services) Cosmetology licensure laws; change name of manicurist to nail technician. Young. I69.

817 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Barber Examiners; authorize county and municipal elected officials to serve as members of. Zuber. I70.

818 - (Education) MS Computer Science and Cyber Education Equality Act; authorize certified or classified staff to provide instruction under. Zuber. I70. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU489. V490.

819 - (Insurance) Fire Protection Funds; increase and expand purposes for. Zuber. I70. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU516. V517.

820 - (Insurance) State Fire Academy; eliminate cap on emergency medical responders who can train at. Zuber. I70.

821 - (Insurance) Nontransport emergency medical services; develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for. Zuber. I70. CR339. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU494. V494. RS802. HRC873. HCA951. SCA965. CRO1004. CRA1007. SCRA1018. SS1160. AP1643.

822 - (Insurance) Insurance licenses; make perpetual unless revoked by Commissioner or forfeited. Zuber. I70.

823 - (Insurance) Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise regarding battery-charged security fences. Zuber. I70. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU515. V515. RS680. SS697. AP774.

824 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Horne. I70.

825 - (Judiciary B) Utility worker; include the killing of as capital murder. Horne. I70.

826 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Horne. I70.

827 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Horne. I70.

828 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Horne. I70.

829 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I70.

830 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I70.

831 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Newman. I70.

832 - (Education) Mental Awareness Program for School Act; enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. Cockerham. I70. CR338. RTT477. CU478. RTT478. CU494. V494.

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833 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law; prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided. Lamar. I70. CR344. CU396. V396. MR405. R412. V412. MRT497. RS804. HRC902. HCA951. SCA981. SCA1000. SRFC1427. CRO1503. HRFC1503.

834 - (Judiciary A) Divorce; bring forward grounds of, for purposes of amendment. Cockerham. I71.

835 - (Judiciary A) Residential Landlord Tenant Act; revise evictions procedures of the. Cockerham. I71.

836 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property to certain nonprofit organizations that provide guide and service dogs to people with disabilities. Ford (73rd). I71.

837 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospitals and institutions for the aged or infirm; prohibit policies, subject to safety requirements, limiting visitation. Ford (73rd). I71.

838 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Smoke-free Air Act; create. Ford (73rd). I71.

839 - (Public Health and Human Services) Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases Compact; enact. Currie. I71.

840 - (Appropriations) State budget; revise provisions of several FY22 appropriation bills. Read. I71. CR312. CU393. V393.

841 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2; create. Read. I71. CR337.

842 - (Ways and Means) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities. Byrd. I71. CR160. CU365. V365. RS804. HRC902. SCA938. HCA951. CRO1411. CRA1414. SCRA1543. SS2071. AP2183.

843 - (County Affairs) County or municipal Medicare eligible employees; make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation. Byrd. I71. CR134. CU144. V144. RS705. HC777. SS815. AP877.

844 - (County Affairs) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. Crudup. I71.

845 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend community or junior colleges. Crudup. I71.

846 - (Judiciary B) Deputy sheriffs and police officers; require certain courses for continuing education. Crudup. I71.

847 - (Appropriations) Retirement; allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature in same manner as for elected county or municipal offices. Darnell. I71.

848 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; delete embezzlement from ineligible crimes for. Denton. I71.

849 - (Education) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Karriem. I71.

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850 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Karriem. I71.

851 - (Transportation) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Karriem. I72.

852 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Karriem. I72.

853 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Karriem. I72.

854 - (Judiciary A) Equal pay for equal work; require for women in the same work establishment. Karriem. I72.

855 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Karriem. I72.

856 - (County Affairs) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. Karriem. I72.

857 - (Judiciary B) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Karriem. I72.

858 - (Transportation) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support. Karriem. I72.

859 - (Insurance) Telemedicine; revise for purposes of health insurance and employee benefit plans. Turner. I72.

860 - (Public Health and Human Services) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy. Hood. I72. CR141. CU423. V423.

861 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care practitioners; have right and freedom to publicly discuss treatment methods without repercussion from licensing agencies. Arnold. I72.

862 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical records; set maximum amounts of fees that may be charged for providing in electronic format. Sanford. I72.

863 - (Corrections) "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990"; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment. Horan. I72. CR156. CU465. V465. RS802. HRC818. HCA912. SCA931. SRFC1045. CRO1159. HRFC1159. CRO1282. CRA1286. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2183.

864 - (Judiciary A) MS Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act; create with affidavit requirements. Cockerham. I72.

865 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Equal Pay Act; create. McLean. I72.

866 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Preauthorization Gold Card Act; enact. Deweese. I72.

867 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Home inspectors; authorize to perform inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. McLean. I72.

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868 - (Banking and Financial Services) Retail businesses; require to accept cash as form of payment. McLean. I73.

869 - (Agriculture) Price gouging; create exemption for producers, growers, or processors of food products. Ford (73rd). I73.

870 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for private school tuition and homeschooling expenses. Brown (20th). I73.

871 - (Education) Local Government Control of Public School Athletics Task Force; create to evaluate transfer of such activities from schools. Brown (20th). I73.

872 - (Universities and Colleges) Postsecondary educational institutions; require to provide certain information to students upon declaration of a major. Brown. I73.

873 - (Education) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Brown (20th). I73.

874 - (Education) Mississippi Scholarship Act; create to provide scholarships to K-12 public school students. Brown (20th). I73.

875 - (Education) Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2022; enact to require for children four years of age. Boyd. I73.

876 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Employment Security Law; revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment." Beckett. I73. CR137. CU354. V354.

877 - (Apportionment and Elections) Southern Voting Rights Act; create and revise provisions related to elections. Williams-Barnes. I73.

878 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Water well contractors; exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or 20 years experience. Horne. I73.

879 - (Education) Education Enhancement Fund; revise date of issuance of classroom supply procurement cards. Bennett. I73. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU490. V490.

880 - (Insurance) Prescription drugs; provide for reduction of patients' cost for. Zuber. I73.

881 - (Education) University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities; revise certain provisions. McGee. I73. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU490. V491. RS804. HRC874. HCA949. SCA965. CRO1497. CRA1499. SCRA1645. SS2072. AP2181.

882 - (Education) School attendance officers; provide increase to minimum base salary. Bain. I73.

883 - (Universities and Colleges) Community College Boards of Trustees; revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges. Bain. I73. CR159. CU469. V470. MR477.

884 - (Education) "Accelerate Mississippi Scholarship Program"; establish to provide student with financial assistance for advanced education courses. McCarty. I74. CR339. RTT477. CU478. RTT478. CU495. V495.

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885 - (Education) Education Enhancement Fund; authorize DFA to issue digital solutions and credentials for use for classroom supply allotments. McCarty. 174. CR339. RTT477. CU478. RTT478. CU495. V495.

886 - (Judiciary A) Property liens; require that lis pendens notice of shall be filed within 30 days after the commencement of the action. Zuber. 174.

887 - (Education) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Crawford. 174.

888 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Capitol Complex Improvement District; bring forward sections of law governing. Gibbs (72nd). 174.

889 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voting systems; require those purchased to be able to scan actual ballot. Banks. 174.

890 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of new county jail. Banks. 174.

891 - (Education) Students; prohibit entities directly or indirectly funded with public monies from distinguishing between. Brown (20th). 174.

892 - (Ways and Means) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Evans (91st). 174.

893 - (Constitution) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Evans (91st). 174.

894 - (Judiciary B) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Evans (91st). 174.

895 - (Judiciary A) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Evans (91st). 174.

896 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for outpatient services by border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospitals. Hood. 174.

897 - (Public Health and Human Services) Flu vaccines; reduce minimum age of hospital inpatients who must be offered them before their discharge. Hood. 174.

898 - (Appropriations) Circuit and chancery court reporters; increase salaries of. Hood. 174.

899 - (Education) School transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. Hood. 174.

900 - (Education) Irlen Syndrome; require screening for and districts to provide reasonable accommodations for students with. Hood. 174.

901 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward section providing for assessments on health care facilities. Hood. 175.

902 - (Judiciary A) Open Meetings Law; revise reasons for executive sessions to include discussions by boards of trustees of public hospitals. Carpenter. 175.

903 - (Judiciary A) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Carpenter. 175.

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904 - (Judiciary B) Littering; increase fines and allocate monies collected to police, sheriff and fire departments. Arnold. I75.

905 - (Rules) Statues and monuments; prohibit removal of certain unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. Arnold. I75.

906 - (Corrections) Corrections omnibus bill; enact. Horan. I75. CR156. CU324. V324. RS802. HRC818. HCA912. SCA931. CRO1286. CRA1287. SCRA1429. SS1641. AP2181.

907 - (Corrections) "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; establish. Horan. I75. CR133. CU322. V323.

908 - (Corrections) Offenders, certain; provide "Compassionate Parole Eligibility Act of 2022" and certain hospice care services. Horan. I75.

909 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. Evans (91st). I75.

910 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Evans (91st). I75.

911 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wildlife management areas; authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. Evans (91st). I75.

912 - (Judiciary B) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Evans (91st). I75.

913 - (Workforce Development) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Evans (91st). I75.

914 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Agencies; require to provide monthly report of expenditures of state and federal public funds. Owen. I75.

915 - (Apportionment and Elections) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Owen. I75.

916 - (Universities and Colleges) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, governing authorities and universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Owen. I75.

917 - (Ways and Means) "Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022"; create. Owen. I75. CR344. CU369. V369. MR411. MRWD428.

918 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; authorize issuance of food truck permit. McGee. I76. CR160. CU366. V366. MR369. MRWD385. RS804. HRC902. HCA951. SCA981. CRO1263. CRA1273. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2182.

919 - (Corrections) MDOC; require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment. Horan. I76. CR156. CU324. V324. RS804. HRC913. HCA925. SCA932. CRO1120. CRA1121. SCRA1165. SS1425. AP2075.

920 - (Corrections) Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program. Horan. I76. CR338. CU466. V467. RS704. SS797. AP862.

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921 - (Transportation) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Bell (65th). I76.

922 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize those qualify for medical marijuana prescription. Bell (65th). I76.

923 - (Public Health and Human Services) Lead poisoning; require Department of Health to revise its prevention policies to align with CDC recommendation. Bell (65th). I76.

924 - (Banking and Financial Services) Financial services; authorize financial institutions to provide to licensed medical cannabis establishments. Bell (65th). I76.

925 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with acquisition of fire trucks and equipment for Lowndes County District 3 Fire and Rescue. Wright. I76.

926 - (Ways and Means) Fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes; bring forward sections of law relating to. Wright. I76.

927 - (Public Health and Human Services) Newborn screening program; include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing. McGee. I76. CR141. CU424. V424. RS704. SS797. AP862.

928 - (Appropriations) Hospitals; establish grant program for expansions of hospital facilities that increase capacity as needed to treat more COVID-19 patients. McGee. I76. CR337. CU358. V358.

929 - (Tourism) Mississippi Freedom Trail Commission; establish. Currie. I76. CR317. RTT478. CU478. RTT478. CU499. V499.

930 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; establish a Division of Parole within. Currie. I76.

931 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; dissolve and create Division of Reentry and Prison Industry within MDOC. Currie. I76.

932 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings. Yancey. I76.

933 - (Banking and Financial Services) Homeowners' associations; regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for. Yancey. I76. CR337. CU464. V464. RS803. SS820. AP929.

934 - (Insurance) Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act; create. Deweese. I76.

935 - (Corrections) Nonadjudication; authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. Horan. I77. CR156. CU325. V325.

936 - (Corrections) Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates; authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction. Horan. I77. CR133. CU457. V457. RS804. HRC888. HCA912. SCA932. CRO1287. CRA1296. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2188.

937 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish and provide for annual cost-of-living increases. Gibbs (72nd). I77.

938 - (Municipalities) First Responders Incentive Program; establish. Stamps. I77.

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939 - (Municipalities) Municipalities, certain; extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. Stamps. I77. CR140. CU459. V459.

940 - (Appropriations) Insurance department; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Bounds. I77.

941 - (Judiciary B) Sheriffs; authorize to deputize tribal law enforcement officers under certain circumstances. Bounds. I77. CR315.

942 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing; allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor. Kinkade. I77. CR126. CU143. V143. RS804. HRC818. HCA871. SCA932.

943 - (Judiciary A) Lease agreements; authorize for persons under 21 to enter binding contracts for. Kinkade. I77.

944 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Rushing. I77.

945 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Summers. I77.

946 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical records; require health care provider to timely provide to patients after receiving request for. Newman. I77.

947 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional amount to MDOT for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program. Massengill. I77.

948 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion-inducing pill; regulate with required consent. Crawford. I77.

949 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; revise distribution of fees collected from issuance of breast cancer awareness tags. Roberson. I77.

950 - (Apportionment and Elections) Statewide Elections Management System; compare to certain databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote. Eubanks. I77.

951 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize tax credit for cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Steverson. I77.

952 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; phase out on sales of certain food. Anderson (110th). I78.

953 - (Education) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. Anderson (110th). I78.

954 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Anderson (110th). I78.

955 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Anderson (110th). I78.

956 - (Judiciary B) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Anderson (110th). I78.

957 - (Judiciary B) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Anderson (110th). I78.



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958 - (Judiciary B) Bail procedures; revise. Anderson (110th). I78.

959 - (Constitution) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Anderson (110th). I78.

960 - (Transportation) Left lane; prohibit use of hand-held mobile telephones while driving in. Anderson (110th). I78.

961 - (Ways and Means) Personal delivery devices; provide for the regulation of the use of in pedestrian areas. Deweese. I78. CR160. CU363. V363.

962 - (Appropriations) Municipalities; prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. Crawford. I78.

963 - (Judiciary B) Intentional injury to pregnant women; revise penalties. Crawford. I78.

964 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anatomical gifts; prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. Crawford. I78.

965 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter identification; clarify that only MS driver's license shall be acceptable license. Crawford. I78.

966 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward certain sections of the law. Hood. I78.

967 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward section authorizing Governor to discontinue or limit optional category of recipients. Hood. I78.

968 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; bring forward Section authorizing Division to apply for federal waivers. Hood. I78.

969 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. Osborne. I78.

970 - (Public Utilities) Municipally-owned electric utility, certain; possesses same powers as rural EPA and may enter certain interlocal agreements. Creekmore IV. I79.

971 - (Transportation) Driver's licenses; increase time period to renew expired license without examination. McKnight. I79. CR158. CU400. V400. RS805. HRC819. HCA872. SCA933. CRO1090. CRA1094. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2182.

972 - (Marine Resources) Bottom land leasing for oyster production; create a pilot program for. Ladner. I79. CR158. RTT468. CU468. RTT468. CU534. V534. RS705. HC778. SS820. AP929.

973 - (Judiciary A) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Evans (91st). I79.

974 - (Insurance) Airport authorities; authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit. Zuber. I79. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU517. V517. RS802. HC873. SS917. AP979.

975 - (Judiciary A) Eminent domain; prohibit property from being transferred after acquisition. Bain. I79. CR314.

976 - (Judiciary B) Sellers of alternative nicotine products and package retailers; require to have a third-party age verification service. Bain. I79. CR139. CU406. V408.

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- 977 - (Judiciary B) Scrap metal; increase penalties and expand definition. Miles. I79.
- 978 - (Judiciary A) Eminent domain; property acquired by prohibited from being transferred for ten years, with certain exceptions. Yancey. I79.
- 979 - (Forestry) Foresters; liable for cost of timber for failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to remit payment to forester for timber. Hood. I79. CR157. CU467. RTT467. CU486. V487.
- 980 - (Judiciary B) Controlled substances; provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of. Bain. I79. CR315. CU413. V414. RS801. SS812. Veto889. CR887.
- 981 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; create procedure to have judgment or sentence reduced, vacated or set aside. Bain. I79. CR140.
- 982 - (Education) Exceptional children; require school districts to develop policy for the discipline of. Banks. I79.
- 983 - (Education) Scholastic year; increase number of days for schools with an accountability rating of "D" or "F." Banks. I79.
- 984 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with purchasing fire service equipment. Banks. I79.
- 985 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Banks. I79.
- 986 - (Transportation) Disabled person's vehicle tag; remove requirement for physician's certification for annual renewal. Banks. I79.
- 987 - (Transportation) License plates for disabled individuals; revise various provisions relating to. Banks. I80.
- 988 - (Judiciary A) Seventh Circuit Court District; authorize additional judges. Banks. I80.
- 989 - (Judiciary B) Immigrants; prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. Currie. I80.
- 990 - (Transportation) Memorial highway and bridge; designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer. Ford (54th). I80. CR317. CU472. V472. RS801. SS820. AP930.
- 991 - (Public Health and Human Services) Foster care; require CPS to train children how to report human trafficking before being placed in. Ford (54th). I80.
- 992 - (Transportation) U.S. Highway 49/49E; designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic memorial blues highway. Brown (70th). I80.
- 993 - (Military Affairs) Marriage; authorize military judges to solemnize. Carpenter. I80.
- 994 - (Education) Financial credit counseling; require curriculum to be taught as an elective class that is required for graduation. Taylor. I80.
- 995 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for improvements to the city water and sewer system. Harness. I80.
- 996 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for water, sewer, tourism and economic development projects. Mims. I80.

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997 - (Gaming) Online betting, gaming and wagering; legalize under certain conditions. Eure. I80.

998 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. Johnson. I80.

999 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Edwards for renovating building into Wellness Center. Foster. I80.

1000 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility for certain persons to receive services through provider sponsored health plan. Scoggin. I80.

1001 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverage, beer, light spirit product and light wine; allow any municipality to hold election to permit or prohibit. Scoggin. I80. CR160. CU396. LTSC396. CU398. V398.

1002 - (Transportation) Memorial Highway; designate segment in Covich County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway". Holloway. I80. CR316. CU536. V536. MR537. MRWD555. MRWD555. MRWD555. MRWD555. RS801. SS815. AP878.

1003 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; prohibit from reducing white-tailed deer populations as a result of testing positive for COVID-19. Arnold. I80.

1004 - (County Affairs) Counties; permit operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles on certain public roads. Arnold. I80.

1005 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing Education Incentive Program; create. White. I81. CR141. CU424. V424. RS680. HRC707. HCA871. SCA930. CRO1332. CRA1333. SCRA1543. SS2071. AP2183.

1006 - (Appropriations) Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program; establish. White. I81. CR337. CU448. V448. RS680. HRC707. SCA936. HCA945. SCRA1724. CRO2041. CRA2045. SS2173. AP2185.

1007 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Medical Cannabis Compassion Act; create. Ford (73rd). I81.

1008 - (Transportation) Highways; revise Mississippi Highway 615 in Harrison County. Felsher. I81.

1009 - (Drug Policy) Medical marijuana; authorize use of and provide for regulation by State Department of Health. Williams-Barnes. I81.

1010 - (Judiciary B) Firearms in possession of a felon; revise regulations for. Barnett. I81. CR315. CU414. V414.

1011 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Brown (70th). I81.

1012 - (Drug Policy) Compassion Mississippi Act; create to allow use of medical cannabis by patients with debilitating medical conditions. Owen. I81.

1013 - (Forestry) Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Bounds. I81. CR157. CU468. V468. RTT468. CU468. RTT468.

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1014 - (Appropriations) PERS; allow retirees to be employed as teachers and work full-time and receive full salary for two years. Miles. I81.

1015 - (Municipalities) "Property Clean-up Revolving Fund"; establish. Rushing. I81. CR140. CU459. V459.

1016 - (Judiciary B) Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Newman. I81.

1017 - (County Affairs) Justice court clerk; authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of a. Horan. I81. CR338. CU378. V378. RS704. SS797. AP862.

1018 - (Judiciary A) Birth parents; release identifying information upon agreement by. Yancey. I81.

1019 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Work and Save Program; establish. Steverson. I81.

1020 - (Corrections) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Brown (70th). I81.

1021 - (Judiciary B) Bail; revise procedures to determine for indigent defendants. Newman. I81. CR139. CU405. V405.

1022 - (Appropriations) PERS; certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service. Newman. I81.

1023 - (Appropriations) PERS; law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Newman. I82.

1024 - (Appropriations) PERS; all members of will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Shanks. I82.

1025 - (Transportation) Mississippi Transportation Commission; apply certain factors for distribution of transportation funds. Williamson. I82.

1026 - (Judiciary B) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Porter. I82.

1027 - (Judiciary B) Juvenile offenders; authorize alternative sentencing and parole options for. Ford (73rd). I82.

1028 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Bounds. I82. CR342. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU538. V538.

1029 - (Public Utilities) Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act; create. Bounds. I82. CR342. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU538. V541. RS673. HC682. MR698. R778. HRC778. HCA872. SCA933. CRO1338. CRA1342. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2182.

1030 - (Public Utilities) Mississippi Broadband Expansion Act; create. Powell. I82.

1031 - (Ways and Means) Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund; create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects. Yates. I82. CR160. CU367. V368. RS680. HRC776. SCA938. HCA951. CRO1415. CRA1416. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2183.

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1032 - (Drug Policy) Nurse practitioners; authorize to dispense legend drugs or medication to their patients. Yancey. I82.

1033 - (Insurance) First Responders Health and Safety Act; revise to provide that the cancer benefits will be paid by the state and not insurance policies. Hale. I82.

1034 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act; create. Hale. I82.

1035 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Velvet hunting season; authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish. Bounds. I82. CR318. CU373. V373. MR411. R484. V484. RS805. HRC818. HCA872. SCA932. CRO1112. CRA1114. SCRA1249. SS1537. AP2182.

1036 - (Universities and Colleges) Community colleges; authorize to assess student fees to offset cost of fire protection services by local governing authorities. Evans (45th). I82. CR343. CU470. V470.

1037 - (Judiciary A) Women's Economic Security Act of 2022; create. Williams-Barnes. I82.

1038 - (Public Health and Human Services) Stillborn children; require death certificate for and require notice to parents that they may obtain birth certificate for. Williams-Barnes. I82.

1039 - (Education) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for school improvements. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1040 - (Insurance) Hurricane deductible; bring forward code sections regarding. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1041 - (Education) Lottery Proceeds Fund; provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for the purposes of funding teacher pay raises. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1042 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health courts; clarify chancery court participation for certification of. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1043 - (Judiciary B) Domestic violence; prohibit those convicted of from carrying weapons. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1044 - (Workforce Development) Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1045 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral directing; issue license for to persons who meet certain criteria and apply within a certain 30 day period. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1046 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1047 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agency and governing authority contracts; require 30% of to be set aside for certain businesses. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1048 - (Education) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Williams-Barnes. I83.

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1049 - (Apportionment and Elections) Automatic voter registration; authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1050 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; revise notification period given to local law enforcement when offender is to be released. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1051 - (Corrections) Parole Board; revise notifications time frame given to victim when the offender is to be released by. Williams-Barnes. I83.

1052 - (Corrections) MS Department of Corrections; provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development. Horan. I83. CR338. CU466. V466. RS705. HRC818. HCA913. SCA932. CRO1297. CRA1302. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2183.

1053 - (Ways and Means) Tax sales; require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. Sanford. I83.

1054 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize county supervisors to authorize county sheriff and deputies to use on state aid roads. Sanford. I83.

1055 - (Agriculture) Regulatory Sandbox Agricultural Innovation Pilot Program; establish. Owen. I83.

1056 - (Public Health and Human Services) Professional Counseling Compact; create. Felsher. I84. CR316. CU425. V425. RS704. SS797. AP862.

1057 - (Marine Resources) Department of Marine Resources; revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by. Felsher. I84. CR158. RTT468. CU468. RTT468. CU534. V534. RS803. SS820. AP930.

1058 - (Marine Resources) Department of Marine Resources; authorize to use any state institution of higher learning as a resource. Felsher. I84.

1059 - (Education) Teacher licensure and qualifications; bring forward provisions relating to alternate route certification. Felsher. I84. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU554. V554.

1060 - (Judiciary A) Youth court; authorize release of juveniles' names and addresses to certain school administrators when juveniles are charged with certain offenses. Felsher. I84.

1061 - (Judiciary B) Residential Landlord Tenant Act; revise evictions procedures of the. Bain. I84. CR315. CU415. V415.

1062 - (Public Property) Mississippi Transportation Commission; authorize to terminate easement on certain real property in Corinth, MS. Bain. I84.

1063 - (Judiciary B) MS Scrap Metal Act; revise and recodify existing scrap metal laws as. Bain. I84.

1064 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Bounds. I84. CR161. CU365.

1065 - (Agriculture) Nuisance animals; bring forward certain sections of law relating to. Pigott. I84. CR137. CU382. V382. RS815. HRC819. HCA872. SCA932. CRO1343. CRA1344. MR1424. MRT1500. SCRA1541. SS1720. AP2182.

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1066 - (Judiciary A) Child support for a disabled child; authorize to continue past the age of majority. Cockerham. I84.

1067 - (Judiciary A) Child support; provide for imputation guidelines. Cockerham. I84. CR332. CU438. V438. RS801. SS820. AP930.

1068 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act; bring forward. Deweese. I84. CR159. CU469. V469. RS802. HRC835. HCA913. SCA1000.

1069 - (County Affairs) Liens for delinquent county garbage fees; require chancery to keep certain record of. Deweese. I84. CR134. CU456. V457.

1070 - (Judiciary A) MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish a program allowing administrative hearings on certain licensing matters. Watson. I84.

1071 - (Transportation) Motor fuel taxes; bring forward certain sections. Busby. I84.

1072 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license suspension; delete exemption from for participating in court-ordered drug-testing program after breath test refusal. Busby. I85.

1073 - (Transportation) Bridges and culverts; revise laws regarding. Busby. I85. CR158. CU400. V400. RS704. SS797. AP862.

1074 - (Transportation) Intrastate CDL; bring forward sections regarding. Busby. I85.

1075 - (Transportation) Transportation network companies; bring forward sections regulating. Busby. I85.

1076 - (Marine Resources) Derelict vessels; provide certain requirements for the removal of. Ladner. I85. CR158. RTT468. CU468. RTT468. CU535. V535.

1077 - (Marine Resources) Molluscan shellfish aquaculture operations; revise licensing of vessels used for. Ladner. I85. CR158. RTT468. CU468. RTT468. CU536. V536.

1078 - (Education) In-service training; require school districts to annually provide to teachers and assistants on human trafficking and exploitation. Ford (54th). I85.

1079 - (Judiciary B) The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights; create. McLean. I85. CR315. CU416. V416. MR428.

1080 - (Judiciary B) Rape trials; revise evidentiary procedures for spousal rape. McLean. I85. CR340. CU417. V417.

1081 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize DHS and Gaming Commission to collect from gaming winnings. McLean. I85.

1082 - (Judiciary A) Child support arrearages; authorize DHS and State Treasurer to obtain from unclaimed property. McLean. I85.

1083 - (Judiciary A) Child Support; require insurers to provide MDHS certain information for noncustodial, delinquent parents. McLean. I85.

1084 - (Education) Physical education curriculum; require full implementation in all K-12 schools. Brown (70th). I85.

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1085 - (Education) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Brown (70th). I85.

1086 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Brown (70th). I85.

1087 - (Workforce Development) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Brown (70th). I85.

1088 - (Education) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Brown (70th). I85.

1089 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and chronic wasting disease control; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Barnett. I86.

1090 - (Appropriations) Foster and adopted children; provide tuition waiver for attendance at public postsecondary institutions. Massengill. I86.

1091 - (Drug Policy) Pharmacies; authorize to perform centralized prescription filling for other pharmacies if certain conditions are met. Yancey. I86.

1092 - (Judiciary A) Tort of Alienation of Affection; abolish. Yancey. I86.

1093 - (Tourism) PEER Committee; require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund. Currie. I86. CR318. RTT478. CU478. RTT478. CU498. V498. RS704. SS797. AP863.

1094 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement; allow interoperability between MSHP and counties and municipalities. Currie. I86.

1095 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Evans (91st). I86.

1096 - (Ways and Means) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Evans (91st). I86.

1097 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations. Byrd. I86. CR138. CU309. V309. RS801. SS813. AP878.

1098 - (County Affairs) Fire protection districts; prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for. Byrd. I86. CR134. CU377. V377. RS705. HC777. SS813. AP878.

1099 - (Judiciary B) "The Real You Act of 2022"; create. Hale. I86. CR340. CU417. V417.

1100 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require to meet certain standards and have a permit from the Department of Health. McGee. I86.

1101 - (Appropriations) Trip optimizer system; exempt youth services counselors from. Beckett. I86. CR312. CU445. V445. RS805. HRC825. SCA937. HCA949. CRO1077. CRA1080. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2180.

1102 - (Education) Nationally certified licensed school employees; delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers. Beckett. I86.

1103 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Public Records Act; revise penalties for person or public body who violates the provisions of. Boyd. I86.



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1104 - (Education) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Arnold. I86.

1105 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Notaries; revise residency requirements of. Aguirre. I86. CR311. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU502. V502.

1106 - (Judiciary B) Freedom of Roadway Act; increase penalties for the obstruction of public passage ways. Aguirre. I87.

1107 - (Public Health and Human Services) Podiatrists; authorize certification for advanced practice for conservative or surgical treatment of the ankle. Aguirre. I87.

1108 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures. Steverson. I87. CR161. CU628. RTT628. CU641. V641. RS863. HRC902. HCA952. SCA981. SRFC1045. CRO1049. HRFC1049. SRFC1164. CRO1200. HRFC1200. CRO1504. CRA1510. SCRA1646. SS2072. AP2188.

1109 - (Judiciary A) Attorney General's Office; authorize Personnel Board to exempt certain attorneys employed by from salary ceiling for public employees. Steverson. I87.

1110 - (Public Health and Human Services) Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital and specify other criteria. Steverson. I87.

1111 - (Judiciary B) Crime Victims' Compensation Fund; revise guidelines for payment from. Ford (73rd). I87.

1112 - (Appropriations) "Back to Work Mississippi Act"; create. Ford (73rd). I87.

1113 - (Transportation) Memorial intersection; designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection." Smith. I87. CR316. CU472. V472. RS801. SS813. AP878.

1114 - (Constitution) The Second Amendment Preservation Act; create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. Smith. I87.

1115 - (Constitution) Voter registration and suffrage restoration; authorize with 5 years. Porter. I87.

1116 - (Constitution) Voter registration; authorize upon completion of sentence. Porter. I87.

1117 - (Judiciary A) Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Shanks. I87.

1118 - (Constitution) Public body; to add "subcommittee" to the definition of. Shanks. I87.

1119 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL presidents, chancellors and provosts; limit salary increase until certain condition related to in-state tuition and fees are met. Sanford. I87.

1120 - (Judiciary B) Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund; create. Sanford. I87.

1121 - (Appropriations) PERS; retired schoolteachers may be employed as teachers in public school districts and receive retirement allowance and salary. Busby. I87.

1122 - (Insurance) Nonadmitted policy fee; divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund and extend repealer on section. Busby. I87.

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1123 - (Judiciary B) Catalytic converters; revise penalties for possession and transport without proper registration. Guice. I88.

1124 - (Youth and Family Affairs) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Johnson. I88.

1125 - (Transportation) Transportation; require MTC/MDOT to utilize all infrastructure bill funds. Reynolds. I88.

1126 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election; provide that all costs of shall be paid with public funds. Eubanks. I88.

1127 - (Banking and Financial Services) Open account; define and prohibit certain provisions of law from applying to retail sales installment contracts. Turner. I88.

1128 - (Tourism) Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center lease contract; remove requirement that the leasing nonprofit organization shall be responsible for utility payments. Calvert. I88. CR318. RTT478. CU478. RTT478. CU498. V498.

1129 - (Judiciary B) Child exploitation materials; clarify how penalized. Steverson. I88.

1130 - (Marine Resources) Department of Marine Resources; revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors. Ladner. I88. CR158. RTT468. CU468. RTT468. CU535. V535. RS704. SS798. AP862.

1131 - (Ways and Means) Secretary of State; authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land. Weathersby. I88. CR161. CU369. V369. RS803. SS815. AP878.

1132 - (Public Property) Private food service; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties. Weathersby. I88. CR142. CU460. V460. RS803. SS821. AP930.

1133 - (Judiciary B) Staging of a motor vehicle collision; make a felony and racketeering activity. Ford (54th). I88.

1134 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Ford (54th). I88.

1135 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Advanced plastic recycling; define terms relating to. Powell. I88. CR313. CU474. RTT474. CU499. LTSC499. CU500. V500. RS801. SS815. AP878.

1136 - (Judiciary A) Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I88.

1137 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional mental health commissions; increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors for certain counties. Barton. I88. CR316. CU426. V426.

1138 - (Judiciary A) Reverse-Location Court Order; regulate and prohibit under certain circumstances. Mickens. I88.

1139 - (Judiciary B) Warrant applications or signature; authorize for violations of implied consent laws. Deweese. I88. CR315. CU453. V453.

1140 - (Judiciary A) Land sold for taxes; require chancery clerk to immediately execute deed of conveyance to purchaser. Clarke. I88.

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1141 - (Judiciary B) Administrative fees, fines, court costs imposed on children involved in Youth Court matters; remove. Barnett. I89.

1142 - (Education) 3rd Grade Reading Assessment; waive requirement for Level 3 score for promotion to Grade 4 during the 2021-2022 school year. Darnell. I89.

1143 - (Judiciary B) Peace officers; prohibit maximal, prone technique including hogtying. Summers. I89.

1144 - (Marine Resources) Floatation devices; require all individuals to wear while certain vessels are underway. Holloway. I89.

1145 - (Public Health and Human Services) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Hines. I89.

1146 - (Public Health and Human Services) Rural Physician Scholarship Program; bring forward sections for purpose of amendment. White. I89.

1147 - (Judiciary B) Child abuse; revise definition to include gender reassignment. Massengill. I89.

1148 - (Judiciary B) Reckless endangerment; create the crime of. Owen. I89. CR139. CU409. LTSC409.

1149 - (Judiciary B) Anonymous reporting of child abuse; remove and add penalties for false reporting of child abuse. Owen. I89.

1150 - (Judiciary B) Crimes; require specification of degree of mental culpability required for commission of. Brown. I89.

1151 - (Judiciary A) Legislative Oversight Act; create to regulate the authority of public officials to defend legal actions. Brown (20th). I89.

1152 - (Banking and Financial Services) Virtual currency; define and provide certain trade/commerce exemptions for. Steverson. I89.

1153 - (Banking and Financial Services) Digital assets; authorize security interests in. Steverson. I89.

1154 - (Banking and Financial Services) Securities laws; provide certain exemptions regarding blockchain tokens. Steverson. I89.

1155 - (Universities and Colleges) Collegiate voters; require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Anderson (110th). I89.

1156 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$9.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Anderson (110th). I89.

1157 - (Judiciary A) Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act; create to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. Williams-Barnes. I89.

1158 - (Workforce Development) 2022 Women's Economic Security Act; create. Williams-Barnes. I90.

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1159 - (Agriculture) Sixteenth section lands; authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. Pigott. I90. CR137. CU383. V383.

1160 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Procurement Review Board; revise the qualifications of members on. Turner. I90. CR329. RTT478. CU478. RTT478. CU503. ML509. V509.

1161 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Turner. I90. CR344.

1162 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Lamar. I90. CR161. CU363. V363. RS805. HRC902. HCA952. SCA981. CRO1417. CRA1420. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2183.

1163 - (Ways and Means) Construction; revise contractor's tax, require certain permits and revise certain licensing. Lamar. I90. CR344. CU397. V397. RS805. HRC902. HCA952. SCA981. CRO1552. CRA1552. SCRA1724. SS2166. AP2187.

1164 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Development Authority; revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010. Lamar. I90. CR344. CU397. V397. RS805. HC901. SS926. AP999.

1165 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. McKnight. I90.

1166 - (Education) Teacher licensure; revise provisions relating to educator preparation programs and standards for nontraditional teaching route through TMI. Bennett. I90. CR330. RTT477. CU477. RTT477.

1167 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Child Protection Services Social Work Loan Repayment Program; create. Bennett. I90.

1168 - (Education) Gifted education; require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. Bennett. I90. CR331. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU491. V491. RS805. HRC875. HCA949. SCA966.

1169 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium. Bennett. I90. CR344. CU370. V370.

1170 - (Education) Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program; expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. Bennett. I90. CR314. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU487. V488.

1171 - (Judiciary B) Marriage; remove prohibition for same-sex. Yates. I90.

1172 - (Judiciary B) Adoption; remove prohibition against same gender. Yates. I90.

1173 - (Education) Public purchasing law; revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and districts. McCarty. I90. CR331. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU491. V492.

1174 - (Apportionment and Elections) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. McCarty. I90.

1175 - (Education) "Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act"; establish pilot program to promote and prepare teachers for the profession. McCarty. I91.

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1176 - (Education) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. McCarty. I91.

1177 - (Military Affairs) Adjutant General; authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department. Carpenter. I91. CR140. CU384. V384. MR411. R485. V485. RS805. HRC818. HCA913. SCA966. CRO1022. CRA1023. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2182.

1178 - (Banking and Financial Services) Commercial Financing Disclosure Law; create. Carpenter. I91.

1179 - (Military Affairs) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services. Carpenter. I91. CR341. CU451. V451.

1180 - (Military Affairs) Mississippi National Guard; revise conditions under which members will be placed on retired list. Carpenter. I91. CR140. CU384. V385. MRWD385.

1181 - (Education) MAEP; determine cost of using average daily membership (ADM) in lieu of average daily attendance (ADA). Gibbs (72nd). I91.

1182 - (Education) School buses; require those purchased after a certain date to be equipped with three-point seat belts. Gibbs (72nd). I91.

1183 - (Appropriations) Lottery proceeds; revise distribution of. Busby. I91.

1184 - (Transportation) License tags, trailers; bring forward code sections regarding. Busby. I91.

1185 - (Transportation) State and Interstate highways; authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. Ford (54th). I91. CR343. CU404. V404. RS802. HRC819. HCA872. SCA933. SCA964. CRO1094. CRA1095. SCRA1429. SS1720. AP2183.

1186 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage law; revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance policy must pay for such. Ford (54th). I91.

1187 - (Insurance) Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act; enact. Ford (54th). I91. CR332. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU518. V518. RS802. HC873. SS917. AP979.

1188 - (Public Health and Human Services) Cosmetology Board; reconstitute membership of and require to appoint an executive director. Currie. I91.

1189 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or service to 5th Squad. Currie. I91.

1190 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Procurement Review Board; revise exemption of contracts for legal services. Currie. I91.

1191 - (Appropriations) State Institutions of Higher Learning; require to develop mechanism to compile data sources on institutional capital outlay projects. Currie. I92.

1192 - (Education) Charter Schools; revise certain provisions related to the authorizer board, appropriation of funds and student funding formula. Currie. I92.

1193 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; set out conditions for engaging in telework. Currie. I92.

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1194 - (Education) "MS Charter School Act of 2013"; revise to include public universities and community and junior colleges as charter school authorizers. Ladner. I92.

1195 - (Insurance) Regulatory sandbox programs; enact. Zuber. I92.

1196 - (Judiciary B) Barbers, nurses and social workers; revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of. Bain. I92. CR315. CU454. RTT454. CU486. V486. MR556. MRT560.

1197 - (Judiciary B) Assistant District Attorneys; revise number per district. Bain. I92. CR139.

1198 - (Judiciary A) "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; revise to align agency requirement with provisions of the "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act." Bounds. I92. CR340. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU513. V513.

1199 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. McCray. I92.

1200 - (Judiciary A) Sale of property; require notice to any junior mortgagor for. Sanford. I92.

1201 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be operated whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Sanford. I92.

1202 - (Military Affairs) Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. Osborne. I92.

1203 - (Judiciary B) Racial Profiling Prevention Act; create. Osborne. I92.

1204 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Department of Education to provide funding assistance to school districts for certain reimbursement costs. Byrd. I92.

1205 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Acquisition Assistance Program. Byrd. I92.

1206 - (Insurance) Firefighters; allow counties and municipalities to pay expenses or provide policies for medical and hospital care. Zuber. I92.

1207 - (Judiciary B) Penalties for electronic crimes by minors; clarify. Darnell. I92. CR139. CU409. V409.

1208 - (Judiciary B) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; require K-9 teams to be certified. Darnell. I93.

1209 - (Banking and Financial Services) Prohibiting Financial Surveillance Act; create. Arnold. I93.

1210 - (Judiciary B) CDL; prohibit for any person convicted under Mississippi Human Trafficking Act. Arnold. I93.

1211 - (Education) National board certified licensed employees; clarify payment of annual salary supplement to certain. Boyd. I93.

1212 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exempt all compensation of persons retired from military. Stamps. I93.

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1213 - (Ways and Means) School ad valorem tax levy; authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. Burnett. I93. CR161. CU364. V364.

1214 - (Energy) Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration; revise laws regarding. Powell. I93. CR339. CU475. RTT475. CU520. V520. RS814. HC836. HC836. SS875. AP964.

1215 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anesthesiologist Assistants; provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. Powell. I93.

1216 - (Judiciary A) South Mississippi Regional Health Care Authority Act; create. McGee. I93.

1217 - (Education) Teacher education program and licensure requirements; remove the option for a 21 ACT score (or SAT equivalent) for eligibility. Williams-Barnes. I93.

1218 - (Judiciary B) State historical markers; person who willfully damages shall be guilty of a felony. Williams-Barnes. I93.

1219 - (Insurance) State Fire Academy and State Fire Marshal's Office; return to special fund agency. Zuber. I93.

1220 - (Judiciary A) Bona fide proof of ownership; provide that certain transactions shall include. Zuber. I93.

1221 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to license and regulate those two occupations. Currie. I93.

1222 - (Appropriations) Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; make certain technical amendments to. Currie. I93. CR312. CU355. V355. RS805. HC872. SS917. AP979.

1223 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Internal audit office; require universities and certain state agencies to establish. Currie. I93.

1224 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Home inspectors; authorize to perform home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Denton. I93.

1225 - (Judiciary B) Election crimes; revise the penalties for certain. Owen. I94.

1226 - (Judiciary A) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Evans (91st). I94.

1227 - (Appropriations) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Evans (91st). I94.

1228 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Evans (91st). I94.

1229 - (Education) MS School for Math and Science; increase licensed employees' salaries by amount corresponding to increases to amount and years in teacher salary scale. McLean. I94.

1230 - (Judiciary B) Rape; clarify the elements of the crime of. McLean. I94.

1231 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral homes; revise various provisions relating to disposition of bodies, crematories and preneed contracts. Haney. I94.

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1232 - (Judiciary B) Catalytic converters; revise penalties for possession and transport without proper registration. Haney. I94.

1233 - (Judiciary A) Officers who may administer oaths; add chiefs of police and sheriffs. Haney. I94.

1234 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise violations of. Haney. I94.

1235 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. Haney. I94.

1236 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Seabee Historical Foundation. Haney. I94.

1237 - (Apportionment and Elections) Secretary of State; require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. Porter. I94.

1238 - (Judiciary A) Justice court; clarify court of record requirements. Porter. I94.

1239 - (Education) School security guard/resource officer; must have required peace officer training to exercise peace officer powers. McKnight. I94. CR331. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU497. V497.

1240 - (Education) MCOPS programs; authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. McKnight. I94. CR331. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU492. V492. RS805. HRC875. HCA949. SCA966.

1241 - (Judiciary A) Court reporters; require to provide a transcript. McKnight. I94.

1242 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elected officials; prohibit state and state district from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Brown (70th). I94.

1243 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. Brown (70th). I95.

1244 - (Judiciary B) "Child Safety Alarm Act"; enact to implement safeguards for children left unattended in vehicles. Weathersby. I95.

1245 - (Education) Task Force to Study and Report on the Funding and Implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Programs; create. McCarty. I95.

1246 - (Education) "Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013"; revise funding for. McCarty. I95. CR339. CU478. RTT478. CU496. V496.

1247 - (Public Property) USM property at Port of Gulfport; authorize to lease or sublease. Bennett. I95. CR342. CU461. V461. RS805. HRC819. HCA913. SCA966. CRO1169. CRA1171. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2183.

1248 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; allow tax credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Johnson. I95.

1249 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Natchez/Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Inc. Johnson. I95.

1250 - (Judiciary A) Campground owners; regulate guest/owner agreements. White. I95.



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1251 - (Education) "Student-Centered Education Act"; enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. Calvert. I95.

1252 - (Appropriations) State Treasurer; authorize State Treasury employees to be compensated at the same tier or plan rate approved by the State Personnel Board for DFA and DOR. White. I95.

1253 - (Appropriations) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Haney. I95.

1254 - (Public Health and Human Services) Psychologists; exemption from Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act. Bell (21st). I95.

1255 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for improvements to Jackson Zoo. Banks. I95.

1256 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Banks. I95.

1257 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Banks. I95.

1258 - (Appropriations) State podiatric forgivable loan program; create. Banks. I95.

1259 - (Apportionment and Elections) Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act; create. Banks. I95.

1260 - (Education) Boards of Education; require those in districts having a mayor-council form of government to be elected. Banks. I96.

1261 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Banks. I96.

1262 - (Gaming) Skill terminal devices; authorize operation of in licensed truck stop facilities. Banks. I96.

1263 - (Rules) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Banks. I96.

1264 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Banks. I96.

1265 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for constructing detention center for misdemeanor offenders. Banks. I96.

1266 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. Banks. I96.

1267 - (Appropriations) Elected statewide and certain district officials; increase salaries of. Banks. I96.

1268 - (Judiciary B) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Banks. I96.

1269 - (Ways and Means) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Banks. I96.

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1270 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a Department of Mental Health group housing facility in Madison. Banks. I96.

1271 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Banks. I96.

1272 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. Banks. I96.

1273 - (Insurance) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information regarding a deceased's. Banks. I96.

1274 - (Judiciary A) Arbitration clause; considered nonbinding in certain contracts. Banks. I96.

1275 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District; require 10% of funds to compensate City of Jackson for police and fire. Banks. I96.

1276 - (Judiciary A) Contracts; require to be written in large print. Banks. I96.

1277 - (Judiciary A) Marriage license; require previously married applicant to provide certified copy of divorce or annulment when applying for. Banks. I97.

1278 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. Banks. I97.

1279 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I97.

1280 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. Banks. I97.

1281 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with maintenance of the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Center. Banks. I97.

1282 - (Judiciary A) Social media company community standards; require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a defendant's communications on social media platform. Banks. I97.

1283 - (County Affairs) County public defenders; require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. Banks. I97.

1284 - (Ways and Means) State of Mississippi; require to pay fire fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provide to state facilities. Banks. I97.

1285 - (County Affairs) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. Banks. I97.

1286 - (Judiciary B) Chancery court; require to order certain persons held pending mental evaluation. Banks. I97.

1287 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for demolishing certain structure in Farish Street Historic District. Banks. I97.

1288 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Banks. I97.

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1289 - (Transportation) Fuel taxes; allocate a portion to the City of Jackson to defray costs incurred as a result of being the seat of state government. Banks. 197.

1290 - (Appropriations) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Banks. 197.

1291 - (Agriculture) Country of Origin Labels; clarify labeling of covered commodities. Banks. 197.

1292 - (Education) Teachers; allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. Banks. 197.

1293 - (Education) Teacher strikes; repeal prohibition of. Banks. 198.

1294 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Banks. 198.

1295 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allowed retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. 198.

1296 - (Insurance) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Banks. 198.

1297 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of groceries. Banks. 198.

1298 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospice care; authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. Banks. 198.

1299 - (Ways and Means) Retail food establishments; prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. Banks. 198.

1300 - (Judiciary A) Perpetual care cemeteries; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. Banks. 198.

1301 - (Insurance) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Banks. 198.

1302 - (Judiciary A) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Banks. 198.

1303 - (Judiciary A) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Banks. 198.

1304 - (Public Health and Human Services) Breastfeeding; authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places. Banks. 198.

1305 - (Public Health and Human Services) Funeral services; require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. Banks. 198.

1306 - (Judiciary B) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Banks. 198.

1307 - (Banking and Financial Services) Credit reports; prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. Banks. 198.

1308 - (Banking and Financial Services) Finance charges; authorize to charge certain percentage rates based on amount of loan. Aguirre. 198.

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1309 - (Drug Policy) Medical marijuana; allow limited growing for personal use. Arnold. I98.

1310 - (Judiciary B) Subpoenas; authorize attorneys who have entered an appearance to issue. Bain. I98. CR139. CU320. V320.

1311 - (Judiciary A) Seventh Circuit Court District; revise number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators. Bell (65th). I99.

1312 - (Education) "Equity in Distance Learning Act"; revise certain provisions of. Bennett. I99. CR313. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU487. V487.

1313 - (Education) "Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act"; create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children. Bennett. I99. CR313. CU413. AA413. V413. RS805. HRC875. HCA949. SCA1000. CRO1527. CRA1534. SCRA1646. SS2072. AP2183.

1314 - (Education) School attendance officers; transfer employment responsibilities from the State Department of Education to local school districts. Bennett. I99. CR331. RTT477. CU477. RTT477. CU492. T492.

1315 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State auditor; authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of the recovery. Boyd. I99. CR329. RTT478. CU478. RTT478. CU510. V510.

1316 - (Appropriations) State revenue; when actual revenue exceeds the estimate, the surplus amount will be used to reduce the state debt. Brown (20th). I99.

1317 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. Brown (70th). I99.

1318 - (Rules) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Banks. I99.

1319 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Right to hunt and fish; Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations needed to protect Mississippians'. Busby. I99.

1320 - (Marine Resources) Cat Island; prohibit the use of a purse seine within two miles of. Busby. I99. CR341. CU521. RTT521. CU541. V542.

1321 - (Marine Resources) Menhaden; prohibit taking of within one mile buffer of Jackson County, Mississippi. Busby. I99. CR158. RTT468. CU468. RTT468.

1322 - (Judiciary A) Remote Online Notarization Act; to create to provide for certain use of with restrictions. Carpenter. I99.

1323 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Tallahatchie River Authority; create. Creekmore IV. I99. CR313. CU474. RTT474. CU499. V500. RS802. HRC836. HCA913. SCA930. CRO1171. CRA1173. SCRA1429. SS1639. AP2182.

1324 - (Judiciary B) Justice court; revise service of process. Crudup. I99. CR315.

1325 - (Tourism) Mississippi Semiquincentennial Commission; create. Currie. I99.

1326 - (Judiciary B) Sex offenders and child custody; revise guidelines regarding the best interest of the child in cases of. Darnell. I99.

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1327 - (Insurance) Automobile liability insurance; provide motorists noncompliant with may not recover loss in accident with compliant. Darnell. I100.

1328 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Industries for the Blind; revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts. Deweese. I100. CR311. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU502. V503. RS803. SS821. AP930.

1329 - (Insurance) Residential flood insurance coverage; authorize. Ford (54th). I100.

1330 - (Education) "MS School Safety Act of 2001"; revise to require school districts to implement safety procedures for computers and electronic devices. Ford (73rd). I100.

1331 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year. Goodin. I100. CR336. CU436. V436. RS801. SS813. AP877.

1332 - (Universities and Colleges) State Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize program to provide devices to students when necessary for remote learning. Harness. I100.

1333 - (Judiciary B) Felon in possession of dangerous weapons; revise penalties. Horan. I100.

1334 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs. Hood. I100. CR313. CU474. RTT474. CU501. V501.

1335 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Antiques boats; exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. Hood. I100.

1336 - (Judiciary A) Home inspectors; authorize to perform home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Hopkins. I100.

1337 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; require to mandate annual filings by rural water associations. Ladner. I100.

1338 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State parks; exempt veterans and active duty from paying fee for entry and use of and provide discount for campsite or cabin rental within. Ladner. I100.

1339 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for additional funding for the William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program. McCarty. I100.

1340 - (Education) Family Engagement Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program; require MDE to establish as a component of the ELC Act of 2013. McCarty. I100. CR331. RTT477. CU478. RTT478. CU493. V493.

1341 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal candidates; clarify residency requirements of certain. McGee. I100. CR336. CU436. V436. RS801. SS813. AP878.

1342 - (Judiciary A) Appraisal management company; remove ninety-day exception to prohibition on removing appraisers from appraiser panel of. Mims. I100.

1343 - (Public Property) Columbia Training School property; authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District. Morgan. I101. CR142. CU398. V398. RS805. HRC860. HCA913. SCA966. CRO1345. CRA1348. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2182.

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1344 - (Appropriations) Highway Patrol and MBN officers; increase salaries of. Oliver. I101. CR312. CU394. V394.

1345 - (Workforce Development) Fair Minimum Wage Act; create. Osborne. I101.

1346 - (Workforce Development) Employment; prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. Osborne. I101.

1347 - (Apportionment and Elections) Mississippi Voter Protection Act; create. Osborne. I101.

1348 - (Rules) State holidays; remove Confederate Memorial Day as. Osborne. I101.

1349 - (Education) Transfer Mississippi Act; create to permit children to attend school of their choice in any school district. Owen. I101. CR331. RTT477. CU478. RTT478.

1350 - (Apportionment and Elections) Legislature; limit terms of members of. Owen. I101.

1351 - (Judiciary A) Affidavit of Scrivener's Error; revise recording of. Owen. I101. CR340. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU512. V512. RS805. HRC889. HCA1003. SCA1018. CRO1319. CRA1321. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2183.

1352 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter registration files; provide the fees to be charged for providing copies of. Powell. I101. CR336. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU543. F544.

1353 - (Appropriations) Budget process; bring forward various sections relating to. Read. I101. CR312. CU394. V395. RS802. HRC825. SCA936. HCA945. CRO2126. CRA2155. SCRA2171. SS2180. PV2218.

1354 - (Education) "Military Star Schools Act"; create to provide transition supports for military families. Roberson. I101.

1355 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mobile barbershops; authorize licensed barbers to operate. Rosebud. I101.

1356 - (Education) "Mississippi Founding Principle Act"; enact to require social studies curriculum to provide instruction on founding documents and principles. Sanford. I101.

1357 - (Education) Former collegiate athlete scholarship program; create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. Scott. I101.

1358 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. Scott. I101.

1359 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Economic Impact of Recycling Study Committee; create. Summers. I101.

1360 - (Banking and Financial Services) Banks and savings associations; align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. Turner. I102. CR138. CU463. V463. RS680. SS697. AP799.

1361 - (Banking and Financial Services) Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law; clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. Turner. I102. CR337. CU464. V464.

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1362 - (Local and Private Legislation) Local and private laws that implement a tourism tax; authorize tax proceeds to be used for water, sewer, first responders retirement fund. Williamson. I102.

1363 - (Judiciary A) Alienation of Affection; establish procedures for causes of action. Yancey. I102.

1364 - (Rules) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Banks. I102.

1365 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for. Gunn. I102. CR336. CU520. V520. RS705. HRC778. SCA937. HCA949. SCRA1001. CRO1008. CRA1008. SS1160. AP1643.

1366 - (Judiciary B) Breaches of security; require certain instances of to be reported to the Office of the Attorney General. Hood. I102.

1367 - (Judiciary A) Real property; establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance. Owen. I102. CR340. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU511. V511. MR556. MRT567.

1368 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; prohibit except to save in a medical emergency. Carpenter. I102.

1369 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Commission for Racial Reconciliation; create. Summers. I102.

1370 - (Judiciary B) Custodial interrogations; authorize electronic recording of. Osborne. I102.

1371 - (Insurance) Firefighters; bring forward code sections pertaining to minimum standards and certification of. Hood. I102.

1372 - (Appropriations) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase creditable service for service with non-PERS employers. Lamar. I102.

1373 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Telecommunications and personal or professional services; provide procedures for emergency purchases of. Currie. I102.

1374 - (Judiciary B) Obsolete crimes; repeal. Sanford. I102. CR315. CU416. LTSC416.

1375 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigator; authorize additional for 13th Circuit Court District. Sanford. I102.

1376 - (Banking and Financial Services) MS Consumer Privacy Act; create to prohibit any agency, department or institution from releasing any personal information. Turner. I102. CR337. CU465. V465.

1377 - (Transportation) School traffic zones; authorize local governing boards to authorize traffic cameras when zone is effective. McGee. I103.

1378 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate certain segment in Prentiss County as the "Corporal Walter Gann Memorial Highway". Arnold. I103. CR316. CU471. V471. RS802. HC874. SS917. AP979.

1379 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; revise physician requirement and prohibit facilities from selling stem cells. Arnold. I103.

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1380 - (Insurance) Health insurance; prohibit premium surcharges based on vaccination or nonvaccination for the prevention of COVID-19. Arnold. I103.

1381 - (Insurance) Life insurance policy; require policy loans to have a fixed rate. Arnold. I103.

1382 - (Military Affairs) Civil Air Patrol members; grant leave of absence from civil occupations in public or private business during emergency relief efforts. Arnold. I103.

1383 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) Small unmanned aircraft; require retailer to register certain information with the Department of Public Safety. Arnold. I103.

1384 - (Appropriations) Vocational education; provide additional funding to school districts demonstrating need for enhancements. Bell (21st). I103.

1385 - (Education) Technical and vocational curriculum; require SDE to develop as alternative to college preparatory curriculum. Bell (21st). I103.

1386 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agencies; authorize Governor to terminate certain appointed agency officials. Hopkins. I103.

1387 - (Appropriations) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Hopkins. I103.

1388 - (Workforce Development) Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act; create. Gunn. I103. CR334. CU420. V421. RS705. HC835. HC835. SS907. AP964.

1389 - (Agriculture) "Mississippi Grain Indemnity Act"; enact. Gunn. I103. CR137. CU383. V383. RS680.

1390 - (Public Health and Human Services) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Arnold. I103.

1391 - (Appropriations) Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program; establish. Bain. I103.

1392 - (Judiciary B) Grain warehouses and grain dealers; increase penalties imposed upon for violations. Bain. I103.

1393 - (Judiciary A) Human trafficking; provide a civil cause of action. Bain. I103.

1394 - (Universities and Colleges) Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program; create. Barton. I104. CR159. CU471. V471.

1395 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Digital Application Distribution Platform Act; create. Bell (65th). I104.

1396 - (Education) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Brown (20th). I104.

1397 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Busby. I104.

1398 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Municipalities "home rule"; prohibit governing authorities from regulating immediate vicinity of health care facilities under certain circumstances. Boyd. I104.



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1399 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Open Meetings Law; revise definition of "public body" for purposes of. Boyd. I104.

1400 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Ethics Commission; revise who is subject to a penalty for violating confidentiality. Boyd. I104.

1401 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Salary increases for legislators; make effective for term of office after term in which salary is increased. Boyd. I104.

1402 - (Appropriations) Unemployment Insurance Integrity Act of 2022; create. Carpenter. I104.

1403 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; include any cause of death under First Responders Act of 2020. Carpenter. I104.

1404 - (Judiciary A) Human Trafficking; provide a civil cause of action for participants or those who benefit from. Cockerham. I104.

1405 - (Public Health and Human Services) Face masks; prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. Crawford. I104.

1406 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund; includes cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. Currie. I104.

1407 - (Appropriations) Children's Advocacy Centers Fund ; require annual appropriation by the Legislature to. Currie. I104.

1408 - (Appropriations) Sheriffs' salaries; increase. Currie. I104. CR337. CU448. V449. MR452. MTL484. MRT555. RS663. HRC707. HCA949. SCA965. SRFC1045. CRO1080. CRA1084. R1169. HRFC1169. SCRA1429. CRO1461. CRA1468. SS1721. AP2188.

1409 - (Appropriations) 911 emergency dispatchers; provide same employment benefits as first responders. Eubanks. I104.

1410 - (Appropriations) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Evans (91st). I104.

1411 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Ford (73rd). I104.

1412 - (Education) "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Ford (73rd). I105.

1413 - (Appropriations) Contract lobbyists; prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. Horne. I105.

1414 - (Appropriations) ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman; establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. Johnson. I105.

1415 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; convert into advisory commission. Ladner. I105.

1416 - (Education) "Student Protected Equal Access Rights Act"; establish to provide students to organize partisan political groups in public schools. McCarty. I105. CR331. RTT477. CU478. RTT478. CU493. V493. RS805. HC990. SS1016. AP1642.

1417 - (Education) Compulsory school attendance; authorize excused absences for student participation in civic engagement or political event. McCarty. I105.

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1418 - (Judiciary B) Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges. Oliver. I105. CR315. CU414. V415.

1419 - (Constitution) Unconstitutional acts of federal government; prohibit state agency or political subdivision of the state from cooperating with a federal agency in implementing any. Owen. I105.

1420 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Owen. I105.

1421 - (Appropriations) ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under Department of Health. Read. I105. CR337. CU449. V449. RS680. HRC707. SCA936. HCA945. SRFC1541. CRO1546. HRFC1546. CRO2045. CRA2052. SCRA2168. SS2176. AP2189.

1422 - (Appropriations) Highway Patrol officers and Narcotics Bureau officers; revise the salaries of. Read. I105. CR312. CU395. V395.

1423 - (Appropriations) District attorneys; increase salaries of. Read. I105. CR312. CU446. V446. RS805. HRC825. SCA937. HCA949. CRO2052. CRA2055. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2186.

1424 - (Appropriations) Criminal investigators; increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of. Read. I105. CR312. CU447. V447. RS805. HRC825. SCA937. HCA949. CRO2055. CRA2057. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2186.

1425 - (Appropriations) ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs; establish under DEQ and Department of Health. Read. I105. CR337. CU450. V450. MR450. R452. V452. RS680. HRC707. SCA936. HCA945.

1426 - (Appropriations) Salary statutes; revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials. Read. I105. CR312. CU447. V448. RS805. HRC825. SCA937. HCA950. CRO2057. CRA2065. SCRA2168. SS2174. BLWS2189.

1427 - (Appropriations) Law enforcement officers and fire fighters; provide premium pay to. Read. I106. CR337. CU450. V451. MR451. R452. V453. RS680. HRC707. SCA936. HCA945. CRO2066. CRA2067. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2188.

1428 - (Banking and Financial Services) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Roberson. I106.

1429 - (Judiciary A) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Sanford. I106.

1430 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle title; authorize beneficiary designation. Sanford. I106. CR161. CU364. V364. V365. RS802. HRC902. HCA952. SCA981. CRO1420. CRA1422. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2182.

1431 - (Appropriations) Mississippi Department of Employment Security; provide waiver process for recovery of certain overpayment of benefits. Sanford. I106.

1432 - (Insurance) Patient Choice Act of 2022; create. Turner. I106.

1433 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Zuber. I106.

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1434 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Zuber. I106.

1435 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Lobbying; revise definition of. Zuber. I106.

1436 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Flowers Park. Crudup. I106.

1437 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. Crudup. I106.

1438 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for certain improvements to Sykes Park. Crudup. I106.

1439 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Scoggin. I106.

1440 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Natchez and Adams County; authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated. Johnson. I106. CR157. CU326. V326. RS389. SS430. AP522.

1441 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Oakland; authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores. Reynolds. I106. CR575. CU586. V586. RS1046. SS1160. AP1643.

1442 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for restoration of the Haley Reeves house in Columbus. Wright. I106.

1443 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. Sanford. I106.

1444 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn State University with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. Harness. I106.

1445 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. McCarty. I107.

1446 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Turner. I107.

1447 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with infrastructure improvements. Turner. I107.

1448 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of aircraft hangers at Hawkins Field. Crudup. I107.

1449 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Youth court services fees and fines; exclude parents and children from payment of. Burnett. I107.

1450 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccinations; require employers that mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for employees to provide exemption process. Yancey. I107.

1451 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccinations; prohibit state and local agencies and officials from mandating COVID-19 vaccinations. Yancey. I107.

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1452 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 vaccine mandates; prohibit the State of Mississippi from imposing. Yancey. I107.

1453 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccine exemption; authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. Crawford. I107.

1454 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 mandates; prohibit imposing upon businesses or individuals. Eubanks. I107.

1455 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccine mandates; prohibit by employers and authorize damages if employer violates. Eubanks. I107.

1456 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccine mandates; prohibit postsecondary educational institutions from requiring as a condition for attendance or enrollment. Eubanks. I107.

1457 - (Public Health and Human Services) School Immunization; authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. Eubanks. I107.

1458 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccine mandates; prohibit schools from requiring as a condition for attendance or enrollment. Owen. I107.

1459 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccine mandates; require employers to provide religious exemption for. Boyd. I107.

1460 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccination mandates; prohibit governmental entity from imposing. Arnold. I107.

1461 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccinations; prohibit employers and the State of Mississippi from requiring proof of. Arnold. I108.

1462 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19; prohibit use of state funds for mandatory administration of vaccine against. Arnold. I108.

1463 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 vaccinations; prohibit governmental entities and public officials from requiring for any person. Arnold. I108.

1464 - (Judiciary B) Stop Social Media Censorship Act; create. Hopkins. I108.

1465 - (Judiciary B) "Social Media Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency Act of 2022"; enact. Owen. I108.

1466 - (Education) 2022 Mississippi Education Task Force; create to review state regulations and accountability system. Bain. I108.

1467 - (Judiciary B) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. McGee. I108.

1468 - (Judiciary A) Licensure; revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. McLean. I108.

1469 - (Judiciary A) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at time of death. McLean. I108. CR340. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU512. V513.

1470 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. Yancey. I108.

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1471 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health Care Certificate of Need Law; repeal. Brown (20th). I108.

1472 - (Constitution) Ballot initiative measure process; revise the statutory provisions of. Boyd. I108.

1473 - (Public Utilities) Utility shutoffs; revise Governor's authority regarding. Mangold. I108.

1474 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Emergency executive order; limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. Williamson. I108.

1475 - (Ways and Means) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Bell (21st). I108. CR344. CU370. V370.

1476 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Sanford. I108. CR336. CU437. V437.

1477 - (Ways and Means) Public purchasing laws; revise certain provisions relating to reverse auctions. Steverson. I108. CR344. CU371. V371.

1478 - (Ways and Means) Public purchases; authorize use of reverse auction for term contracts. Byrd. I108.

1479 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner; revise authority to inflict the death penalty. Bain. I109. CR340. CU418. V418. RS803. HRC819. HCA872. SCA932. CRO1086. CRA1089. SCRA1429. SS1640. AP2182.

1480 - (Judiciary A) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Evans (91st). I109.

1481 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Lobbying; prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. Zuber. I109.

1482 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Horne. I109.

1483 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation/deannexation; require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. Horne. I109.

1484 - (Drug Policy) Tablet press machine; regulate. Arnold. I109.

1485 - (Transportation) Harvest permits; extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes of vehicles. Roberson. I109. CR343. CU403. V403. RS645. SS658. AP679.

1486 - (Transportation) CDLs; require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests. Oliver. I109. CR343. CU403. V403. MR404. R533. V533. RS705. SS798. AP862.

1487 - (Tourism) State song; designate "One Mississippi" as official. Gunn. I109. CR318. CU521. RTT521. CU553. MTLTL553. V553. RS806. HRC825. HCA925. SCA966.

1488 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new dormitory at Jackson State University. Cockerham. I109.

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1489 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Osborne. I109.

1490 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for increasing alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds and crisis intervention teams. Scott. I109.

1491 - (Education) "Dignity and nondiscrimination in Public Education Act of 2022"; create. Williamson. I109.

1492 - (Education) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Calvert. I109.

1493 - (Education) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Hood. I109.

1494 - (Education) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Eubanks. I109.

1495 - (Education) Critical Race Theory and The 1619 Project; prohibit teaching of in public schools, colleges and universities. Hopkins. I110.

1496 - (Education) Critical Race Theory; prohibit instruction of in public schools and state institutions of higher learning. McLean. I110.

1497 - (Education) The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act; enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. Oliver. I110.

1498 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. Ford (73rd). I110.

1499 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Department of Education to provide funding assistance to school districts for reimbursement costs. Byrd. I110.

1500 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University for construction of a dining facility. Cockerham. I110.

1501 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Church of God in Christ historical markers in Holmes County, Mississippi. Clark. I110.

1502 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding certain activities relating to lead poisoning prevention. Bell (65th). I110.

1503 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism, parks and recreation. Hale. I110.

1504 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a multi-purpose athletic training facility at Alcorn State University. Harness. I110.

1505 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with road and bridge projects. Harness. I110.

1506 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with various projects. Harness. I110.

1507 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with various projects. Harness. I110.

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1508 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Progress Community Water Association with water system improvements. Morgan. I110.

1509 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 vaccine mandate; prohibit state and local government from imposing. Gunn. I110. CR316. CU325. V325. MR326. MRT334. RS806. HRC819. HCA872. SCA908. CRO1334. CRA1335. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2188.

1510 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; revise provisions related to the integrity of. Powell. I110. CR336. RTT475. CU475. RTT475. CU544. V552. MR555. R558. V560. RS806. HRC818. SCA937. HCA950. CRO1348. CRA1351. SCRA1543. SS2072. AP2182.

1511 - (Public Health and Human Services) The Abortion Complications Act of 2022; create. Gunn. I111.

1512 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. Harness. I111.

1513 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Union Church Water Association for certain water system improvements. Harness. I111.

1514 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hermanville Community Water Association for certain water system improvements. Harness. I111.

1515 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of improvements to its water and sewer systems. Hines. I111.

1516 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe in paying costs of repair and renovation of town park. Hines. I111.

1517 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs. Read. I111. CR574. CU599. V599. RS864. HRC893. SCA936. HCA945. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050. SRFC1723. CRO1726. HRFC1726. CRO2034. CRA2036. SCRA2168. SS2174. AP2185.

1518 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for providing funds to destination marketing organizations for certain marketing activities. Read. I111. CR574. CU599. V599. RS864. HRC893. SCA936. HCA946. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050. CRO1933. CRA1935. SCRA2168. SS2174. AP2186.

1519 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Jackson Public School District school buildings. Summers. I111.

1520 - (Insurance) Professional employer organizations; provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. Ford (54th). I111. CR339. RTT476. CU476. RTT476. CU519. V519.

1521 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for funding Nursing Education Incentive Program. White. I111. CR574. CU600. V600. RS864. HRC893. SCA936. HCA946. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050. CRO1935. CRA1936. SCRA2168. SS2174. AP2186.

1522 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program. White. I111. CR574. CU600. V601. RS864. HRC893. SCA936. HCA946. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050.

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1523 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Saltillo; authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Turner. CR575. CU586. V586. RS680. SS697. AP774.

1525 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Richland; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax. Weathersby. CR575. CU587. V587. RS882. SS917. AP979.

1526 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Richland; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax. Weathersby. CR575. CU587. V587. RS882. SS918. AP979.

1529 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. Lamar. CR344. CU371. V371. RS803. SS815. AP878.

1530 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Lamar. CR620. CU628. V628. RS863. HRC903. HCA952. SCA981.

1531 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to White Oak Creek. Yates. I348.

1532 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for MAGnet community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I348.

1533 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Byhalia; reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026. Kinkade. I348. CR639. CU852. V852. RS1019. SS1160. AP1643.

1534 - (Local and Private Legislation) Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc. Anthony. I349. CR639. CU852. V852. RS1019. SS1160. AP1643.

1535 - (Local and Private Legislation) Sunflower County; authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center. Anthony. I349. CR639. CU853. V853. RS1019. SS1160. AP1643.

1536 - (Local and Private Legislation) Sunflower County; authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Anthony. I349. CR639. CU853. V853. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1537 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DEQ for ARPA Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program. Read. I349. CR574. CU601. V601. R622. V625. RS864. HRC893. SCA936. HCA946. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050.

1538 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for ARPA Drinking Water and Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs. Read. I349. CR574. CU602. V602. RS864. HRC893. SCA937. HCA946. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050. CRO1937. CRA1938. SCRA2171. SS2173. AP2189.

1539 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Main Street Association to make revitalization grants to Mississippi communities. Lamar. I349.

1540 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts to increase rates of bringing trial courts on to MEC system. Lamar. I349.

1541 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for funding the Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program. Bain. I349.

1542 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DPS for providing premium pay to law enforcement officers and firefighters. Read. I349. CR574. CU626. V627. RS864. HRC893. SCA937. HCA946. SRFC1042. CRO1050. HRFC1050. CRO1939. CRA1940. SCRA2168. SS2174. AP2188.



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1543 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson police department improvements. Gibbs (72nd). I349.

1544 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt property of certain nonprofit corporations. Harness. I392.

1545 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Hattiesburg with infrastructure improvements. McGee. I392.

1546 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for grant program for hospital expansions to increase capacity to care for COVID patients. McGee. I392.

1547 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax. Roberson. I392. CR575. CU588. V588. RS882. SS918. AP979.

1548 - (Ways and Means) Trailers and semitrailers; revise alternative highway privilege tax for. Busby. I392. CR621. CU642. V642.

1549 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Charleston; authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs. Reynolds. I430. CR575. CU588. V588. RS882. SS918. AP979.

1550 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; add'l to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. Read. I430. CR575. CU602. V602. RS822. HC892. SS926. AP999.

1552 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for expanding and improving its crime prevention activities. Bell (65th). I441.

1553 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; DFA to acquire new facility for MS Federation of Women's Clubs in exchange for lease of current headquarters building. Weathersby. I441.

1554 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for costs of repair, renovation and restoration of Haley Reeves House in City of Columbus. Wright. I442.

1555 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of repair and renovation of city parks and municipal golf course. Hines. I442.

1556 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with hangar improvements at Greenville Mid-Delta Airport. Hines. I442.

1557 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for certain blood donations. Gunn. I442.

1558 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson to construct a parking lot. Bell (65th). I442.

1559 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for certain projects in Lee County and municipalities in the county. Turner. I483.

1560 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Hinds County with construction of two water wells and related towers. Stamps. I483.

1561 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Southaven; extend repeal date on restaurant tax. Hale. I483.

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1562 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Southwest MS Community College for construction of a new indoor multipurpose center on the campus. Mims. I483.

1563 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pike County for costs of certain projects. Mims. I483.

1564 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; authorize partial exemption for nonresidential use land that is converted to residential use. Kinkade. I483. CR620. CU629. V629.

1565 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau. Gibbs (72nd). I483. CR775. CU855. V855. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1566 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for distribution to counties and municipalities for water/sewer infrastructure projects authorized under ARPA. Scott. I532.

1567 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I532.

1568 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Agriculture for implementation of Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program. Mangold. I533.

1569 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for purchase of a fire truck for the city fire department. Summers. I533.

1570 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for making physician grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Hines. I533.

1571 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for making care grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Hines. I533.

1572 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar County and Washington County. Hines. I533.

1573 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for replacement of bridges incapable of supporting harvest permit allowable weight. Busby. I558.

1574 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund to be utilized by MDOT. Busby. I558.

1575 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund to reimburse for monies expended to counties due to provisions of House Bill 779, 2019 Regular Session. Busby. I558.

1576 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Aid Road Fund from State General Fund. Busby. I558.

1577 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude active duty military compensation. Porter. I558.

1578 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Oxford repair and renovation of a building for its police department. Deweese. I558.

1579 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc with relocating fire station. Huddleston. I558.

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1580 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; MDOT for matching funds for the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Busby. I558.

1581 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Read. I563. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC893. SS926. AP999.

1582 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Read. I563. CR571. CU594. V594. RS863. SS876. AP964.

1583 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Read. I563. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC894. SS926. AP999.

1584 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Read. I563. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC894. SS927. AP1163.

1585 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Read. I563. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC895. SS927. AP1163.

1586 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. SCA933. HCA942. CRO1050. CRA1052. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1587 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. SCA933. HCA942. CRO1053. CRA1055. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1588 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Read. I564. CR571. CU594. V594. RS864. HC895. SS927. AP1163.

1589 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HRC896. SCA938. HCA942. CRO1055. CRA1057. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1590 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC896. SS926. AP999.

1591 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC896. SS926. AP999.

1592 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HC897. SS926. AP999.

1593 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Read. I564. CR571. CU595. V595. RS864. HRC897. SCA934. HCA942. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. SRFC1724. CRO1951. CRA1955. R2067. HRFC2067. CRO2086. CRA2089. SCRA2171. SS2174. AP2186.

1594 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Read. I564. CR571. CU594. V595. RS864. HRC897. SCA934. HCA942. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. CRO1726. CRA1728. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2186.

1595 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Read. I564. CR571. V592. CU592. RS864. HRC897. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. CRO1729. CRA1731. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2186.

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1596 - (Appropriations) Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Read. I564. CR572. CU595. V595. RS864. HC897. SS926. AP999.

1597 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Read. I564. CR572. V592. CU592. RS864. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. CRO1941. CRA1944. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2186.

1598 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Read. I564. CR572. CU596. V596. RS864. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. CRO1747. CRA1750. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2186.

1599 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Read. I564. CR572. V592. CU592. RS864. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. SRFC1724. CRO1894. CRA1897. R2067. HRFC2068. CRO2076. CRA2079. SCRA2171. SS2175. AP2184.

1600 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. CRO1898. CRA1907. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2184.

1601 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Read. I565. CR572. CU596. V596. RS865. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. CRO1907. CRA1911. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2184.

1602 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Library Commission. Read. I565. CR572. CU597. V597. RS865. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1057. HRFC1057. SRFC1723. CRO1726. HRFC1726. CRO1775. CRA1778. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2186.

1603 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY22. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC900. SCA965. HCA971. CRO1057. CRA1060. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1604 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1061. HRFC1061. SRFC1723. CRO1726. HRFC1726. CRO1783. CRA1788. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2184.

1605 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1788. CRA1793. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2184.

1606 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC900. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1061. HRFC1061. SRFC1723. CRO1726. HRFC1726. CRO1794. CRA1796. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2186.

1607 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Broadband Commission. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1061. HRFC1061.

1608 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1042. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1731. CRA1733. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2186.

1609 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1043. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1984. CRA1987. SCRA2168. SS2175. AP2184.

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1610 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1944. CRA1946. SCRA2168. SS2173. AP2184.

1611 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Read. I565. CR572. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1833. CRA1840. SRFC2075. R2102. HRFC2102. CRO2116. CRA2123. SCRA2171. SS2176. AP2184.

1612 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Read. I565. CR573. V592. CU592. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1750. CRA1753. SCRA2168. SS2174. AP2184.

1613 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Read. I565. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1946. CRA1951. SCRA2169. SS2176. AP2184.

1614 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Health, Department of. Read. I565. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HRC901. SCA934. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1824. CRA1832. SCRA2169. SS2176. AP2186.

1615 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Read. I566. CR573. CU597. V598. MR607. MRT640. RS865. HC899. SS927. AP1163.

1616 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HRC901. SCA935. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1736. CRA1739. SCRA2169. SS2173. AP2184.

1617 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HRC901. SCA935. HCA943. SRFC1041. CRO1061. HRFC1061. CRO1733. CRA1735. SCRA2169. SS2175. AP2186.

1618 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HC899. SS926. AP999.

1619 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HRC901. SCA935. HCA944. CRO1061. CRA1063. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1620 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS865. HC898. SS926. AP999.

1621 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. CRO1064. CRA1065. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1622 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HC898. SS927. AP1163.

1623 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. CRO1066. CRA1068. SCRA1165. SS1426. AP2075.

1624 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1754. CRA1760. SCRA2169. SS2175. AP2184.

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1625 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1840. CRA1842. SCRA2169. SS2175. AP2186.

1626 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO2037. CRA2038. SCRA2169. SS2173. AP2186.

1627 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Read. I566. CR573. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1843. CRA1845. SCRA2169. SS2175. AP2186.

1628 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Read. I566. CR574. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1846. CRA1851. SCRA2169. SS2176. AP2184.

1629 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Attorney General. Read. I566. CR574. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1956. CRA1960. SCRA2169. SS2175. AP2184.

1630 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Read. I567. CR574. V592. CU593. RS866. HRC900. SCA935. HCA944. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1991. CRA1997. SCRA2169. SS2174. AP2189.

1631 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23. Read. I567. CR574. CU603. V603. RS866. HRC900. SCA937. HCA946.

1632 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 2. Hines. I567.

1633 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 5. Hines. I567.

1634 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 3. Hines. I567.

1635 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 1. Hines. I567.

1636 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 4. Hines. I567.

1637 - (Local and Private Legislation) Hotel "occupancy tax" levied in City of Jackson to fund the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Facility and Reserve Fund; increase. Bell (65th). I580.

1638 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for grocers and restaurants that donate food to certain entities. Porter. I581.

1639 - (Ways and Means) Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Newman. I581. CR620. CU629. V629.

1640 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for certain water/sewer infrastructure projects. Yates. I581.

1641 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of two water wells and related towers for a new detention center. Stamps. I581.

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1642 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for construction of two water wells and related towers for a new detention center. Stamps. I581.

1643 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Hinds County for cost of repairs and upgrades to portion of White Oak Creek. Gibbs (72nd). I581.

1644 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for upgrades and improvements to Flowers Park. Crudup. I581.

1645 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Meadville for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure. Harness. I581.

1646 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pattison Community Water Association for water system improvements. Harness. I581.

1647 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Thomasville Water Association for water system improvements. Shanks. I581.

1648 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA to assist God's Living Word Ministry in Walls with construction of a community family life center. McCray. I581.

1649 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA for costs of constructing a training facility for the Walls Volunteer Fire Department in DeSoto County. McCray. I581.

1650 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Health for upgrades and improvements to infrastructure at county health departments. Scott. I581.

1651 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; City of McComb for repair and renovations for water, drainage and sewer infrastructure. Porter. I581.

1652 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Magnolia for repair and renovations for water, drainage and sewer. Porter. I581.

1653 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for rehabilitation of vacant or abandoned properties. Summers. I581.

1654 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for park improvements. Summers. I581.

1655 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for costs of constructing a separate water system for Jackson State University. Cockerham. I582.

1656 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Saltillo for making safety enhancements and upgrades to voting precinct building. Turner. I582.

1657 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge projects. Turner. I582.

1658 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with certain projects in Lee County and municipalities of Tupelo, Baldwyn, Guntown and Saltillo. Turner. I582.

1659 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I582.

1660 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for constructing a football stadium for Jackson State University. Lamar. I582.

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1661 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Development Authority for Mississippi Main Street Association to increase capacity to provide assistance to Main Street communities. Lamar. I582.

1662 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. Lamar. I582. CR583. CU607. V607.

1663 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes. Lamar. I582. CR583. CU606. CE606. V606. RS863. HRC903. HCA952. SCA981. SRFC1045. CRO1049. HRFC1049. CRO1200. CRA1206. SCRA2169.

1664 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA - Office of Insurance for State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan. Read. I582. CR591. CU627. V627. RS866. HRC900. SCA937. HCA946. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO1966. CRA1967. SCRA2169. SS2174. AP2184.

1665 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; DFA - Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges. Read. I582. CR591. CU628. V628. RS866. HRC900. SCA937. HCA946. SRFC1041. CRO1068. HRFC1070.

1666 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Rienzi with certain projects. Arnold. I590.

1667 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with construction of an industrial building. Arnold. I590.

1668 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Jumpertown with wastewater collection system improvements. Arnold. I590.

1669 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Thrasher Water Association with water system improvements. Arnold. I590.

1670 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with certain sewer system improvements. Arnold. I590.

1671 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make certain designation of the use of the tax. Barton. I590. CR775. CU855. V855. RS1165. SS1424. AP1722.

1672 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year. Calvert. I590.

1673 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula - Moss Point. Barton. I590.

1674 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Raleigh; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Tullos. I590. CR639. CU854. V854. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1675 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for capital improvements for state agencies. Lamar. I609. CR620. CU630. V630.

1676 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; reduce rate of tax and authorize additional deduction for certain new businesses. Tullos. I609.

1677 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Pontotoc for relocating fire station. Huddleston. I609.



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1678 - (Appropriations) Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act; create. Johnson. I609.

1679 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; provide premium pay to essential health care workers through MSDH grants. Johnson. I609.

1680 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Jackson State University to build its own athletic stadium. Johnson. I609.

1681 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for ad valorem taxes paid on certain property. Yancey. I609.

1682 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.). Barton. I609.

1683 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Scenic Rivers Development alliance for water, sewer, and tourism and economic development projects. Mims. I609.

1684 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for qualified wood energy products and forest maintenance projects. Horan. I609. CR620. CU630. V630. R641. V641.

1685 - (Ways and Means) Pregnancy Resource Act; create. Gunn. I614. CR621. CU631. V631. RS863. HRC903. HCA952. SCA981. SRFC1045. CRO1049. HRFC1049. SRFC1164. CRO1207. HRFC1207. CRO1510. CRA1526. SCRA1645. SS2072. AP2188.

1686 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for defeasing bonds issued for the purpose of accelerating certain highway projects. Lamar. I615. CR621. CU632. V632.

1687 - (Ways and Means) Children's Promise Act; revise certain provisions. Lamar. I615. CR621. CU631. V631. RS879. HCA952. SCA981. SRFC1164. CRO1207. HRFC1207.

1688 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL for funding certain projects at the University of Mississippi. Lamar. I618.

1689 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for law enforcement officers. Owen. I618.

1690 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. Bell (65th). I618.

1691 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities. Busby. I618. CR621. CU642. V642. RS863. HRC903. HCA952. SCA981. SCRA1165. CRO1207. CRA1209. SS1537. AP2182.

1692 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Town of Summit for repair and renovation of water and sewer. Porter. I618.

1693 - (Local and Private Legislation) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Denton. I618.

1694 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Gulfport; authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission. Bennett. I618. CR639. CU854. V854. RS1164. SS1424. AP1722.

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1695 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. Haney. I635.

1696 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with improvements to Dedeaux Road. Haney. I635.

1697 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with Interstate 10/U.S. Highway 49 project. Haney. I635.

1698 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; increase amount of exemption that a county may allow for a renewable energy project. Reynolds. I635.

1699 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with construction of an access road. Byrd. I635.

1700 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the New Site Water Association with water system improvements. Arnold. I635.

1701 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Rienzi for repair and renovation of and improvements to certain buildings. Arnold. I635.

1702 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair, replacement and relocation of certain sewer lines. Arnold. I635.

1703 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Jumpertown for repair and upgrades to wastewater collection system pumping stations. Arnold. I635.

1704 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair, replacement and relocation of certain sewer lines. Arnold. I635.

1705 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Thrasher Water Association for construction, repair and upgrades to its water system. Arnold. I635.

1706 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Thrasher Water Association for construction, repair and upgrades to its water system. Arnold. I635.

1707 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Jumpertown for repair and upgrades to wastewater collection system pumping stations. Arnold. I635.

1708 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Prentiss County for construction of an industrial building in an industrial park in Booneville. Arnold. I635.

1709 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Auxiliary Boys State Program. Denton. I635.

1710 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. Denton. I635. CR968. CU1138. T1138.

1711 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with drainage channel improvements. Summers. I636.

1712 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Lynch Street Creek. Summers. I636.

1713 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with purchase of a fire truck. Summers. I636.

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1714 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alliance School for Workforce Development with repair of building. Summers. I636.

1715 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Utica for cost of boring projects for gas lines. Stamps. I636.

1716 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Utica for purchasing public works equipment. Stamps. I636.

1717 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Raymond for purchasing public works equipment. Stamps. I636.

1718 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Town of Utica for purchasing and installing new advanced water metering technology. Stamps. I636.

1719 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. Hines. I636. CR968. CU986. V986. RS2167. SS2175. BLWS2185.

1720 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Hernando; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote parks and recreation. Darnell. I659.

1721 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Bell (65th). I659. CR968. CU986. V986.

1722 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I659.

1723 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. Yancey. I659. CR969. CU1138. T1138.

1724 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Marietta with sewer system improvements. Arnold. I660.

1725 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with improvements to the VFW Post 4877 building in Booneville. Arnold. I660.

1726 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; New Site Water Association in Prentiss County for construction and upgrades to its water system. Arnold. I660.

1727 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; Town of Marietta for repair of and upgrades to its sewer system. Arnold. I660.

1728 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repair of and upgrades to the VFW Post 4877 building. Arnold. I660.

1729 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. Williams-Barnes. I662. CR969. CU987. V987.

1730 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. Williams-Barnes. I662. CR969. CU987. V987. RS1724. SS2166. BLWS2185.

1731 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. Summers. I662. CR969. CU988. V988. RS1724. SS2166. BLWS2185.

1732 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County. Summers. I662. CR969. CU988. V988. RS1725. SS2166. BLWS2185.

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1733 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Jackson; extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau and authorize increase in hotel/motel tax. Bell (65th). I674.

1734 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Frankie O'Neal Ward, Jr. of Jefferson Davis County. Bell (65th). I674.

1735 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Oxford; authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve Punkin Water Association. Deweese. I674. CR775. CU856. V856. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1736 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Edna Barnett of Jones County. Scott. I675.

1737 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. Summers. I675. CR969. CU989. V989.

1738 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. Summers. I675. CR969. CU989. V989.

1739 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jo Kendrick Calhoun of Tallahatchie County. Summers. I675.

1740 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Fulton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Bell (21st). I675. CR775. CU856. V856. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1741 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Horn Lake; extend repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals. Hale. I700.

1742 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Hattiesburg; extend repealer on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax. McGee. I700. CR824. CU892. V892. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1743 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Kosciusko; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. White. I700. CR824. CU889. V889. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1744 - (Local and Private Legislation) Rankin County; authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth. Wallace. I700. CR824. CU889. V889. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1745 - (Local and Private Legislation) George County; authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in. McLeod. I705. CR824. CU890. V890. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1746 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Steverson. I705. CR969. CU1138. T1138.

1747 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Clinton; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Gunn. I705. CR824. CU890. V890. RS1046. SCA1166. HCA1168. HRC1198. CRO1403. PO1404. SR1404. HRFC1404. SRFC1541. CRO1711. CRA1713. SCRA1724. SS2166. AP2186.

1748 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Shuqualak; authorize expansion of water services provided by. Mickens. I774. CR824. CU891. V891. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1749 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Bay St. Louis; authorize hotel/motel tax to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Anderson (122nd). I774.

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1751 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority. Ford (73rd). I822.

1752 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. Kinkade. I822. CR887. CU913. V913.

1753 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of New Albany; authorize to possess same powers as a rural EPA and to enter into certain interlocal agreements. Creekmore IV. I822.

1754 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Jackson; authorize increase hotel/motel tax to provide funding for Jackson Convention Center. Bell (65th). I822. CR887. CU914. V914.

1755 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Moss Point; extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax. Anderson (110th). I822. CR887. CU914. V914. RS1020. SS1161. AP1643.

1756 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of New Albany; authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate limits. Creekmore IV. I867. CR887. CU915. V915. RS1020. SS1161. AP1644.

1757 - (Local and Private Legislation) Harrison County; clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be applied to overnight room rentals. Felsher. I867. CR887. CU915. V915. RS1165. HC1400. SS1639. AP2180.

1758 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. Denton. I867. CR1021. CU1138. V1138. RS2167. SS2175. BLWS2185.

1759 - (Local and Private Legislation) Holmes County; authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers. Clark. I867. CR888. CU916. V916. RS1019. HC1198. SS1537. AP2180.

1760 - (Local and Private Legislation) Holmes County; authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation. Clark. I867. CR888. CU916. V916. RS1020. SS1161. AP1644.

1761 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Jackson; authorize additional hotel occupancy fee for the upkeep of the Jackson Convention Complex. Bell (65th). I886.

1762 - (Local and Private Legislation) Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act; create. Foster. I886. CR970. CU994. V994. RS1165. SS1424. AP1722.

1763 - (Local and Private Legislation) Kemper County; authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in. Evans (45th). I925. CR969. CU993. V993. RS1046. SS1161. AP1644.

1764 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Willie Dishmon of Panola County. Jackson. I967.

1765 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Steve Dwayne Moorman of George County. McLeod. I967.

1766 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Jones of Jefferson Davis County. Bell (65th). I968.

1767 - (Local and Private Legislation) Harrison County; authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau or for

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tourism solely in. Bennett. I968. CR970. CU994. V994. RS1165. HC1401. SS1639. AP2188.

1768 - (Local and Private Legislation) Tallahatchie River Authority; authorize the establishment of. Creekmore IV. I968.

1769 - (Rules) Eminent domain; prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition. White. I982. CR983. CU990. V990. RS1249. SS1537. AP2184.

**B. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

H. C. No.

1 - (Rules) Gary Jude Harkins; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Yancey. I23. CR333. CU350. V356. RS524. SS567.

2 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Zuber. I23.

3 - (Rules) Credit scores; urge Congress to enact legislation requiring data analytics companies to disclose methods used to calculate. Taylor. I23.

4 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. Hines. I32.

5 - (Rules) Sanderson Farms; commend upon the celebration of 75th year anniversary. Robinson. I54.

6 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend 9A to require all bills with 50 or more cosponsors to be adopted automatically by the committee of House of Origin. Hopkins. I54.

7 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that during legislative sessions held in even years only appropriations bills shall be considered. Hopkins. I55.

8 - (Rules) Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team; commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship. Roberson. I55. CR118. CU126. V126. RS388. SS430.

9 - (Rules) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Eubanks. I55.

10 - (Rules) State of the State address of the Governor; call joint session to hear. Roberson. I58.

11 - (Rules) Lieutenant Toby Johnson; commend for service during Hurricane Ida. Summers. I58. CR333. CU350. V350. RS524. SS567.

12 - (Rules) Firefighter Linc Tucker; commend for meritorious service. Summers. I58. CR333. CU350. V350. RS524. SS567.

13 - (Rules) Samuel Larry Richey; commend his life upon his passing. Turner. I58. CR134. CU350. V3506. RS524. SS567.

14 - (Rules) Vietnam War Veterans; recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange. Steverson. I58. CR342. CU351. V351. AA352. RS524. SS567.

15 - (Rules) Mr. George Smith; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Zuber. I58. CR333. CU350. V350. RS524. SS568.

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16 - (Apportionment and Elections) Constitution; all elections for statewide office, state district office, member of the Legislature or local office shall be held at the same time as the presidential election. Reynolds. I111.

17 - (Rules) Carroll V. Hood; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Holloway. I111. CR333. CU350. V350. RS524. SS568.

18 - (Rules) Day of Tears in Mississippi; recognize January 22, 2022, as. Eubanks. I111.

19 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to limit legislative term to 3 consecutive terms. Owen. I111.

20 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Karriem. I111.

21 - (Rules) State of the State; authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Roberson. I112. CR118. CU126. V126. RS136. SS155.

22 - (Rules) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Brown (20th). I112.

23 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Anderson (110th). I112.

24 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to revise voter initiative procedure to conform signature requirements to number of existing congressional districts. Stamps. I112.

25 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2023. Arnold. I112.

26 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that member of House or Senate for the first time after January 1, 2023, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Evans (91st). I112.

27 - (Constitution) Constitution; signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed certain fractional portion of total number of signatures required for initiative petition. Arnold. I112.

28 - (Constitution) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. Johnson. I112.

29 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. McCray. I112.

30 - (Rules) Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Banks. I112.

31 - (Rules) Representative Bennie G. Thompson; commend for service as chairman of committee to investigate the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Banks. I112.

32 - (Rules) Safe and Healthy Pregnancies for Working Women Day in Mississippi; designate February 14, 2022, as. Williams-Barnes. I112.

33 - (Rules) James A. Barber; commend service as Executive Director of PEER upon his retirement. Currie. I112. CR333. CU350. V350. RS524. SS568.

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34 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to require all budget legislation to be provided to each member of the Mississippi Legislature 48 hours before committee meeting. Hopkins. I112.

35 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the people's right to hunt. Busby. I112.

36 - (Rules) Congress; urge to call convention of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution to propose amendments limited to requiring the U.S. Supreme Court be composed of 9 justices. Owen. I113.

37 - (Rules) Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi. Currie. I113. CR349. CU392. V392. RS799. SS813.

38 - (Rules) MS Funeral Directors Association; commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work during COVID-19 pandemic. Oliver. I113. CR342. CU350. V350. RS1001. SS1039.

39 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. Gunn. I113. CR330. CU454. V456. MR475. MRT497. RS801. HRC818. SCA999. HCA1002.

40 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new laws or amend existing laws by initiative. Arnold. I113.

41 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to revise ballot initiative process. Boyd. I113.

42 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Banks. I113.

43 - (Rules) Scott Central High School Football Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 2A State Championship. Miles. I113. CR342. CU350. V350. RS524. SS568.

44 - (Rules) Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A Game Day National Championship. Deweese. I113. CR333. CU345. V345. RS524. SS568.

45 - (Rules) Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team; commend and congratulate upon winning 2021 NCAA Division I National Championship. Deweese. I113. CR334. AD346. CU346. RS524. SS568.

46 - (Rules) "Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week"; designate April 11-17, 2022, as. Tullos. I349. CR576. CU583. V583. RS2167. SS2173.

47 - (Rules) Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie; commend her life upon her passing. Carpenter. I430. CR433. CU444. V444. RS799. SS813.

48 - (Rules) Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop; commend upon his 50 years of police service in the State of Mississippi. Ford (73rd). I442. CR576. CU585. V585. RS799. SS813.

49 - (Rules) Northwest Mississippi Community College Football Team; commend on winning MACCC State Championship. Lamar. I483. CR576. CU583. V583. RS799. SS813.



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50 - (Rules) Brittney Reese; commend and congratulate successes as an Olympic medalist. Williams-Barnes. I558. CR576. CU583. V583. RS799. SS813.

51 - (Rules) Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team; commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship. Lamar. I582. CR615. CU625. V626. RS799. SS813.

52 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2023. Arnold. I582.

53 - (Rules) Dr. Sam Polles; recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP. Kinkade. I590. CR615. CU625. V626. RS800. SS813.

54 - (Rules) Raleigh High School Lions Football Team; commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship. Tullos. I618. CR654. CU676. V676. RS882. SS919.

55 - (Rules) Former Representative Michael Weston Janus; commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing. Roberson. I636. CR654. CU707. V707. RS882. SS919.

56 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Karriem. I662.

57 - (Rules) Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team; commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A. Deweese. I662. CR706. CU781. V791. RS882. SS919.

58 - (Rules) Colonel Stanley A. Martin; commend service upon retirement. Weathersby. I675. CR701. CU708. V708. RS882. SS919.

59 - (Rules) Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson; mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing. Smith. I700. CR706. CU781. V791. RS882. SS919.

60 - (Rules) Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Wallace. I700. CR706. CU781. V791. RS882. SS919.

61 - (Rules) Hunter Luis Melendez; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I806. CR868. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1424.

62 - (Rules) Cooper Conner; commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I806. CR868. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1424.

63 - (Rules) Tere Turner; commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I806. CR868. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1424.

64 - (Rules) Laura Bivins; commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. Gunn. I823. CR868. CU904. V916. RS1163. SS1425.

65 - (Rules) Madeline Zimmerman; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC. Busby. I823. CR868. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1425.

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66 - (Rules) Jo Anne Daniels; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis Campus of MGCCC. Busby. I823. CR869. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1425.

67 - (Rules) Monica Donohue; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County Campus of MGCCC. Busby. I823. CR869. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1425.

68 - (Rules) Mandy Withrow; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC. Busby. I823. CR869. CU904. V9046. RS1163. SS1425.

69 - (Rules) Darlene Bush; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of MGCCC. Busby. I823. CR869. CU904. V904. RS1163. SS1425.

70 - (Rules) Angela Butler; commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC. Busby. I823. CR869. CU904. V904. RS1163. SS1425.

71 - (Rules) International Women's Month; designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance. Gibbs (72nd). I823. CR869. CU904. V904. RS1163. SS1425.

72 - (Rules) Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Gibbs (72nd). I823. CR869. CU904. V904.

73 - (Rules) John Girard Guthrie; commend life and legacy upon his passing. McLeod. I823. CR869. CU906. R906. V906. RS1163. SS1425.

74 - (Rules) Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. Holloway. I823. CR869. CU904. V904. RS1164. SS1425.

75 - (Rules) Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of. Porter. I867. CR869. CU904. V904. RS1164. SS1425.

76 - (Rules) Mississippi High School Activities Association; commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary. Bennett. I867. CR869. CU904. V904. RS1164. SS1425.

77 - (Rules) Russian invasion of Ukraine; condemn. McLean. I867. CR869. AD875. CU875. V8756. RS1647. SS2072.

78 - (Rules) Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Gunn. I868. CR888. CU903. V903. RS1164. SS1425.

79 - (Rules) Millicent "Mandy" Gunter; commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Haney. I886. CR939. CU975. V975. RS1542. SS1720.

80 - (Rules) Bobbie Gentry; commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter. Creekmore IV. I925. CR939. CU975. V975. RS1542. SS1720.

81 - (Rules) Global Reman Day; designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi. Carpenter. I925. CR939. CU975. V975. RS1542. SS1720.

82 - (Rules) Mississippi Export Railroad; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Barton. I938. CR970. CU973. V973. RS1542. SS1720.

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83 - (Rules) Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship. Steverson. I938. CR970. CU973. V973. RS1542. SS1720.

84 - (Rules) City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. Mims. I938. CR970. CU973. V973. RS1542. SS1720.

85 - (Rules) Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day; recognize June 20, 2022. Blackmon. I968. CR982. CU1014. V10147. RS1543. SS1720.

86 - (Rules) Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter. Scott. I968. CR982. CU1014. V1014. RS1543. SS1720.

87 - (Rules) The Commercial Dispatch; commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary. McLean. I982. CR1002. CU1037. V1037. RS1543. SS1720.

88 - (Rules) Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi. Reynolds. I982. CR1002. CU1037. V1037. RS1543. SS1721.

89 - (Rules) Legislature; extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. White. RS1248. I1250. CR1250. CU1423. V1423. SS1537.

90 - (Rules) Legislature; change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session. Gunn. I1644. CR1644. RS1646. CU1718. V1718. SS2072.

**C. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

H. R. No.

1 - (Rules) Dr. Alton Cobb; commend the life and legacy upon his passing. Reynolds. I32. CR333. CU351. AD357. SS428.

2 - (Rules) Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Clarke. I32.

3 - (Rules) Head Coach Deion Sanders; commend upon being named the 2021 SWAC Coach of the Year. Bell (65th). I32. CR118. CU142. AD142. SS310.

4 - (Rules) Jackson State University; commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. Bell (65th). I32. CR118. CU142. AD142. SS310.

5 - (Rules) House Rules; amend 104A to require all House committees to be live streamed. Hopkins. I38.

6 - (Rules) Dennis Craig Grisham; honor life upon his passing and express deep sympathy. Steverson. I38. CR333. CU351. AD357. SS428.

7 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new House Rule 77.1 to require discussion of all bills referred to a House committee. Hopkins. I55.

8 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Karriem. I113.

9 - (Rules) Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.; commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson Farms. Robinson. I113. CR118. CU134. AD134. SS135.

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10 - (Rules) Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating; oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such. Brown (20th). I113.

11 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Anderson (110th). I113.

12 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to authorize members of the Appropriations committee to meet and vote remotely. Hopkins. I113.

13 - (Rules) City of Water Valley Electric Department, Tallahatchie Valley EPA and Tennessee Valley Authority; commend upon restoring electricity to Water Valley. Reynolds. I113. CR350. CU393. AD393. SS428.

14 - (Rules) Mr. Mack Elmore Banks; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Roberson. I114. CR333. CU351. AD357. SS428.

15 - (Rules) Mrs. Sherry Ann Plunk Elmore; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Creekmore IV. I114. CR333. CU351. AD357. SS428.

16 - (Rules) James A. Williams; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Faulkner. I114. CR333. CU351. AD357. SS428.

17 - (Rules) Mrs. Mary Lee Pearson-Finch; congratulate upon celebrating her 100th birthday. Scott. I114. CR333. CU351. AD357. SS428.

18 - (Rules) Head Coach Bridget Carmody; commend for being named the 2021 National Federation of High School Coaches Association's Coach of the Year for swimming and diving. Ford (73rd). CR342. CU351. AD357. SS428.

19 - (Rules) Joe N. Lowery II; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Gibbs (72nd). I349. CR576. CU584. AD593. SS607.

20 - (Rules) Hailey Frederiksen; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022. Pigott. I349. CR433. CU444. AD451. SS478.

21 - (Rules) William Earl Bailey, Sr.; commend life upon his passing. Thompson. I442. CR576. CU584. AD593. SS607.

22 - (Rules) Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School Rangers Basketball Teams; commend on winning 2021-2022 Championship for Central Mississippi Athletic Conference Division. Foster. I442. CR576. CU584. AD593. SS607.

23 - (Rules) Rickey Medlocke; commend musical success and becoming a bona fide resident of Mississippi. Hale. I483. CR576. CU584. AD593. SS607.

24 - (Rules) Lake High School Lady Hornets Fast-Pitch Softball Team; commend and congratulate on winning 2021 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rushing. I483. CR576. CU584. AD593. SS607.

25 - (Rules) Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Cheer Squad; commend for winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association's All-Girl National Championship. Hobgood-Wilkes. I533. CR576. CU584. AD593. SS608.

26 - (Rules) Kornfeld's Department Store; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Reynolds. I582. CR615. CU626. AD626. SS632.

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27 - (Rules) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter; commend upon 70th anniversary and its community service. Anthony. I582. CR615. CU626. AD626. SS632.

28 - (Rules) Nakobe Dean; congratulate National Champion Georgia Bulldogs outside linebacker from Horn Lake. Eubanks. I590. CR615. CU626. AD626. SS632.

29 - (Rules) Kossuth High School Cheerleading Team; commend outstanding season of accomplishments. Bain. I609. CR615. CU626. AD626. SS633.

30 - (Rules) Den Knecht; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Barton. I615. CR654. CU676. AD676. SS677.

31 - (Rules) Royce Cumbest; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Barton. I615. CR654. CU676. AD676. SS677.

32 - (Rules) Jerry St. Pe'; commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation. Barton. I615. CR654. CU676. AD676. SS677.

33 - (Rules) Hickory Flat High School Lady Rebels Volleyball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship. Massengill. I618. CR654. CU676. AD677. SS677.

34 - (Rules) Stetson Bennett IV; commend stellar career and athletic accomplishments with the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team. Scoggin. I619. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS677.

35 - (Rules) Richland High School Boys Soccer Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Weathersby. I619. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS677.

36 - (Rules) Florence High School Girls Soccer Team; commend upon winning first MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Weathersby. I619. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS677.

37 - (Rules) Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA 5A State Championship. Hobgood-Wilkes. I619. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS678.

38 - (Rules) Bay Springs Bulldogs; commend and congratulate upon winning the MHSAA 1A State Championship. Tullos. I619. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS678.

39 - (Rules) Sheryl Smith Askew; commend the life and legacy upon the passing of. Roberson. I619. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS678.

40 - (Rules) Chief Wayne H. Payne; commend upon his retirement. Haney. I636. CR655. CU676. AD677. SS678.

41 - (Rules) Bryan Caldwell; commend upon retirement as athletic director of Gulfport High School. Haney. I636. CR655. CU676. AD677.

42 - (Rules) Flora Brown; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Summers. I636. CR655. CU657. AD657. SS658.

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43 - (Rules) Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Williams-Barnes. I636. CR655. CU657. AD657. SS658.

44 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Karriem. I662.

45 - (Rules) Hernando High School Lady Tigers Softball Team; commend for winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Darnell. I662. CR676. CU708. AD7088. SS796.

46 - (Rules) Corinth High School Cheer Team; commend and congratulate upon outstanding season of competition. Bain. I662. CR676. CU708. AD7088. SS796.

47 - (Rules) West Harrison High School Cheerleading Team; commend on winning second consecutive UCA National High School Cheer Championship. McKnight. I662. CR676. CU708. AD708. SS796.

48 - (Rules) Veniti Annette Hall Williams; commend her life and legacy upon her passing. Clarke. I675. CR676. CU708. AD708. SS796.

49 - (Rules) Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship. Powell. I675. CR701. CU708. AD7089. SS796.

50 - (Rules) Myrtle Attendance Center Fast-pitch Softball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I675. CR701. CU708. AD7089. SS796.

51 - (Rules) East Union Attendance Center Urchins Boys Bowling Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I675. CR701. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

52 - (Rules) Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I675. CR701. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

53 - (Rules) Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 4A State Championship. Foster. I675. CR701. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

54 - (Rules) Linda Ross Aldy; commend legacy and service upon her retirement. Reynolds. I675. CR702. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

55 - (Rules) Dr. G.A. "Sonny" Rush; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Calvert. I675. CR702. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

56 - (Rules) Pat Thomasson; recognize and commend as first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Manufacturers Association. Bounds. I675. CR702. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

57 - (Rules) Major General Billy M. Nabors; commend exemplary and outstanding service of to the Mississippi National Guard upon his retirement. Carpenter. I681. CR681. CU682. AD682. SS697.

58 - (Rules) Eddie James Stepney; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Watson. I700. CR702. CU708. AD7099. SS796.

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59 - (Rules) Puckett High School Wolves Girls Basketball Team; commend on winning 2021-2022 MHSAA Class 2A District 6 Championship. Wallace. I701. CR702. CU708. AD709. SS796.

60 - (Rules) Grayson Green McNeil; commend for representing the State of Mississippi at Mrs. America 2021. Tullos. I701. CR702. CU708. AD709. SS796.

61 - (Rules) Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall; commend her life and legacy upon her passing. Banks. I701. CR702. CU708. AD709. SS796.

62 - (Rules) Johnny Allen Morrow; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Banks. I701. CR702. CU708. AD709. SS796.

63 - (Rules) Dr. Dorothy "Dot" J. Benford; commend the life, legacy and contributions upon her passing. Banks. I701. CR702. CU708. AD709. SS797.

64 - (Rules) William Carey University's School of Education; acknowledge and commend success of in combatting teacher shortages in the State of Mississippi. McCarty. I701. CR702. CU708. AD709. SS797.

65 - (Rules) Erin and Ben Napier; honor and commend for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series. Scoggin. I701. CR702. CU703. AD703. SS703.

66 - (Rules) Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation; commend upon 100th anniversary of. Gunn. I706. CR776. CU825. AD825. SS860.

67 - (Rules) City of Jackson; commend upon its bicentennial celebration. Crudup. I774. CR776. CU825. AD825. SS861.

68 - (Rules) Mize Attendance Center Bulldogs Varsity Cheer Squad; commend on second place at UCA National Competition. Tullos. I775. CR776. CU825. AD826. SS861.

69 - (Rules) Meridian High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team; commend and congratulate on winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Young. I775. CR776. CU795. AD795. SS798.

70 - (Rules) Women's History Month; commend and congratulate honorees for contributions promoting women's excellence and empowerment in Mississippi. Gibbs (72nd). I806. CR869. CU905. AD905. SS918.

71 - (Rules) Samuel Earl Wilson III; mourn loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. Watson. I823. CR869. CU905. AD905. SS918.

72 - (Rules) Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise; commend esteemed legal and judicial career upon her retirement. Gibbs (72nd). I823. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

73 - (Rules) East Union Attendance Center Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I823. CR870. CU876. AD876. SS918.

74 - (Rules) Fredrick (Fred) George Burns; commend his life and legacy upon his passing. Watson. I823. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

75 - (Rules) W.C. Handy; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Paden. I868. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

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76 - (Rules) Sam Cooke; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Paden. I868. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

77 - (Rules) Hilda Louise Smith Casin; commend life, service and accomplishments of. Porter. I868. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

78 - (Rules) Linda Gavin; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Robinson. I868. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

79 - (Rules) Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ocean Springs; recognize upon its 25th anniversary. Zuber. I868. CR870. CU905. AD905. SS918.

80 - (Rules) Shake Rag; commemorate the legacy of the community. Thompson. I868. CR888. CU974. AD974. SS996.

81 - (Rules) Benton High School Class of 1972; recognize upon occasion of their 50th class reunion. Walker. I868. CR888. CU974. AD974. SS996.

82 - (Rules) Lusia "Lucy" Mae Harris Stewart; honor life and legacy as the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA and express sympathy upon her passing. Sanders. I868. CR888. CU974. AD974. SS996.

83 - (Rules) Liska Wallace; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Owen. I886. CR939. CU974. AD974. SS996.

84 - (Rules) Alice Walker; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Blackmon. I886. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

85 - (Rules) Judge Denise Owens; commend for 33 years of exemplary service as Hinds County District 3 Chancery Judge, and congratulate upon retirement. Gibbs (72nd). I886. CR940. CU973. AD973. SS996.

86 - (Rules) Honorable Fred Lee Banks, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award. Gibbs (72nd). I886. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

87 - (Rules) Marty Stuart; commend for being inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 by The MAX. Bounds. I886. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

88 - (Rules) Jason Sullivan and Monroe County Veterans Services Office; commend zealous advocacy. Brown (20th). I886. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

89 - (Rules) Matthew Lambert; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Rosebud. I887. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

90 - (Rules) Sharicka Gray; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. McLean. I887. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

91 - (Rules) Becki Cope; commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. Hopkins. I887. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

92 - (Rules) Daylight saving time; urge Congress and President Biden to enact legislation making year-round. Reynolds. I887. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.

93 - (Rules) Ida B. Wells; commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. Faulkner. I887. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS996.



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94 - (Rules) Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Foster. I925. CR940. CU973. AD973. SS996.

95 - (Rules) Ann Tucker; commend for outstanding 62-year teaching career. Robinson. I925. CR940. CU974. AD974. SS997.

96 - (Rules) Dr. Mac Huddleston; commend upon being honored as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association. Roberson. I925. CR940. CU976. AD976. SS997.

97 - (Rules) Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison; commend upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday. Rushing. I938. CR970. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

98 - (Rules) Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer; commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. Holloway. I938. CR970. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

99 - (Rules) Dean Patricia W. Bennett; commend distinguished legal career upon her retirement. Gibbs (72nd). I938. CR970. CU972,. AD972. SS997.

100 - (Rules) Judge Tomie Turner Green; commend distinguished career upon her retirement. Gibbs (72nd). I938. CR970. CU973. AD972. SS997.

101 - (Rules) Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Miles. I939. CR970. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

102 - (Rules) New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach Susanna "Susie" Oglesby; commend on winning the state VEX Robotics Championship. Wright. I939. CR970. CU973,. AD972. SS997.

103 - (Rules) Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Arnold. I939. CR971. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

104 - (Rules) Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Basketball Team, commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Arnold. I939. CR971. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

105 - (Rules) American oil and natural gas; urge President of the United States to take measures to support. Powell. I939. CR971. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

106 - (Rules) Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights; commend upon 25th anniversary. Thompson. I939. CR971. CU992. AD992. SS1015.

107 - (Rules) Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball State Championship. Bounds. I939. CR971. CU992. AD993. SS1015.

108 - (Rules) City of McComb; commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. Mims. I939. CR971. CU992. AD993. SS1015.

109 - (Rules) South Jones High School Marching Band; commend for first place Class 1A at the 2021 Bands of America Regional Competition. Scoggin. I939. CR971. CU**Error!**  
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110 - (Rules) Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team; commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship. Scoggin. I968. CR983. CU1014. AD1014. SS1016.

111 - (Rules) Robinson-Watson Book Company; commend for 29 years of promoting entrepreneurship and economic development. Summers. I968. CR983. CU1014. AD1014. SS1016.

112 - (Rules) Hazlehurst Funeral Home; commend for many years of outstanding service. Holloway. I968. CR983. CU1014. AD1014. SS1016.

113 - (Rules) Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; commend upon 45th anniversary of receiving charter. Paden. I968. CR983. CU1014. AD1014. SS1016.

114 - (Rules) Jasper Earl Perry; mourn the loss and commend the life of upon his passing. Watson. I968. CR983. CU1014. AD1015. SS1016.

115 - (Rules) Burgis M. Ford; commend the military service of while serving with the 51st Regiment, United States Colored Infantry. Clarke. I968. CR983. CU1015. AD1015. SS1017.

116 - (Rules) Bishop C. James King, Jr.; commend ministerial service. Summers. I1001. CR1168. CU1199. AD1214. SS1424.

117 - (Rules) Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the 2021 SWAC Championship. Harness. I982. CR1002. CU1037. AD1037. SS1040.

118 - (Rules) Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team; commend on winning the 2022 SWAC Regular Season Championship. Harness. I982. CR1002. CU1037. AD1038. SS1040.

119 - (Rules) Bob Tyler; commend life of service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi. Reynolds. I982. CR1002. CU1037. AD1038. SS1040.

120 - (Rules) Lyniece Fleming; commend upon the occasion of her retirement. Holloway. I1001. CR1168. CU1199. AD1199. AA1200. SS1424.

121 - (Rules) Copiah Academy High School Colonels Boys Soccer Team; commend and congratulate on winning the 2021-2022 State Championship. Holloway. I1021. CR1168. CU1199. AD1214. SS1424.

122 - (Rules) Dr. Thomas Dobbs; commend for his service to Mississippi during his time as State Health Officer. Miles. I1021. CR1168. CU1199. AD1199. SS1424.

123 - (Rules) Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship. Gunn. I1021. CR1168. CU1199. AD1214. SS1424.

**D. SENATE BILLS**

S. B. No.

2002 - (Agriculture) "Mississippi Grain Producer Indemnity Act"; enact. Younger. RS526. RF649.

2004 - (Public Property) Public lands; extend repealer on section prescribing who may purchase. Turner-Ford. RS526. RF528. CR620. CU734. V734. SS812.

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2007 - (Agriculture) Honey; revise definition of for purposes of labeling requirements enforced by the Mississippi Department of Agriculture. McCaughn. RS526. RF528. CR619. CU726. MTL726. V726. MR772. R780. V780. V781. SRC932. HCA983. CRO1024. CRA1025. SCRA1430. SS1640.

2010 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting; allow air guns, air bows and pre-charged pneumatic weapons, and authorize special seasons for CWD sample collection. Blackwell. RS432. RF440. CR655. CU763. V764. SRC910. HCA1002. CRO1114. CRA1114. SCRA1248. SS1537.

2018 - (Business and Financial Institutions) MS Department of Banking and Consumer Finance conduct periodic joint-bank examinations; extend repealer. Caughman. RS386. RF390. CR619. CU734. V734. SS812.

2019 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Mississippi Debt Management Services Act; extend repealer. Caughman. RS481. RF482.

2024 - (Insurance) Travel Insurance Act of 2022; create. Blackwell. RS386. RF390. CR637. CU750. V751.

2028 - (Highways and Transportation) Designated bridges; name in honor of Zack Stewart. Chism. RS432. RF440.

2029 - (Agriculture) Laws that provide for camps for 4-H Club and that provide for the maintenance of herds at state institutions; repeal. Younger. RS481. RF482. CR619. CU732. V732. SRC932. HCA983. CRO1026. CRA1026. SCRA1430. SS1641.

2033 - (Medicaid) Recipients of Medicaid; extend postpartum coverage up to 12 months. Blackwell. RS433. RF440. CR666. CU771. RTT771.

2034 - (Judiciary, Division A) Intestacy; revise provisions for venue. McCaughn. RS481. RF482. CR638. CU772. RTT772. CU782. V782. SRC930. HCA1021. CRO1322. CRA1322. SCRA1430. SS2069.

2039 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Real estate appraisal management companies; extend repealer on registration provisions. Caughman. RS481. RF482. CR619. CU735. V735. SS812.

2063 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. McCaughn. RS480. RF528. CR669. CU717. V717. MR771. R778. V780. SRC910. HCA952. SRFC1247. CRO1273. HRFC1274. CRO1553. CRA1564. SCRA1646. CE1695. CE2031. SS2174.

2064 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) District attorneys; provide for the appointment of part-time legal assistants. Fillingane. RS440. RF482. CR638.

2066 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) District attorneys; increase annual salaries of. Fillingane. RS523. RF531. CR666. CU769. V769. SRC910. HCA950.

2068 - (Forestry) State Forestry Commission Law Enforcement Officers; extend repealer on authority to appoint. McCaughn. RS386. RF390.

2073 - (Judiciary, Division B) Fleeing or eluding a law enforcement officer; revise offense of. England. RS386. RF390.

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2074 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segments of I-22 in Lee County as "Korean War Veterans Highway" and "Vietnam Veterans Way." McMahan. RS432. RF440.

2075 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial intersection; designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection." McMahan. RS432. RF440.

2076 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Derelict vessel removal procedures; certain public parties may initiate with notifying DMR. Wiggins. RS481. RF482. CR639. CU749. V749. SRC931. HCA952. CRO1357. CRA1364. SCRA1430. SS1640.

2077 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Farms and Families Program; create. Younger. RS524. RF531. RF609. CR619. CU732. V732. SRC932. HCA983. CRO1026. CRA1027. SCRA1430. SS1640.

2081 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Blackwell. RS562. RF649.

2083 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Open meetings; legislative advisory committee members must be invited to stay during executive session. Boyd. RS386. RF390. CR591. CU671. RTT671. CU730. T731.

2087 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Open meetings law for public bodies; require all official meetings to be broadcast via video livestream applications. Boyd. RS526. RF528.

2090 - (Finance) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for Mississippi Book Festival. Blount. RS386. RF390.

2092 - (Tourism) Mississippi Development Authority; require periodic PEER review of effectiveness of Tourism Advertising Fund expenditures. Blackwell. RS526. RF647. CR668. CU727. V727.

2095 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; create. Blackwell. RS115. RF117. CR118. CU119. V122. SRC136. SCRA156. CRO161. HCRA308. SS326.

2097 - (Business and Financial Institutions) MS Real Estate Commission; require to establish program using administrative hearing officers. Sparks. RS115. RF124. CR124. CU143. V143. SS327.

2105 - (Education) School board members; increase pay. Hopson. RS522. RF531.

2113 - (Education) Critical Race Theory; prohibit. McLendon. RS133. RF649. CR662. CU671. RTT671. CU683. MTL683. MPIL683. V695. JI695. JI696. MR698. MRT778. SS816.

2120 - (Appropriations) Department of Public Safety; revise salaries of officers. Hopson. RS569. RF579. CR650. CU710. V710. SRC921. HCA950. CE1631. CRO1648. CRA1654. SS2172.

2154 - (Local and Private) Town of Monticello; authorize tourism tax on restaurants, hotels and motels. Barrett. RS801. RF806. CR824. CU976. RC976. RC976.

2155 - (Local and Private) City of Laurel; authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Barnett. RS801. RF806. CR824. CU976. V977. SC1019. SS1160.

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2158 - (Environment Prot, Cons and Water Res) Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund; authorize payment of administrative costs. McCaughn. RS526. RF528. CR591. CU671. RTT671. CU728. V729. SRC932. HCA983. CRO1173. CRA1177. SCRA1430. SS1640.

2159 - (Finance) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; create. Parker. RS432. RF440. CR669. CU839. V839. SRC910. HCA952. SRFC1045. CRO1049. HRFC1049. CRO1209. CRA1241. SCRA1249. SS2070.

2164 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Tourism; create. Thompson. RS387. RF390. CR668.

2188 - (Finance) Driver's license fees; waive for applicants in MDCPS custody. Simmons (12th). RS481. RF482.

2223 - (Finance) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; authorize for 2021 National Championship Bulldogs. Harkins. RS440. RF482. CR669. CU718. V718. SRC910. HCA952. SCRA1166. CRO1244. CRA1245. SS1537.

2224 - (Judiciary, Division B) Arrest warrants; authorize electronic signatures. Blackwell. RS526. RF528. CR666.

2235 - (Judiciary, Division B) Terroristic threats; revise elements of. Fillingane. RS387. RF390.

2237 - (Judiciary, Division B) Sentence suspension; prohibit for crimes involving the exploitation of children. Fillingane. RS561. RF563.

2244 - (Judiciary, Division B) Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Fillingane. RS561. RF563.

2245 - (Judiciary, Division B) Voyeurism; revise sentencing. Fillingane. RS432. RF440. CR652. CU766. V766. SRC880. HCA971. CRO1303. CRA1304. MR1311. SCRA1543. MRT1630. SS2069.

2246 - (Judiciary, Division B) Warrants; authorize issuance for sex offenses against children upon oral testimony. Fillingane. RS561. RF563. CR652. CU766. V766. SRC880. HCA971. CRO1304. CRA1306. SRFC1428. R1546. HRFC1547. CRO1698. CRA1699. SS2165.

2261 - (Judiciary, Division B) Buddy's Law; order psychiatric evaluations for children adjudicated delinquent for abuse of a domesticated dog or cat. Hill. RS523. RF531.

2263 - (Judiciary, Division B) Adult adoptions; authorize chancellor to waive procedural requirements. Bryan. RS481. RF482. CR666. CU793. V793. SRC910. HCA972. CRO1177. CRA1180. SCRA1544. SS2069.

2269 - (Corrections) Community Service Revolving Fund; extend repealer on authority to collect fees for deposit into. Barnett. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU741. V741.

2272 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility. Barnett. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU742. V742.

2273 - (Corrections) Probation and parole; authorize an offender's employer to submit regular information in lieu of meetings. Barnett. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU743. V743. SRC910. HCA925. SCRA1018. CRO1121. CRA1122. CE1423. SS1537.

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2275 - (Corrections) Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer. Barnett. RS480. RF528. CR637. CU743. V743. SRC910. HCA925.

2276 - (Corrections) State Parole Board; extend repealer on. Barnett. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU744. V744.

2277 - (Corrections) Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act; extend repealer on. Barnett. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU744. V744.

2280 - (Corrections) Corrections; extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention. Barnett. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU745. V745.

2281 - (Energy) Advanced recycling; decrease plastic waste. Carter. RS387. RF390.

2283 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Jordan. RS524. RF531.

2306 - (Elections) Campaign finance reports; amend provisions relating to. Tate. RS569. RF579. CR650. CU771. RTT771. CU782. V782. SRC936. HCA983. CRO1351. CRA1352. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2319 - (Insurance) Child support; authorize DHS to satisfy arrearages with unclaimed property. Michel. RS481. RF482. CR638. CU735. V735. SRC910. HCA984. CRO1322. CRA1323. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2321 - (Judiciary, Division A) Human trafficking; create civil cause of action for engaging in or benefitting from. McCaughn. RS526. RF650. CR666. CU740. V740. SRC880. HCA984. HCA1046. CRO1323. CRA1330. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2326 - (Insurance) Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Act; create. Michel. RS481. RF482.

2335 - (Insurance) State Fire Academy; remove limitation on the number of Emergency Medical Responder students trained per year. Michel. RS387. RF390. CR637. CU751. V751. SRC910. HCA952. SRFC1247. CRO1274. HRFC1274. CRO1430. CRA1435. SCRA1544. SS2172.

2336 - (Insurance) State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; extend repealer on premium payment authority. Michel. RS481. RF482. CR637. CU752. V752. SRC910. HCA952. SCRA1249. CRO1274. CRA1277. SS2069.

2338 - (Judiciary, Division A) DHS Fraud Investigation Unit; require to report certain suspected civil or criminal violation to the State Auditor. Wiggins. RS526. RF528. CR638. CU736. V736. MR771. SRC931. HCA984. CRO1330. CRA1331. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2339 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for hearing aids and services for children under 21. Chism. MRT811.

2341 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child. Parker. RS387. RF390. CR638. CU736. V737. SRC880. HCA984. CRO1331. HRFC1331. SRFC1428.

2350 - (Judiciary, Division A) Certificate of Foreign Birth; allow issuance by Bureau of Vital Statistics. Caughman. RS569. RF579.

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2357 - (Insurance) Volunteer firefighters; allow local governments to pay certain expenses for injury, illness and insurance. Michel. RS481. RF482. RF580. CR637. CU752. V752. SRC910. HCA953. SCRA1249. CRO1277. CRA1277. SS1640.

2358 - (Elections) Candidate filing fees; authorize parties to determine. Chassaniol. RS569. RF646. CR664. CU771. RTT771. CU783. MTL784. V784. SRC936. HCA983. CRO1352. CRA1357. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2362 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Salary cap; exempt certain attorneys employed by Attorney General from. Branning. RS569. RF579.

2371 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Purchasing law; revise threshold for bid requirement. Kirby. RS432. RF440. RF528. CR621. CU733. RTT733. CU781. V781. SRC912. HCA944. CRO1436. CE1436. CRA1449. SCRA1544. SS2172.

2373 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Professional Engineers & Surveyors Licensing Board; remove provision requiring Governor to make appointments from nominees. Wiggins. RS562. RF649.

2397 - (Judiciary, Division B) Controlled substances; authorize automatic defense for charges brought within two years of a federal declassification. Bryan. RS522. RF528.

2413 - (Elections) Elections; prohibit spending of private money on communications to electors. Tate. RS526. RF528.

2415 - (Education) Mississippi Adequate Education Program; bring forward statutes for possible amendment. DeBar. RS526. RF528.

2416 - (Education) Unused leave accumulated by teacher who transfers to another school district; allow to be credited. DeBar. RS432. RF440. CR652.

2419 - (Universities and Colleges) Acute care hospital employee loan repayment program; create. Parks. RS526. RF529. CR667. CU723. V723. SRC866. HCA946.

2421 - (Public Health and Welfare) Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding. Bryan. RS524. RF531. CR653. CU723. V723. SRC967. HCA972. SRC980. CRO1336. CRA1336. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2422 - (Education) Teacher procurement cards; revise deadlines to ensure teachers receive no later than September 1 of each year. DeBar. RS328. RF348. CR652. CU771. RTT771. CU784. V784. SRC880. HCA950. CRO1713. CRA1717. SS2172.

2423 - (Education) Teacher license; allow supplemental endorsement and revise provisions of issuance. DeBar. RS432. RF440. CR652. CU771. RTT771. CU785. V785. SRC880. HCA950.

2424 - (Education) School district employee payroll; allow monthly or bimonthly payments. DeBar. RS328. RF348. CR652. CU771. RTT771. CU789. V790. SRC880. HCA950. CRO1500. CRA1500. SCRA1544. SS2071.

2425 - (Education) State Superintendent of Public Education, I.H.L. Commissioner and Director of the Community College Board; set maximum salaries. DeBar. RS526. RF529.

2428 - (Education) District of Innovation Task Force of 2022; create. DeBar. RS526. RF529.

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2430 - (Education) State aid for construction of school facilities; bring forward sections relating to. DeBar. RS562. RF570. CR665. CU771. RTT771. CU787. V787. SRC880. HCA950. SRFC1428. CRO1527. HRFC1527. CRO1700. CRA1711. SS2174.

2431 - (Education) Procedure for the purchase of textbooks by the State Board of Education; repeal. DeBar. RS432. RF441. CR652. CU771. RTT771. CU785. V785. SS815.

2437 - (Corrections) Work Initiative; authorize the establishment of. Barnett. RS561. RF563. CR636. CU740. V740. SRC911. HCA925. CRO1116. CRA1119. SCRA1166. SS1537.

2443 - (Education) Nationally certified school employees; delete caps on nurses & speech pathologists, add athletic trainers for salary supplements. DeBar. RS569. RF579.

2444 - (Education) Teachers' salaries; provide increase to minimum salary. DeBar. RS131. RF131. RRB132. RS387. RF390.

2448 - (Medicaid) Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; authorize parole for medically frail inmates, licensure and Medicaid reimbursement. Wiggins. RS433. RF441.

2450 - (Insurance) MS Windstorm Underwriting Association; divert nonadmitted policy fee to the State and School Employees' Insurance Fund. Michel. RS526. RF529. CR638. CU753. V753.

2451 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Equal Pay Act; enact. Wiggins. RS561. RF563. CR638. CU737. V737. SRC880. HCA1021.

2460 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Domestic Law Task Force; reconstitute. Wiggins. RS387. RF390.

2461 - (Judiciary, Division A) Landlord-tenant law; revise provisions of to create procedures and protection for evictions. Wiggins. RS523. RF531. CR638. CU738. V738. SRC880. HCA985. CRO1366. CRA1375. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2465 - (Judiciary, Division A) Construction liens; failure to file notice shall not invalidate claim of lien. McCaughn. RS526. RF529.

2474 - (Energy) Municipally owned electric utilities; shall have same powers as electric power cooperatives. Bryan. RS389. RF430.

2476 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Shellfish aquaculture farms; authorize Department of Marine Resources to license. Moran. RS480. RF482. CR639. CU749. V749. SRC931. HCA953. CRO1364. CRA1365. SCRA1430. SS2071.

2478 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Combination seafood dealer and processor license; separate into two licenses. Moran. RS481. RF482. CR639.

2479 - (Agriculture) Mississippi grain warehouse and grain dealers licensure law; revise and combine into grain handler license. Younger. RS526. RF529. CR664. CU727. V727. SRC932. HCA984.

2480 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; conform weight tolerance provision, and remove repealers relating to harvest permits and timber deed grantees. Branning. RS526. RF529. CR591.



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2481 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment of MS-488 in Leake County as Hunky Cross Highway in memory of Austin Morrow & others. Branning. RS569. RF579. CR668. CU772. RTT772. CU788. V788. SS816.

2483 - (Highways and Transportation) Recreational off-highway vehicles; raise width and unladen dry weight limits. Branning. RS432. RF441. CR591.

2495 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund; create. Whaley. RS387. RF390. RF580. CR670. CU772. RTT772. CU794. V795. SRC911. HCA972.

2498 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Water skiing; revise safety requirements. Sojourner. RS387. RF390.

2499 - (Environment Prot, Cons and Water Res) Solid Waste Disposal Law; define advanced plastic recycling. McDaniel. RS523. RF531. CR591. CU671. RTT671. CU729. V729. SRC966.

2503 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set terms of office. Whaley. RS561. RF563. CR670. CU772. RTT772. CU792. V792. SRC911. HCA972.

2504 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; set term of executive director and create division of parks and recreation. Whaley. RS570. RF579.

2505 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing licenses; allow inclusion of organ donor registration. Whaley. RS387. RF391. CR655. CU764. V764. SRC911. HCA972. CRO1115. CRA1115. SCRA1249. SS1537.

2506 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Bow hunting; establish a three day season in last weekend of September for legal bucks. Whaley. RS523. RF531. CR656. CU765. V765. SRC911. HCA972.

2507 - (Highways and Transportation) MS Transportation Commission; repayments to a public entity that advances funds may not include interest or other fees. Harkins. RS480. RF528. CR640. CU746. V746. SRC933. HCA984. CRO1095. CRA1096. SRFC1248. R1460. HRFC1460. CRO1605. CRA1610. SCRA1646. SS2180.

2508 - (Highways and Transportation) Personal delivery devices; regulate. Harkins. RS562. RF570. CR640. CU746. MR746. V747. SRC933. HCA984. CRO1096. CRA1111. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2509 - (Judiciary, Division A) Outdoor advertising signs; remove maximum limits on height and square footage. Harkins. RS523. RF532. CR640. CU747. V747. SRC880. HCA950. CRO1009. CRA1009. SCRA1544. SS2172.

2511 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Saltwater shrimp Captain's License issued by MS Department of Marine Resources; delete requirement. Moran. RS481. RF482. CR639. CU750. V750. SRC931. HCA953. CRO1365. CRA1365. SCRA1430. SS1641.

2512 - (Local and Private) City of Southaven; extend repeal date on restaurant tax. Parker. RS526. RF529. CR1546. CU1631. V1631. SS2068.

2513 - (Local and Private) City of Olive Branch; authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism and parks and recreation. Blackwell. RS661. RF674. CR1546. CU1632. V1632. SS2068.

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2514 - (Local and Private) City of Hattiesburg; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Johnson. RS617. RF634. CR888. CU917. V917. SS927.

2517 - (Highways and Transportation) Logging fleets; authorize voluntary inspection program. Sparks. RS527. RF529. CR640. CU748. V748. SRC933. HCA984. CRO1122. CRA1123. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2519 - (Forestry) Motor vehicle loads; bring forward provisions related to. Sparks. RS527. RF529. CR640. CU748. V748. SRC880. HCA950. CRO1009. CRA1010. SCRA1018. SS1539.

2520 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment of Mississippi Highway 45 for Senator John White. Sparks. RS432. RF441. CR668. CU772. RTT772. CU788. V788. SS816.

2525 - (Public Property) MS Department of Archives and History property; authorize retention of buffer and access corridor on Champion Hill property. Turner-Ford. RS527. RF646. CR667. CU772. RTT772. CU791. V791. SRC920. HCA953. CRO1028. CRA1036. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2530 - (Technology) State Enterprise Security Program; bring forward provisions which establish. DeLano. RS562. RF570. CR654. CU763. V763. SRC920. HCA1021. CRO1188. CRA1191. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2531 - (Technology) Mississippi Emergency Communications Act; create. DeLano. RS570. RF649.

2536 - (Judiciary, Division B) Public Funds Offender Registry; create. England. RS561. RF563. CR666. CU793. V794. MR795. MRT811. SRC911. HCA972. CRO1307. CRA1310. SCRA1544. SS2070.

2537 - (Judiciary, Division B) Fireworks; reduce offense for violation of law from felony to misdemeanor. England. RS387. RF391. CR653.

2543 - (Judiciary, Division B) Department of Public Safety; revise provision related to. Fillingane. RS561. RF563. CR653. CU769. V769. SRC880. HCA972. CRO1180. MRCL1180. CRA1188. SRFC1248. R1250. HRFC1251. CRO1449. CRA1457. SCRA1544. SS2172.

2545 - (Judiciary, Division B) Detached catalytic converter; prescribe criminal penalties to sell unless certain conditions are met. Thompson. RS561. RF563. CR653. CU767. V767. SRC880. HCA972. CRO1376. CRA1384. SCRA1544. SS2069.

2563 - (Judiciary, Division B) Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022; enact. Sparks. RS523. RF532. CR653.

2572 - (Elections) Election commissioners; remove requirement of a skills assessment. Tate. RS570. RF579.

2575 - (Elections) Judicial candidates; revise limitations on speech of. Tate. RS570. RF579.

2584 - (Corrections) "Reentry Court Act of 2022"; authorize pilot reentry courts in certain circuit court districts. Fillingane. RS389. RF430. CR652. CU770. V770. SRC966. HCA984.

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2587 - (Judiciary, Division B) CDLs; treat certain moving violations as regular license holders. Sparks. RS387. RF391. CR653. CU767. V768. SRC880. HCA972.

2600 - (Corrections) The Community Rebound Act of 2022; enact. Sparks. RS570. RF580. CR636. CU741. V741. SRC912. HCA926. SCRA1018. CRO1192. CRA1193. SS1538.

2601 - (Judiciary, Division B) Mississippi Pink Alert System Act of 2022; create. McMahan. RS561. RF563.

2604 - (Energy) Mississippi Broadband Expansion Act; enact. Carter. RS562. RF649.

2606 - (Elections) Statewide Elections Management System; provide for voter's proof of citizenship. Tate. RS522. RF529.

2620 - (Judiciary, Division A) Public records; award attorney's fees for duplicative requests. Thompson. RS527. RF529. CR638. CU738. V739. SRC881. HCA985. CRO1331. CRA1332. SCRA1544. SS2069.

2623 - (Judiciary, Division A) Involuntary civil commitments; limit county's liability for costs of medical treatment. Thompson. RS523. RF532. CR666. CU739. V739. SRC881. HCA985.

2624 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act; create. Thompson. RS432. RF441.

2626 - (Judiciary, Division A) Comprehensive Landlord and Tenant Act; enact. Johnson. RS523. RF532.

2640 - (Business and Financial Institutions) State-chartered banks; revise merger law to conform to the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. Caughman. RS387. RF391.

2643 - (Judiciary, Division A) Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Wiggins. RS524. RF664.

2649 - (Veterans and Military Affairs) Mississippi National Guard retired list; clarify placement of federally recognized officers or men on. Seymour. RS527. RF529. CR620. CU733. V733. SRC911. HCA985. CRO1123. CRA1124. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2658 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; delete language that required rates of reimbursement to not be changed unless amended by Legislature. Blackwell. RS570. RF580.

2659 - (Medicaid) Medicaid waivers and authority of Governor to alter eligibility in accordance with federal law; bring forward. Blackwell. RS570. RF580.

2664 - (Medicaid) Medicaid services; require Medicaid to reimburse licensed birthing centers and to seek necessary waivers. Blackwell. RS524. RF532.

2669 - (Insurance) Insurance company licenses; perpetual until revoked or forfeited. Michel. RS481. RF482. CR638. CU753. V753. SRC911. HCA953. CRO1278. CRA1278. SCRA1544. SS2068.

2690 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents act; bring forward sections. Parks. RS527. RF529. CR640. CU754. V755. SRC930. HCA985. CRO1124. CRA1129. SCRA1249. CE1404. SS1537.

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2698 - (Universities and Colleges) Institutions of Higher Learning; authorize to negotiate long-term lease of property administered by State Port Authority. Thompson. RS527. RF529. CR640. CU755. V755.

2700 - (Universities and Colleges) University construction projects; extend repealer on authority of IHL Board to administer. Harkins. RS527. RF529. CR640. CU756. V762. SRC930. HCA985. CRO1129. CRA1136. SCRA1545. SS2068.

2706 - (Education) Third-grade reading assessment for 2021-2022 school year; allow students who fail to be promoted to fourth grade with remediation. Boyd. RS562. RF650.

2716 - (Economic and Workforce Development) RegionSmart Development Interstate Compact between Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee; ratify. Parker. RS480. RF482. CR621.

2719 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors; revise. Parker. RS432. RF441. CR442. CU553. V553. SS560.

2721 - (Economic and Workforce Development) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Workforce Development Program; create. Parker. RS523. RF532. RF562.

2723 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; revise provisions regarding appointments to SWIB, funds and collaboration. Parker. RS432. RF441. CR656. CU733. RTT733. CU765. V765. SRC924. HCA944. CRO1385. CRA1400. MR1400. SCRA1545. CRO1629. CE1629. MRT1630. SS2181.

2724 - (Appropriations) "MS Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Parks. RS527. RF646.

2725 - (Public Health and Welfare) Medical records; require health care providers to provide within 30 days of patient's request. McMahan. RS524. RF532. CR653. CU725. V725. SRC967. SRC980. HCA984. CRO1193. CRA1194. SCRA1545. SS2068.

2731 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Department of Human Services; authorize to use a combined reporting system. Fillingane. RS481. RF482.

2735 - (Public Health and Welfare) Freestanding emergency room; revise definition to include rural emergency hospital. Suber. RS570. RF580. CR653. CU722. V722. SRC967. SRC980. HCA984. CRO1194. CRA1197. SCRA1545. SS2069.

2738 - (Insurance) Health insurance; revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. Boyd. RS440. RF650. CR665. CU754. V754. SRC911. HCA953. SCRA1249. CRO1278. CRA1279. SS1641.

2739 - (Medicaid) Nonemergency medical transportation providers; require permit and set certain standards related to such service. Parker. RS387. RF391. CR667. CU770. RTT770. CU791. V791. SRC911. HCA950. CRO1534. CRA1536. SCRA1545. SS2172.

2747 - (Finance) Mississippi Native Spirit Law; correct privilege license tax amount to conform with Section 27-71-5(d). Chassaniol. RS432. RF441. CR669. CU718. V718. SRC912. HCA953. SCRA1166. CRO1241. CRA1241. SS1537.

2764 - (Finance) Local Government Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund; extend repealer on MDA authority to use certain funds for expenses. Harkins. RS432. RF441. CR669. CU715. V716.

2769 - (Finance) Ad valorem tax; exempt property owned by a university foundation. Harkins. RS432. RF441. CR583. CU605. V605. SC881. SS907.

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2770 - (Finance) Income tax; extend repealer on job tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises. Harkins. RS387. RF391. CR669. CU715. V716. SRC911. HCA953. SCRA1166. CRO1242. CRA1243. SS1538.

2771 - (Finance) Income tax; extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. Harkins. RS387. RF391.

2772 - (Finance) State Small Business Credit Initiative; authorize MDA to form a private nonprofit entity for economic development. Harkins. RS562. RF570. CR670. CU721. V721. SRC911. HCA953.

2773 - (Finance) Income tax; extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to this state. Harkins. RS432. RF441. CR669. CU715. V716. SC909. SS927.

2776 - (Appropriations) Health Care Expendable Fund; extend date of repeal. Hopson. RS387. RF391. CR650. CU710. V710.

2778 - (Appropriations) Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act; revise. Hopson. RS388. RF391. CR664. CU714. V714.

2780 - (Appropriations) State budget; bring forward certain provisions, create the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, and transfer funds. Hopson. RS432. RF441. CR651. CU711. V711. SRC921. HCA946. SRFC1723. CRO1933. HRFC1933. CRO2109. CRA2116. SCRA2171. SS2179.

2781 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; make various corrections to FY2022 appropriations bills. Hopson. RS527. RF529. CR651. CU711. V712. SRC921. HCA946. CRO1468. CRA1487. SCRA1545. SS2174.

2782 - (Appropriations) Law Enforcement Officers Death Benefits Trust Fund; include presumption of eligibility for officers with COVID-19. Frazier. RS527. RF529. CR651. CU712. V712.

2791 - (Appropriations) Salaries of public officers; bring forward various laws relating to. Hopson. RS527. RF530. CR651. CU712. V713.

2793 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Legal service contracts; clarify exemption from Public Procurement Review Board. Blackwell. RS524. RF532.

2797 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Deficit Prevention Act; require state agencies to notify certain officials when likelihood of a deficit exists. Polk. RS388. RF650.

2803 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Sheriffs; increase salaries of sheriffs for counties with certain population. Carter. RS570. RF580. CR651. CU713. V713. SRC912. HCA950.

2806 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchase bidding; prohibit reverse auctions for any design or construction labor or services. Harkins. RS523. RF532. RF557. CR656. CU656. V657. MR657. MRT662. SS671.

2810 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; provide the terms and conditions for state employees to engage in telework. Blackwell. RS523. RF532. CR651. CU714. V714. SRC911. HCA950. CRO1487. CRA1489. SCRA1545. SS2172.

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2814 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Water Quality Commission; create for the purpose of providing oversight of certain water and sewer systems. Harkins. RS562. RF570.

2817 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; authorize the provision of hospice care services to inmates with a terminal illness. Barnett. RS388. RF391.

2818 - (Public Health and Welfare) "Mississippi County Health Department Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Parks. RS570. RF580. RF618. CR665. CU770. RTT770. CU789. V789. SC965. SS997.

2820 - (Public Health and Welfare) Covid-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program; require Department of Health to establish and administer. Butler (36th). RS523. RF532. CR654. CU724. V724. SRC967. SRC980. HCA984. SRFC1247. CRO1336. HRFC1336. CRO1611. CRA1628. SCRA1646. SS2172.

2822 - (Appropriations) "Mississippi Water and Wastewater Transformation Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022"; establish. Michel. RS527. RF646. RF659. CR664. CU715. V715. SRC921. HCA946. SRFC1724. CRO1974. CRA1984. R2067. HRFC2067. CRO2155. CRA2165. SCRA2171. SS2179.

2831 - (Finance) Sales and use taxes; bring forward code sections for purpose of possible amendment. Harkins. RS523. RF532. CR669. CU719. V720. SC881. SS962.

2832 - (Finance) Bonds; revise uses of IHL bond proceeds for Mississippi State University College of Architecture, Art and Design. Harkins. RS388. RF391. CR669. CU720. V720. SS812.

2839 - (Finance) PERS; increase total book value limit for certain investments from 10% to 20% of total book value of all investments. Harkins. RS481. RF483. CR651. CU772. RTT772.

2841 - (Finance) State Bond Commission; extend reverter on authority to determine appropriate method for the sale of bonds. Harkins. RS481. RF483. CR669. CU715. V716. SC909. SS927.

2842 - (Finance) Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act and related ad valorem tax and sales tax exemptions; extend repeal date. Harkins. RS527. RF530. CR669. CU716. V716. SRC967. SRC980.

2844 - (Finance) Alcoholic Beverage Control Division; authorize construction of new warehouse and contracting for operations. Johnson. RS523. RF532. CR669. CU721. V721. SRC911. HCA953. SRFC1247. CRO1423. HRFC1423. CRO2001. CE2030. CRA2030. SCRA2169. SS2179.

2846 - (Finance) Mississippi Business Finance Corporation; extend repeal date on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. Harkins. RS388. RF391. CR669. CU715. V716. SC909. SS927.

2849 - (Tourism) COVID-19 Destination Marketing Organization Grant Program Fund; create. Williams. RS527. RF647. RF659. CR668. CU728. V728. SRC881.

2856 - (Insurance) Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act; revise definitions to include a battery-charged security fence. Michel. RS527. RF530.

2862 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Child Protective Services, Department of-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS347. RF348. CR651. CU847. F849. SRC921. HCA946. SRFC1043. CRO1068. HRFC1070.

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2863 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS136. RF348. CR651. CU847. F849. SRC921. HCA946. SRFC1043. CRO1068. HRFC1070.

2864 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; National Guard,-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS136. RF348. CR651. CU847. F849. SRC921. HCA947. SRFC1043. CRO1068. HRFC1070.

2865 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS347. RF348. CR651. CU847. F849. SRC921. HCA947. SRFC1043. CRO1068. HRFC1070. CRO2080. CRA2082. SCRA2169. SS2177.

2874 - (Tourism) Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center; revise lease or contract requirements for the operation of. Tate. RS527. RF530. CR664.

2875 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of beer. Chassaniol. RS527. RF530.

2879 - (Elections) Mississippi Voting Modernization Act; enact. Tate. RS570. RF580. CR650. CU771. RTT771. CU783. V783. SRC936. HCA984. SRFC1248. CRO1263. HRFC1263. CRO1457. CRA1460. SCRA1545. SS2166.

2885 - (Education) Partnership between Energy High School Academy and Vicksburg Warren and Claiborne school districts; extend date of repeal on. DeBar. RS432. RF441. CR665. CU771. RTT771. CU786. V787. SC909. SS927.

2887 - (Education) Purchase of school buses; bring forward sections related thereto. DeLano. RS433. RF441. CR652. CU771. RTT771. CU786. V786. SRC881. HCA950. CRO1501. CRA1503. SCRA1545. SS2166.

2893 - (Universities and Colleges) Jackson State University; authorize public/private partnership to develop property owned by foundation. Horhn. RS527. RF530. CR668. CU762. V762. SRC1000. HCA1002. SRFC1247. CRO1400. HRFC1400. CRO1489. CRA1493. SCRA1545. SS2166.

2898 - (Municipalities) Certain municipalities allowed to establish overdue water/sewer payment programs; extend repealer on authority for. Blount. RS523. RF532. CR667. CU773. RTT773. CU790. V790. SRC965. HCA1002. CRO1036. CRA1037. SCRA1166. SS1538.

2899 - (Public Health and Welfare) Community mental health centers; provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract provider. Boyd. RS481. RF483. CR653. CU724. V725. SRC967. SRC980. HCA984. CRO1336. CRA1338. SCRA1545. SS2166.

2900 - (Public Health and Welfare) Newborn screening program; revise certain provisions of. Johnson. RS481. RF483.

2913 - (County Affairs) Counties; delete the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors to report to the grand jury. Wiggins. RS524. RF532. CR653. CU768. V768. SC933. SRC981. HCA1046. CRO1310. CRA1311. SCRA1545. SS2069.

2966 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to the Revenue, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act. Hopson. RS348. RF389. CR574. CU603. V604. SS610.

2967 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to the Health, Dep of-MS Medical Cannabis Act. Hopson. RS348. RF389. CR574. CU604. V604. SS610.

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2980 - (Local and Private) City of Jackson; authorize to continue contributions to Keep Jackson Beautiful, Inc. Norwood. RS1164. RF1249. CR1250. CU1460. V1460. SS2068.

2981 - (Local and Private) Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Simmons (13th). RS661. RF674. CR824. CU891. V891. SRC966. HCA1002. CRO1136. CRA1136. SCRA1166. SS1538.

2983 - (Finance) Bonds; authorize issuance for various Mississippi Development Authority programs. Harkins. RS644. RF646.

2993 - (Local and Private) City of Starkville; extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax on restaurant sales. Turner-Ford. RS882. RF885.

2997 - (Local and Private) City of Batesville; extend repealer on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism. Boyd. RS617. RF634. CR824. CU892. RC892. RC892.

2998 - (Local and Private) Town of Sardis; extend repeal date on restaurant, hotel and motel tax for tourism. Jackson (11th). RS882. RF885. CR1546. CU1632. V1632. SS2068.

2999 - (Local and Private) City of Horn Lake; extend the repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals. Parker. RS618. RF634. CR1546. CU1633. V1633. SS2068.

3000 - (Local and Private) Warren County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Hopson. RS618. RF634. CR775. CU857. V857. SRC920. HCA950. CRO1010. CRA1010. SCRA1018. SS1539.

3001 - (Local and Private) City of Bay Saint Louis; authorize election for 3% tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. Moran. RS879. RF884.

3002 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - General support. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR808. V832. CU833. SRC921. HCA944. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. SRFC1723. CRO1860. CRA1866. R1933. HRFC1933. CRO2090. CRA2096. SCRA2171. SS2179.

3003 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR808. V832. CU833. SRC921. HCA944. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1867. CRA1870. SCRA2169. SS2178.

3004 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural Research, Extension and Land-Grant programs. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR808. CU845. V845. SRC921. HCA944. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1739. CRA1740. SCRA2169. SS2177.

3005 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC921. HCA944. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1741. CRA1743. SCRA2169. SS2178.

3006 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC921. HCA944. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1743. CRA1745. SCRA2169. SS2177.

3007 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC921. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1746. CRA1747. SCRA2169. SS2178.



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3008 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1767. CRA1769. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3009 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1870. CRA1873. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3010 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1873. CRA1877. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3011 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR808. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1885. CRA1888. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3012 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR808. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1888. CRA1893. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3013 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR810. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA945. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1877. CRA1885. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3014 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR810. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1851. CRA1859. SCRA2170. SS2179.

3015 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Hopson. RS612. RF647. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1960. CRA1964. CE2085. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3016 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Hopson. RS612. RF648. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1796. CRA1799. SCRA2170. SS2178.

3017 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Hopson. RS612. RF648. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1043. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1799. CRA1801. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3018 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Hopson. RS612. RF648. CR808. CU834. V834. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1911. CRA1916. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3019 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Military Department. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. CU846. V846. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1801. CRA1804. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3020 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board and Homes. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. CU847. V847. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1805. CRA1807. SCRA2170. SS2178.

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3021 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1763. CRA1765. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3022 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1765. CRA1767. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3023 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. V832. CU832. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1808. CRA1810. CE2085. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3024 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. SRFC1723. CRO1750. HRFC1750. CRO2097. CRA2101. SCRA2171. SS2179.

3025 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1778. CRA1780. SCRA2170. SS2176.

3026 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. V832. CU832. SRC922. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1811. CRA1813. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3027 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC923. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1069. HRFC1070. CRO1926. CRA1932. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3028 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. V832. CU833. SRC923. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1998. CRA2001. SCRA2170. SS2178.

3029 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. CU851. V852. SRC923. HCA947. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1822. CRA1823. SCRA2170. SS2178.

3030 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU826. V826. SS907.

3031 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU826. V826. SC909. SS927.

3032 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. CU831. V831. SC909. SS928.

3033 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU827. V827. SC909. SS928.

3034 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1814. CRA1816. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3035 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU827. V827. SC909. SS928.

3036 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU828. V828. SC909. SS928.

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3037 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU828. V828. SC909. SS928.

3038 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR810. V832. CU833. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1761. CRA1763. SCRA2170. SS2178.

3039 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Hopson. RS613. RF648. CR807. CU829. V829. SC909. SS928.

3040 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR807. CU829. V830. SC909. SS928.

3041 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR807. CU830. V830. SC909. SS928.

3042 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR807. CU831. V831. SC909. SS928.

3043 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR809. CU846. V846. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1780. CRA1783. SCRA2170. SS2178.

3044 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR807. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1816. CRA1818. SCRA2170. SS2177.

3045 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR808. CU837. V838. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO2102. CRA2109. CE2126. SCRA2172. SS2178.

3046 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Hopson. RS613. RF649. CR808. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1818. CRA1820. SCRA2170. SS2178.

3047 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Hopson. RS614. RF649. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1987. CRA1990. SCRA2171. SS2178.

3048 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR808. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1917. CRA1921. SCRA2171. SS2178.

3049 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR808. CU837. V837. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1921. CRA1925. SCRA2171. SS2177.

3050 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Department of Tourism. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR808. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948.

3051 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Personnel Board. Hopson. RS614. RF649. CR809. V832. CU833. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1770. CRA1771. SCRA2171. SS2178.

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3052 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Secretary of State. Hopson. RS614. RF649. CR808. CU835. V835. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1772. CRA1775. SCRA2171. SS2178.

3053 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Hopson. RS614. RF649. CR808. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO2038. CRA2041. SCRA2171. SS2177.

3054 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Hopson. RS614. RF649. CR808. V832. CU832. SRC923. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1070. HRFC1070. CRO1820. CRA1821. SCRA2171. SS2178.

3055 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; additional appropriations for various state agencies. Hopson. RS614. RF649. CR810. CU832. V832. SRC924. HCA948. CRO1070. CRA1073. SCRA1166. SS1538.

3056 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to Environmental Quality for the MS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Act-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR810. CU850. V850. SRC924. HCA948. SRFC1044. CRO1073. CRO1074. HRFC1074. CRO1968. CRA1969. SCRA2172. SS2179.

3057 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to Accelerate MS for the ARPA Nurse/Health Science Workforce Programs-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR810. CU847. F849. SRC924. HCA948. SRFC1045. CRO1073. CRO1074. HRFC1074.

3058 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to IHL SFA for the Nurse and Allied Health Loan Repayment Program-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR810. CU847. F849. SRC924. HCA948. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074.

3059 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA for the COVID-19 DMO Grant Program, -ARPA. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR811. CU848. F849. SRC924. HCA949. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074.

3060 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to Health Department for the Covid-19 Hospital Capacity Program and operations-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR811. CU848. F849. SRC924. HCA949. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074. CRO1970. CRA1971. SCRA2171. SS2179.

3061 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to Public Safety, Department of; Coronavirus Death Benefits-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF645. CR811. CU848. F849. SRC924. HCA972. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074.

3062 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Building,-ARPA Funds. Hopson. RS617. RF645. CR811. CU851. V851. SRC924. HCA949. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074. SRFC1723. CRO1933. HRFC1933. CRO2082. CRA2085. SCRA2172. SS2179.

3063 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Additional to Public Safety, Department of; for operations-ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF646. CR811. CU848. F849. SRC924. HCA949. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074.

3064 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA for the MAICU Grant Program, -ARPA funds. Hopson. RS614. RF646. CR811. CU848. V849. SRC924. HCA949. SRFC1045. CRO1074. HRFC1074. CRO1972. CRA1973. SRFC2075. R2102. HRFC2102. CRO2124. CRA2125. SCRA2172. SS2177.

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3065 - (Local and Private) Jackson County; authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.). Wiggins. RS661. RF674. CR775. CU857. V858. SRC920. HCA951. CRO1011. CRA1011. SCRA1164. SS1538.

3066 - (Local and Private) Jackson County; authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula-Moss Point. Wiggins. RS661. RF674. CR775. CU858. V858. SRC920. HCA951. CRO1012. CRA1012. SCRA1164. SS1538.

3067 - (Local and Private) City of Meridian; authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and employees every year. Tate. RS661. RF674. CR775. CU859. V859. SRC920. HCA951. CRO1012. CRA1013. SCRA1018. SS1539.

3068 - (Local and Private) City of Vicksburg; authorize contribution to American Legion Auxiliary Boys State Program. Hopson. RS661. RF674. CR775. CU859. V859. SRC920. HCA951. CRO1013. CRA1013. SCRA1018. SS1539.

3069 - (Local and Private) Marshall County; add Care Now Food Pantry as a 501(c)(3) qualified charitable organization to which county may contribute. Whaley. RS661. RF674. CR775. CU860. V860. SRC966. HCA984. CRO1137. CRA1137. SCRA1166. SS1538.

3150 - (Finance) Bonds; increase amount authorized for Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund, and allow use for additional improvements. Frazier. RS644. RF646. CR817. CU839. V839. SS907.

3153 - (Finance) Bonds; authorize to assist in paying costs of IHL, community and junior colleges, and state agencies capital improvements. Harkins. RS644. RF646. CR817. CU840. V840. SRC911. HCA953.

3163 - (Finance) Income tax; authorize credit for certain expenditures for railroad reconstruction or replacement or new rail infrastructure. Harkins. RS644. RF646. CR817. CU841. V845. SRC912. HCA953.

3164 - (Finance) Taxation; cut grocery tax by 2%, phase out 4% income tax bracket, cut General Fund portion of car tag fees, and give rebate. Harkins. RS645. RF646. CR817. CU819. V819. SRC912. HCA953.

3167 - (Appropriations) Capital Expense Funds; FY2023 appropriation to MDOT for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. Hopson. RS644. RF646.

3181 - (Local and Private) City of Grenada; extend repealer on tourism tax. Chassaniol. RS882. RF886. CR969. CU993. V993. SC1019. SS1160.

3200 - (Local and Private) Washington County; extend the repeal date on the hotel and motel tax supporting a sports complex. Simmons (12th). RS882. RF886. CR969. CU994. RC994.

3202 - (Local and Private) City of Madison; authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square Redevelopment Authority. Michel. RS1019. RF1166. CR1167. CU1401. V1402. SS2069.

3206 - (Local and Private) Marshall County; authorize contributions to Byhalia Area Arts Council. Whaley. RS1019. RF1166. CR1167. CU1402. V1402. SS2068.

3208 - (Local and Private) Rankin County; authorize certain road project contracts extending more than 30 days after term of current board. Kirby. RS1019. RF1167. CR1167. CU1402. V1403. SS2069.

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3209 - (Local and Private) City of Hernando; authorize election for restaurant tax to fund capital improvements related to parks and recreation. McLendon. RS1019. RF1167. CR1546. CU1633. V1633. SS2069.

3211 - (Local and Private) Meridian Public School District; authorize transfer of former school property to Meridian Housing Authority. Tate. RS1019. RF1167. CR1167. CU1403. V1403. SS2069.

**E. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

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501 - (Rules) Commend Philadelphia Automobile Dealer Bill Griffis for his nomination for the 2022 TIME Dealer of the Year Award. Branning. RS388. RF391. CR433. CU444. V444. SS2189.

502 - (Rules) Commend former Mississippi Representative Honorable Fred Banks on his receipt of "2021 Lifetime Achievement Award" by MS BAR. Frazier. RS388. RF391. CR433. CU444. V444. SS616.

503 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of former Senator Joseph Stogner of Sandy Hook, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Hill. RS388. RF391. CR433. CU444. V444. SS907.

504 - (Rules) Commend Columbia High School "Wildcats" Football Team for first State Championship since 1982. Hill. RS388. RF391. CR433. CU444. V444. SS556.

505 - (Rules) Recognize legacy of NFL Hall of Fame Running Back Walter Payton and dedication of "Walter Payton Field" in Columbia, Mississippi. Hill. RS388. RF391. CR433. CU444. V444. SS610.

506 - (Rules) Commend Mississippi Humanities Council on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary. Blount. RS388. RF392. CR434. CU444. V444. SS578.

507 - (Rules) Extending the deepest sympathy on the passing of former Mississippi First Lady and community activist Elise Winter. Blount. RS388. RF392. CR434. CU444. V444. SS578.

508 - (Rules) Paying tribute to public health career and contributions of respected state health officer and first Medicaid Director Dr. Alton Cobb. Blount. RS388. RF392. CR434. CU444. V444. SS578.

509 - (Rules) Commend State Parole Board Chairman Steven Pickett on the occasion of his retirement. Blount. RS388. RF392. CR434. CU444. V445. SS556.

510 - (Rules) Commend Mississippi "Braves" Baseball Team for winning the Double A South Championship. Kirby. RS388. RF392. CR434. CU444. V445. SS610.

512 - (Rules) Remember legacy of former POW and Retired Air Force Colonel Carlyle "Smitty" Harris at U.S. Post Office dedication in his honor. McMahan. RS524. RF530. CR576. CU584. V584. SS616.

513 - (Rules) Commend William (Bill) Bynum CEO of HOPE in Jackson, Mississippi, as recipient of 26th Heinz Award for the Economy. Jackson (11th). RS525. RF530. CR576. CU584. V584. SS611.

514 - (Rules) Congratulate MSU 2021 Baseball Team on National Championship. Harkins. RS388. RF392. CR434. CU444. V445. SS616.

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515 - (Rules) Commend Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium on its 50th Anniversary and recognize its achievements. Seymour. RS525. RF530. CR576. CU584. V584. SS611.

516 - (Rules) Recognize March 2022 as "Kidney Disease Awareness Month." Kirby. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V584. SS610.

517 - (Rules) Extend sympathy of Legislature to surviving family of former Mayor, attorney, and blues promoter Bill Luckett of Clarksdale. Jackson (11th). RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V584. SS616.

522 - (Rules) Celebrating the legendary Mississippi basketball Coach Lafayette Stribling and extending the sympathy of Legislature. Norwood. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V584. SS616.

525 - (Rules) Commend James A. Barber on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of PEER. Blackwell. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V584. SS616.

526 - (Rules) Express sympathy and remember the legacy of Lusia (Lucy) Harris of Minter City, Mississippi, "The Queen of Basketball." Jordan. RS389. RF392. CR434. CU444. V445. SS610.

527 - (Rules) Commend University of Mississippi Women's Golf Team and Coach Kory Henkes for winning their first National Title in school history. Michel. RS136. RF335. CR342. CU345. V3451. SS385.

530 - (Rules) Celebrate life and commend military service of Bridgette Rochelle Horn. Branning. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V584. SS611.

532 - (Rules) Commend University of Mississippi Quarterback Matt Corral for leading team to best regular season in program history. Michel. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V585. SS616.

534 - (Rules) Congratulate Jackson State University "Tigers" Football Team and Coach Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders for remarkable season. Norwood. RS389. RF392. CR434. CU444. V445. SS556.

535 - (Rules) Recognize The Williams Brothers as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement in Music. Horhn. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V585. SS610.

536 - (Rules) Recognize Larry Gordon as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement in Motion Pictures/Television. Horhn. RS525. RF530. CR577. CU584. V585. SS610.

537 - (Rules) Recognize Holly Lange as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award Governor's Choice. Horhn. RS525. RF531. CR577. CU584. V585. SS610.

538 - (Rules) Recognize Mary Lovelace O'Neal as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in Visual Art. Horhn. RS525. RF531. CR577. CU584. V585. SS610.

539 - (Rules) Recognize Alcorn State University Jazz Festival as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Arts in Community. Horhn. RS525. RF531. CR577. CU584. V585. SS610.

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540 - (Rules) Recognize Myrna Colley-Lee as the recipient of the 2022 Governor's Arts Award for Costume Design and Arts Patron. Horhn. RS525. RF531. CR577. CU584. V585. SS611.

541 - (Rules) Recognize January 2022 as "Cervical Health Awareness Month in Mississippi." Blackwell. RS525. RF531. CR577. CU584. V585. SS616.

542 - (Rules) Recognize the legacy of former Northern District Transportation Commissioner Zack Stewart. Chism. RS525. RF531. CR578. CU584. V585. SS616.

543 - (Rules) Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Third District Circuit Court Judge Robert "Ken" Coleman of New Albany, MS. Chism. RS525. RF531. CR578. CU584. V585. SS671.

544 - (Rules) Commend Olympian Cory McGee of Pass Christian for Track and Field accomplishments at 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Thompson. RS525. RF531. CR578. CU584. V585. SS616.

545 - (Rules) Recognize public service of longtime Hinds County Circuit Court Judge and former State Representative Tomie T. Green. Norwood. RS800. RF866. CR870. CU905. V905. SS2177.

546 - (Rules) Encouraging further economic activity between Mississippi and Taiwan. Chassaniol. RS882. RF884. CR940. CU991. V9914. SS1016.

547 - (Rules) Recognize service of WWII Hero and POW Olin Pickens of Nesbit, Mississippi, and extend best wishes on his 100th Birthday. McLendon. RS673. RF674. CR702. CU709. V709. SS812.

548 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of former Senator George Smith of Wiggins, Mississippi, and commend his public and charitable service. Seymour. RS882. RF884. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1160.

549 - (Rules) Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of The Carthaginian Newspaper (1872-2022) and recognize its contributions. Branning. RS800. RF867. CR870. CU905. V905. SS927.

550 - (Rules) Recognize the 100th Anniversary of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation. McCaughn. RS800. RF982. CR1002. CU1038. V1038. SS1159.

551 - (Rules) Mourn the passing of former Representative and Senator Delma Furniss of Rena Lara, MS, and commend his public and charitable service. Simmons (12th). RS882. RF884. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1640.

552 - (Rules) Recognize United States District Judge Debra Brown as Mississippi's first African American female Chief Federal Judge. Simmons (12th). RS800. RF867. CR870. CU905. V905. SS927.

553 - (Rules) Congratulate the "Pride of DeSoto Central High School Marching Band" for winning the 2021 Class 6A Marching Band Championship. McLendon. RS800. RF867. CR870. CU905. V905. SS997.

554 - (Rules) Commend Millicent Gunter for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science. Carter. RS800. RF867. CR870. CU905. V905. SS2180.

555 - (Rules) Commend Stone County High School "Lady Cats" Girls Soccer Team for first State Championship. Seymour. RS800. RF867. CR871. CU905. V906. SS1039.



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556 - (Rules) Recognize February 2022 as "Self-Care Month in Mississippi." Fillingane. RS800. RF867. CR871. CU905. V906. SS1016.

557 - (Rules) Commend Laura Bivins for receiving Mississippi's Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. Michel. RS800. RF982. CR1002. CU1038. V1038. SS1160.

558 - (Rules) Commend Dia Chawla of Pillow Academy in Greenwood for winning National High School Heisman Trophy. Jordan. RS673. RF674. CR702. CU709. V709. SS797.

559 - (Rules) Recognize outstanding public service of former U.S. Marshal and State Parole Board Member Nehemiah Flowers, Jr. Blount. RS800. RF867. CR871. CU905. V906. SS927.

560 - (Rules) Commend Bay Springs High School "Bulldogs" Football Team for first State Championship. Barnett. RS800. RF867. CR871. CU905. V906. SS927.

561 - (Rules) Commend Simpson Academy "Cougars" Boys Basketball Team for winning 5A State Championship. Caughman. RS882. RF884. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1039.

562 - (Rules) Designate April 2022 as the "Month of the Military Child" and April 20 as "Purple Up! for Military Kids Day" in Mississippi. Younger. RS883. RF884. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1039.

563 - (Rules) Condemn the invasion of Ukraine and sever all connections with the Russian Federation. Kirby. RS884. RF886. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1016.

564 - (Rules) Recognize 30th Anniversary Celebration of Parents for Public Schools (PPS). Blount. RS883. RF884. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1039.

565 - (Rules) Commend Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Basketball Team for winning MAIS State Championship. Kirby. RS883. RF884. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1160.

566 - (Rules) Commend Dean of Mississippi College School of Law Patricia Bennett on retirement. Frazier. RS883. RF885. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1039.

567 - (Rules) Commend Leake Academy "Lady Rebels" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS 5A State Championship. Branning. RS883. RF885. CR941. CU991. V9914. SS1538.

568 - (Rules) Recognize legacy of Dr. James Oliver, M.D., as the first African American to graduate from University of Mississippi School of Medicine. Jackson (11th). RS883. RF885. CR941. CU991. V991. SS1039.

569 - (Rules) Commend Meridian High School "Lady Wildcats" Girls Basketball Team for winning first State Championship in school history. Hickman. RS883. RF885. CR941. CU991. V991. SS1016.

570 - (Rules) Commend Jackson Prep "Lady Patriots" Girls Basketball Team for winning MAIS Overall State Championship. Kirby. RS883. RF885. CR941. CU991. AD991. SS1160.

571 - (Rules) Commend Northwest Rankin "Lady Cougars" Girls Soccer Team for Class 6A State Championship. Harkins. RS883. RF885. CR941. CU991. V991. SS1039.

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572 - (Rules) Commend Biggersville Girls and Boys Basketball Teams and Coach Cliff Little for two State Championships on same day. Parks. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V991. SS1160.

573 - (Rules) Commend Lake High School "Lady Hornets" Girls Basketball Team and Coach Maurice Bowie for winning the MHSAA 2A State Championship. McCaughn. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V991. SS1160.

574 - (Rules) Commend Choctaw Central "Lady Warriors" Basketball Team for winning Class 4A State Championship. Branning. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V991. SS2166.

575 - (Rules) Commend Clinton High School "Arrows" Boys Basketball Team for consecutive 6A State Championships. Frazier. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V991. SS1016.

576 - (Rules) Commend CCC Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Murphy as MACCC "Coach of the Year." Jackson (11th). RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V992. SS1039.

577 - (Rules) Commend Raymond High School "Rangers" Boys Basketball Team for winning 4A State Championship. Butler (36th). RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V992. SS1016.

578 - (Rules) Commend Northwest Community College Cheer Team for National Titles. Boyd. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V992. SS1160.

579 - (Rules) Declare that March 21, 2022, is "World Down Syndrome Day in Mississippi." Boyd. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V992. SS1039.

580 - (Rules) Commend Northwest Community College Football Team for consecutive State Championships. Boyd. RS883. RF885. CR942. CU991. V992. SS2183.

581 - (Rules) Commend Jackson State University "Lady Tigers" Basketball Team for back-to-back SWAC Tournament Championships. Norwood. RS1001. RF1020. CR1168. CU1199. V1199. SS1538.

582 - (Rules) Commend Manchester Academy "Lady Mavericks" Basketball Team for back-to-back State Championships. Thomas. RS1001. RF1020. CR1168. CU1199. V1199. SS1538.

583 - (Rules) Suspend rules for introduction; codify constitutional provisions of eminent domain. McCaughn. RS881. RF884. CR971. CU985. V985. SS1015.

584 - (Rules) Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of The Columbus Commercial Dispatch Newspaper (1921-2022). Younger. RS1001. RF1020. CR1168. CU1199. V1215. SS1539.

586 - (Rules) Designate April 14, 2022, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Parks. RS1001. RF1021. CR1168. CU1199. V1199. SS1539.

588 - (Rules) Suspend rules for further consideration of SB No. 2033, 2022 RS; extend postpartum coverage of Medicaid recipients to 12 months. Blackwell. RS1428. RF1725.

589 - (Rules) Commend Summer Field Program at USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory on its 75th Anniversary. Wiggins. RS1541. CR1644. RF1647. CU1718. V1718. SS2070.

590 - (Rules) Commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the City of McComb. Butler (38th). RS1541. CR1644. RF1647. CU1718. V1718. SS2070.

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591 - (Rules) Designate April 2, 2022, as "World Autism Awareness Day in Mississippi." England. RS1541. CR1644. RF1647. CU1718. V1718. SS2180.

592 - (Rules) Commend State Parole Board member Betty Lou Jones on the occasion of her retirement. Tate. RS1541. CR1644. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2070.

593 - (Rules) Recognize service and legacy of WWII Veteran Howard Bennett of Sumrall, Mississippi. Fillingane. RS1542. CR1644. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

594 - (Rules) Commend Booneville High School "Lady Blue Devils" for winning 2022 MHSAA Class 3A Girls Basketball Championship. Sparks. RS1542. CR1644. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

595 - (Rules) Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Baseball Team for winning the 2021 Class 3A State Championship. Sparks. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

596 - (Rules) Commend Belmont High School "Cardinals" Boys Golf Team for winning 2021 MHSAA 3A State Championship. Sparks. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2180.

597 - (Rules) Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devils" Boys Basketball Team for winning 2022 Class 3A State Championship. Sparks. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

598 - (Rules) Commend Booneville "Lady Blue Devils" Girls Fast-Pitch Softball Team for winning 2021 3A State Championship. Sparks. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

599 - (Rules) Commend Belmont High School "Lady Cardinals" Volleyball Team for winning first State Championship in program history. Sparks. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

600 - (Rules) Commend Booneville High School "Blue Devil" Marching Band for winning 3A State Championship. Sparks. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

601 - (Rules) Commend Hancock High School "Lady Hawks" Girls Bowling Team for three consecutive State Championships. Moran. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

602 - (Rules) Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Women's Basketball Team for MACCC Championship. Hill. RS1542. CR1645. RF1647. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

603 - (Rules) Commend Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Men's Basketball Team for third consecutive MACCC title. Hill. RS1542. CR1645. RF1648. CU1718. V1719. SS2071.

604 - (Rules) Paying tribute to United States Army Korean War casualty PFC Jimmy Rowland of Baldwyn, Mississippi, finally laid to rest. Sparks. RS1647. RF1725. CR1725. CU1965. V1965. SS2172.

605 - (Rules) Suspend rules for further consideration of HB 451; delete repealer on the nonadmitted policy fee. Michel. RS1646. RF1725. CR1725. CU1965. V1965. SS2166.

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**ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY**

Accountability and Transparency Act

Revise to include certain counties and municipalities. HB599, HB1434

Administrative Procedures Act

Amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the state auditor.  
HB163

Agencies

Require to provide monthly report of expenditures of state and federal public  
funds. HB914

Appointed state officers

Provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. HB32

Ban-the-Box Act

Create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to  
employment. HB295

Campaign finance reports

Require those filed by all candidates to be available online. HB33

Commission for Racial Reconciliation

Create. HB1369

Commission on Status of Women:

Require that all vacancies be filled and meeting held by July 1, 2022. HB665,  
HB666

Emergency executive order

Limit state of emergency orders to 30 days. HB1474

Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits

Prohibit from receiving similar employment. HB318

Home inspectors

Authorize to perform home inspections on new construction without having  
residential home builders license. HB867, HB1224

Internal audit office

Require universities and certain state agencies to establish. HB1223

Lobbying:

Prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. HB1481  
Revise definition of. HB1435

Local governments

Prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false  
security alarm occurs. HB241

Mississippi Commission on Wage Review

Create. HB332

Mississippi Industries for the Blind

Revise authority to enter into certain agreements and contracts. **HB1328**

Municipalities "home rule"

Prohibit governing authorities from regulating immediate vicinity of health care  
facilities under certain circumstances. HB1398

Notaries

Revise residency requirements of. HB1105

Open Meetings Law

Revise definition of "public body" for purposes of. HB1399

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Exempt certain contracts entered into by the Attorney General's office from oversight by. HB726  
 Revise exemption of contracts for legal services. HB1190  
 Revise the qualifications of members on. HB1160  
 Salary increases for legislators  
 Make effective for term of office after term in which salary is increased. HB1401  
 School board purchasing agent  
 Increase amount of required surety bond. HB502  
 Social security numbers  
 Require counties to take steps to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of. HB680  
 State agencies:  
 Authorize Governor to terminate certain appointed agency officials. HB1386  
 Eliminate requirement to prepare and publish annual reports. HB439  
 State agency and governing authority contracts  
 Require 30% of to be set aside for certain businesses. HB1047  
 State auditor  
 Authorize investigative and audit costs incurred by contracted firms to be paid as percentage of the recovery. HB1315  
 State Board of Barber Examiners  
 Authorize elected officials to serve on. HB161  
 State employees:  
 Provide for 3% increase in compensation for each of the next 4 fiscal years. HB45  
 Set out conditions for engaging in telework. HB1193  
 Telecommunications and personal or professional services  
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 Cottage food products  
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 Country of Origin Labels  
 Clarify labeling of covered commodities. HB1291  
 Foundation herds of certain livestock  
 Repeal authority of IHL Board relating to purchase, breeding and maintenance of. HB261  
 Grain Indemnity Act  
 Enact. HB1389  
 Healthy Food and Families Program  
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 Inventory of livestock  
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 Nuisance animals  
 Bring forward certain sections of law relating to. **HB1065**  
 Price gouging  
 Create exemption for producers, growers, or processors of food products. HB869  
 Regulatory Sandbox Agricultural Innovation Pilot Program  
 Establish. HB1055  
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 Authorize local school boards to enter into public or private contracts for sale of forestry products grown on. HB1159  
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Provide Commissioner of Agriculture with authority to regulate those that dispense agricultural commodities. HB374

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**Absentee ballots:**

Revise notary requirements for students enrolled in a college, university or community or junior college. HB650

Revise those who are authorized to vote by. HB850

**Absentee voting**

Establish electronic application procedure for college students. HB955

**Armed Services Absentee Voting Law**

Expand definition of "absent voter" to include those working in federal waters of United States. HB248

**Automatic voter registration:**

Authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. HB806

Authorize for those who apply for the issuance, renewal or change of address of driver's license. HB1049

**Campaign finance reports:**

Require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. HB159

Revise the time for filing electronically. HB1476

Shall be available on county and municipal websites. HB1433

**Constitution**

All elections for statewide office, state district office, member of the Legislature or local office shall be held at the same time as the presidential election. HC16

**DOC (Department of Corrections) discharge plans**

Require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. HB576

**Early voting:**

Authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. HB969

Authorize for 14 days before the election. HB743

Authorize for not more than 21 days nor less than 5 days before each election. HB199

Authorize. HB22, HB1199

Require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. HB985

**Elected officials**

Prohibit state and state district from changing political party affiliation during term of office. HB1242

**Election commissioners:**

Require skills assessment for every four years instead of every year. **HB1331**

Revise office of to be nonpartisan. HB156

**Election Integrity Assurance Committee**

Authorize to conduct primary elections under certain circumstances and prohibit from receiving any compensation. HB461

**Elections:**

Establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. HB54

Increase qualification fees for. HB373

Prohibit state and local officials from soliciting and/or accepting private funds for. **HB1365**

Prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. HB543

Provide that all costs of shall be paid with public funds. HB1126

Require to be conducted by paper ballot or with optical mark reading equipment. HB306

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Legislative vacancy  
Revise procedure to fill. HB1174

Legislature  
Limit terms of members of. HB1350

Mississippi Voter Protection Act  
Create. HB1347

Municipal candidates  
Clarify residency requirements of certain. **HB1341**

Municipal clerk  
Authorize to certify the results of a municipal election under certain circumstances. HB430

Municipal election commissioners  
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Municipal election officials  
Prohibit removal of except where good cause shown. HB431

Municipal executive committee:  
Prohibit members of from campaigning for candidates on the municipal primary election ballot. HB432  
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Municipal general election ballots  
Provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. HB1235

Municipal primary elections  
Revise procedure for nominating candidates during when only one candidate qualifies. HB541

Online voter registration  
Authorize for first-time registrants. HB292, HB654, HB945, HB954

Partisan primary elections  
Abolish and establish open primary elections. HB243

Pre-election day voting  
Authorize for 14 days before the election. HB696

Presidential electors  
Revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state at large. HB176

Redistricting  
Authorize Legislature to alter boundaries of counties, municipalities and school districts. HB34

Same day voter registration  
Authorize. HB308

Secretary of State  
Require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. HB1237

Secure Voting Act  
Create. HB646

Southern Voting Rights Act  
Create and revise provisions related to elections. HB877

Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act  
Create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of voters. HB223

State advertising  
Prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. HB915

Statewide Elections Management System  
Compare to certain databases to ensure non-U.S. citizens are not registered to vote. HB950

Tax Returns Uniformly Made Public Act  
Create. HB1259

Term limits  
All elected officials limited to serving only two consecutive terms in office. HB550

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Voter identification

Clarify that only Mississippi driver's license shall be acceptable license. HB491, HB965

Voter registration files

Provide the fees to be charged for providing copies of. HB1352

Voter rolls

Prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. HB1257

Voting systems

Require those purchased to be able to scan actual ballot. HB889

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911 emergency dispatchers

Provide same employment benefits as first responders. HB1409

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Additional amount to MDOT for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program. HB947

Additional for various state agencies for FY22 & FY23. HB1631

Additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. HB434

Additional to DPS from Death Benefits Trust Fund to pay benefits covered under First Responder Act. HB778

Additional to State Department of Health for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. HB717

Additional to DFA for phased construction of new DPS headquarters; add'l to DOH for Office Against Interpersonal Violence. **HB1550**

Administrative Office of Courts for additional funding for intervention courts. HB694

Administrative Office of Courts to increase rates of bringing trial courts on to MEC system. HB1540

Alcorn County for funding an incentive program for remote workers to relocate to the county. HB359

Archives and History, Department of. **HB1599**

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Black Bayou Water Association for certain water system improvements. HB788

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Church of God in Christ historical markers in Holmes County, Mississippi. HB1501

City of Booneville for repair of and upgrades to the VFW Post 4877 building. HB1728

City of Booneville for repair, replacement and relocation of certain sewer lines. HB1702

City of Booneville for repair, replacement and relocation of certain sewer lines. HB1704

City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. HB49

City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. HB1659

City of Jackson for certain improvements to Sykes Park. HB1438

City of Jackson for certain water/sewer infrastructure projects. HB1640

City of Jackson for constructing detention center for misdemeanor offenders. HB1265

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City of Jackson for purchase of a fire truck for the city fire department. HB1569

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City of Port Gibson for improvements to the city water and sewer system. HB995

City of Saltillo for making safety enhancements and upgrades to voting precinct  
 building. HB1656

City of Starkville for making Northside Drive drainage improvements. HB228

Community College Board for Community and Junior College Nursing  
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Department of Agriculture for implementation of Mississippi Healthy Food and  
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Department of Archives and History for Scott Ford House to develop two historic  
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Bureau of Building for projects at agencies, institutions and colleges.  
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Certain projects in Lee County and municipalities in the county. HB1559

City of Columbus in cost of widening of and other improvements to certain  
 roads. HB397

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For funding certain activities relating to lead poisoning prevention.  
 HB1502

For funding physician residency training programs. HB765

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For funding the Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant  
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For grant program for hospital expansions to increase capacity to care for  
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To establish and operate two STD/HIV specialty clinics. HB339  
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For construction of two water wells and related towers for a new detention center. HB1641, HB1642  
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 increase capacity to provide assistance to Main Street communities.  
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 communities. **HB1539**  
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 its water system. **HB1726**  
 Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. **HB1588**  
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 Office of Workforce Development for various activities and programs. **HB1517**  
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Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for water, sewer, tourism and economic development projects. HB996  
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Thrasher Water Association for construction, repair and upgrades to its water system. HB1706  
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Town of Jumpertown for repair and upgrades to wastewater collection system pumping stations. HB1703  
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Town of Raymond for purchasing public works equipment. HB1717  
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Union Church Water Association for certain water system improvements. HB1513  
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Washington County for street repairs in Supervisor District 1. HB1635  
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Department of Education for administering ACT WorkKeys Assessment to all career and technical education students. HB404

Department of Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. HB269

Department of Health for COVID-19 expenses and related matters. HB207

DFA to acquire new facility for MS Federation of Women's Clubs in exchange for lease of current headquarters building. HB1553

IHL for MS Valley State University for lowering tuition rate for 2022-2023 academic year. HB393

Phase in 25% reduction for agencies and departments over ten years. HB547

Town of Marietta for repair of and upgrades to its sewer system. HB1727

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ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman

Establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. HB1414

ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Programs

Establish under Department of Health. **HB1421**

ARPA Wastewater and Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Programs

Establish under DEQ and Department of Health. HB1425

Back to Work Mississippi Act

Create. HB1112

Budget process

Bring forward various sections relating to. HB1353

Capitol police

Authorize transfer of compensatory leave from previous agency. HB130

Children's Advocacy Centers Fund

Require annual appropriation by the Legislature to. HB1407

Circuit and chancery court reporters

Increase salaries of. HB898

Community and Junior College Nursing Supplemental Funding Program

Establish. **HB1006**

Contract lobbyists:

Prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. HB1387

Prohibit agencies, universities and colleges from hiring with public funds. HB1413

COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program

Create to be administered by Department of Health. HB769

Criminal investigators:

Increase salaries of and provide for additional appointments of. **HB1424**

Increase salary of. HB166

District attorneys

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Elected statewide and certain district officials

Increase salaries of. HB1267

Foster and adopted children

Provide tuition waiver for attendance at public postsecondary institutions. HB1090

Gulf Coast Restoration Fund

Limitation on assistance for any one project not applicable to certain public entities. **HB660**

Health Care Expendable Fund

Extend repealer on. **HB492**

Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act

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Highway Patrol and MBN officers

Increase salaries of. HB1344

Highway Patrol officers and Narcotics Bureau officers

Revise the salaries of. HB1422

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Establish grant program for expansions of hospital facilities that increase capacity as needed to treat more COVID-19 patients. HB928

Insurance department  
Remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. HB940

Law Enforcement Death Benefits Trust Fund:  
Include cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. **HB779**  
Includes cause of death covered under First Responders Act of 2020. HB1406

Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund:  
Expand to include health care employees who die of COVID and public safety officers from COVID. HB112  
Include any cause of death under First Responders Act of 2020. HB1403

Law enforcement officers and fire fighters  
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Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program:  
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Legislature:  
Allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. HB1279  
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Line-Item Appropriation Transparency Act  
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Local Governments Capital Improvements Revolving Loan Fund  
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Lottery proceeds  
Revise distribution of. HB1183

Mississippi Child Protection Services Social Work Loan Repayment Program  
Create. HB1167

Mississippi Department of Employment Security  
Provide waiver process for recovery of certain overpayment of benefits. HB1431

Mississippi Employment Security Law  
Revise to exclude services of petroleum landman from definition of "employment."  
HB876

Mississippi Health Care Workers Retention Act of 2022  
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Mississippi Highway Patrol  
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Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol  
Increase salaries of sworn officers by 3%. HB571

Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program  
Establish. HB152

Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2  
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Mississippi Work and Save Program  
Establish. HB1019

Municipalities:  
Prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. HB442  
Prohibit from receiving certain funds if police department is defunded. HB962

Nationally certified licensed school employees  
Delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers for salary supplements. HB43

PEER committee  
Require to review the operations of Child Protection Services. HB28

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**PERS:**

All members of will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. HB1024  
 Allow retirees to be employed as teachers and work full-time and receive full salary for two years. HB1014  
 Allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. HB99  
 Certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service. HB1022  
 Increase maximum percentage of investments of system that are in certain types of investments. **HB252**  
 Law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. HB1023  
 Retired schoolteachers may be employed as teachers in public school districts and receive retirement allowance and salary. HB1121  
 Retiree may not receive retirement allowance while under contract with state agency as consultant or advisor. HB510

**Postsecondary educational institutions**

Require 50% in-person instruction as condition of receiving legislative appropriation. HB412

**Retirement:**

Allow certain members of PERS to purchase creditable service for service with non-PERS employers. HB1372  
 Allow PERS retirees to serve in Legislature in same manner as for elected county or municipal offices. HB847  
 County board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. HB1290  
 Create separate system for state and local law enforcement officers and firefighters. HB455  
 Create separate system for state and local law enforcement officers. HB18  
 Elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. HB250  
 Elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. HB251  
 PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. HB15  
 Persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. HB1253

**Rural Nurses Recruitment and Retention Incentive Grant Program**

Establish. HB1391

**Rural Physicians Scholarship Program**

Expand to include a loan repayment program for graduates who practice in rural areas. HB768

**Salary statutes**

Revise certain provisions relating to salaries of state employees and officials. HB1426

**Sheriffs' salaries**

Increase. **HB1408**

**State budget**

Revise provisions of several FY22 appropriation bills. HB840

**State employees:**

Provide for across-the-board increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$30,000.00. HB669  
 Provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. HB297

**State Institutions of Higher Learning**

Require to develop mechanism to compile data sources on institutional capital outlay projects. HB1191

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State podiatric forgivable loan program

Create. **HB1258**

State revenue

When actual revenue exceeds the estimate, the surplus amount will be used to reduce the state debt. **HB1316**

State Treasurer

Authorize State Treasury employees to be compensated at the same tier or plan rate approved by the State Personnel Board for DFA and DOR. **HB1252**

Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan

New legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. **HB1227**

The "Strategically Accelerating the Recruitment and Retention of Teachers (START) Act of 2022

Create. **HB530**

Trip optimizer system

Exempt youth services counselors from. **HB1101**

Trooper training class

Require Legislature to appropriate funds in 2022 and 2023 sessions to defray expenses of. **HB115**

Unemployment Insurance Integrity Act of 2022

Create. **HB1402**

Vocational education

Provide additional funding to school districts demonstrating need for enhancements. **HB1384**

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Appraisal Management Companies

Extend repealer on registration requirements under Mississippi Appraisal Company Act. **HB686**

Banks and savings associations

Align merger approval with the Mississippi Business Corporation Act. **HB1360**

Commercial Financing Disclosure Law

Create. **HB1178**

Commissioner of Banking and Consumer Finance

Extend repealer on authority to join certain examinations with Federal Reserve Bank. **HB481**

Consumer Privacy Act

Create to prohibit any agency, department or institution from releasing any personal information. **HB1376**

Credit reports

Prohibit release of information unless authorized by the consumer. **HB1307**

Digital assets

Authorize security interests in. **HB1153**

Finance charges

Authorize to charge certain percentage rates based on amount of loan. **HB1308**

Financial services

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Homeowners' associations

Regulate managing agents of and provide certain requirements for. **HB933**

Mississippi Debt Management Services Act

Extend repealer on. **HB687**

Mississippi Digital Application Distribution Platform Act

Create. **HB1395**

Mississippi Fair Housing Act

Create. **HB293**

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Motor Vehicle Sales Finance Law

Clarify employees of state licensee may work remotely. HB1361

Open account

Define and prohibit certain provisions of law from applying to retail sales installment contracts. HB1127

Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers

Reduce maximum rate of interest that they may charge for their services. HB909

Prohibiting Financial Surveillance Act

Create. HB1209

Public employees

Exempt from bad check fees caused by error in direct deposit made by their employer or retirement system. HB783

Retail businesses:

Require to accept cash as form of payment. HB868

Those that accept credit or debit cards shall have video cameras to record persons using the cards. HB200

Retailer Tax Fairness Act

Create. HB1428

Securities laws

Provide certain exemptions regarding blockchain tokens. HB1154

Virtual currency

Define and provide certain trade/commerce exemptions for. HB1152

**CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES**

Advanced plastic recycling

Define terms relating to. **HB1135**

Capitol Complex Improvement District

Bring forward sections of law governing. HB888

Economic Impact of Recycling Study Committee

Create. HB1359

Mississippi Groundwater Protection Trust Fund

Authorize payment of administrative costs. HB1334

Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2022

Establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. HB62

Tallahatchie River Authority

Create. **HB1323**

Water well contractors

Exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or 20 years experience. HB878

**CONSTITUTION**

Ballot initiative measure process

Revise the statutory provisions of. HB1472

Constitution:

Amend to limit legislative term to 3 consecutive terms. HC19

Amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. HC20

Amend to provide that during legislative sessions held in even years only appropriations bills shall be considered. HC7

Amend to provide that member of House or Senate for the first time after January 1, 2023, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. HC26

Amend to provide that people have the right to propose new statutes and to amend or repeal existing statutes. HC39

Amend to provide that the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure the people's right to hunt. HC35

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Amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new laws or amend existing laws by initiative. HC40  
Amend to reconstitute the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. HC4  
Amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. HC29  
Amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. HC23  
Amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. HC42  
Amend to revise ballot initiative process. HC41  
Amend to revise voter initiative procedure to conform signature requirements to number of existing congressional districts. HC24  
Conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current congressional districts. HC28  
Signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed certain fractional portion of total number of signatures required for initiative petition. HC27  
Elected official:  
Prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. HB893  
Prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. HB36  
Firearms:  
Prohibit discharge near schools or churches. HB125  
Revise limits placed on counties and municipalities to regulate. HB712  
Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act:  
Establish. HB164  
Establish. HB375  
Public body  
To add "subcommittee" to the definition of. HB1118  
Second Amendment Preservation Act  
Create. HB253  
Suffrage  
Restore to all upon meeting all terms and conditions of sentence. HB145  
The Second Amendment Preservation Act  
Create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. HB1114  
Unconstitutional acts of federal government  
Prohibit state agency or political subdivision of the state from cooperating with a federal agency in implementing any. HB1419  
Voter registration and suffrage restoration  
Authorize with 5 years. HB1115  
Voter registration  
Authorize upon completion of sentence. HB1116  
Voting rights  
Restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. HB959

**CORRECTIONS**

Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses  
Require certain programs be placed within. HB710  
Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses  
Require certain programs be placed within. HB713  
Case plans for nonviolent inmates  
Require certain programs be placed within. HB715  
Cell phones and certain other contraband  
Provide enhanced penalties for offenders and correctional employees. HB382  
Commutation of sentences  
Require for certain nonviolent offenders. HB217

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Conditions of probation

Clarify that courts may provide certain treatment for veterans when placed on probation. HB195

Conjugal visits

Require Department of Corrections to provide for married inmates. HB711

Correctional system cost-per-day reviews

Transfer responsibility from PEER to MDOC. HB27

Corrections Inspection Council

Establish. HB209

Corrections omnibus bill

Enact. **HB906**

Corrections

Extend repealer on intensive supervision program and electronic home detention.

**HB534**

Department of Corrections:

Authorize to administer the "Halfway House Grant Program. HB716

Convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. HB211

Establish a Division of Parole within. HB930

Evaluation of requests for proposals for canteen services; require interested third parties to have reasonable prices for services. HB708

Extend repealer on drug and alcohol program at Bolivar County Regional Facility.

**HB514**

Increase per diem rate paid to regionals for housing of state offenders. HB290

Provide for Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development. **HB1052**

Require implementation of an Extended Family Visitation Program for eligible offenders. HB638

Require to establish a certain leasing policy with DFA for agricultural equipment.

**HB919**

Revise notification period given to local law enforcement when offender is to be released. HB1050

Habitual offender law

Authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. HB220

Hospice care services for terminally ill inmates

Authorize MDOC to provide for those confined in facilities under MDOC jurisdiction. **HB936**

Inmate Welfare Fund

Authorize portion of fund to be used to fund Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

**HB920**

Joint state-county work program

Require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. HB104

Mandatory 85% sentencing rule

Repeal. HB218

Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders

Revise which offenders are eligible for. HB714

Mississippi Prison Education Reform Act of 2022

Create. HB564

Mississippi Prison Industries:

Act of 1990; bring forward for the purposes of possible amendment. **HB863**

Corporation; dissolve and create Division of Reentry and Prison Industry within MDOC. HB931

Require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. HB704

Nonadjudication

Authorize completion of workforce training or similar training as an option for. HB935

Nonviolent offenders, certain

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Require Department of Corrections to house within a 100-mile radius of offenders' release residences. HB224

Offenders, certain  
Provide "Compassionate Parole Eligibility Act of 2022" and certain hospice care services. HB908

Parole Board  
Revise notifications time frame given to victim when the offender is to be released by. HB1051

Parole eligibility  
Revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. HB216

Pilot work release program that authorizes sheriff to assign offenders to while confined in jail  
Remove repealer on. **HB586**

Pilot Work Release Program  
Expand to give authority to Sheriff of Harrison County to establish. HB625

Prison Overcrowding Emergency Powers Act  
Extend repealer on. **HB515**

Private prisons that house state offenders  
Provide moratorium on the expansion of. HB1020

Probation, post-release supervision and technical violations  
Revise certain time periods concerning. HB544

Reentry Court Act of 2022  
Establish. HB907

Regional correctional facilities  
Require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. HB226

State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit  
Establish. HB546

State Parole Board  
Extend repealer on. **HB683**

Task force to address the disparity of African-American males in the judicial system  
Create. HB279

Use of restitution centers by DOC  
Repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. HB210

Use of technology portals by those on probation/parole  
Require MDOC to implement certain rules regarding. HB1

Work release program  
Extend repealer on authority of Rankin County sheriff to create pilot program for nonviolent confined offenders. HB533

Workforce training, certain  
Provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. HB225

**COUNTY AFFAIRS**

Annual salaries of county boards of supervisors  
Revise. HB527

Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector  
Remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. HB86

Compensation for certain county officials  
Bring forward sections pertaining to. **HB719**

Counties and municipalities:  
Authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. HB301  
Authorize to lease facilities that are to be utilized as fire stations. **HB1097**

Counties:  
Authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. HB109

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- Permit operation of golf carts and low-speed vehicles on certain public roads.  
 HB1004
- County elected officers
  - Provide that salaries shall not be reduced due to reduction in total assessed valuation or population. HB376
- County jail dockets
  - Require additional data for transparency purposes and require uniform recording of data. HB30
- County or municipal Medicare eligible employees
  - Make clarification regarding ability to receive certain supplemental compensation.  
**HB843**
- County public defenders
  - Require salary of all to be the same as district attorneys. HB1283
- Delinquent county garbage fees
  - Provide nonrenewal of driver's licenses for nonpayment. HB725
- Election commissioners
  - Require board of supervisors to provide insurance coverage for. HB100
- Employment of full time legal counsel as a county employee
  - Authorize for Adams County. HB565
- Fire protection districts
  - Prohibit charging of fees when board of supervisors has levied special tax for.  
**HB1098**
- Justice court clerk
  - Authorize two or more counties to enter into an agreement for the appointment of  
 a. **HB1017**
- Land banks:
  - Authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. HB856
  - Authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. HB1285
- Liens for delinquent county garbage fees
  - Require chancery to keep certain record of. HB1069
- Sheriffs and police officers
  - Require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. HB844
- Sixteenth section land
  - Authorize leasing of certain classified land to cities/counties for less than 5% of market value. HB372

**DRUG POLICY**

- Compassion Mississippi Act
  - Create to allow use of medical cannabis by patients with debilitating medical conditions. HB1012
- Controlled substances
  - Exclude fentanyl testing materials from definition of "paraphernalia" under.  
 HB496
- Kratom:
  - Include in Schedule I controlled substances list. HB681
  - Include in Schedule I of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. HB663
- Medical marijuana:
  - Allow limited growing for personal use. HB1309
  - Authorize use of and provide for regulation by State Department of Health.  
 HB1009
- Mississippi Medical Cannabis Compassion Act
  - Create. HB1007
- Mississippi Pill Press Act of 2022
  - Create. **HB679**



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Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act  
Create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. HB746

Mississippi Study on the Affordability of Insulin Act  
Create. HB813

Nurse practitioners  
Authorize to dispense legend drugs or medication to their patients. HB1032

Pharmacies  
Authorize to perform centralized prescription filling for other pharmacies if certain conditions are met. HB1091

Tablet press machine  
Regulate. HB1484

Tablet press machines  
Regulate and require registration of. HB691

Tianeptine  
Add to Schedule II list of controlled substances. HB662

Uniform Controlled Substances Act  
Revise schedules. **HB232**

**EDUCATION**

2022 Mississippi Education Task Force  
Create to review state regulations and accountability system. HB1466

3rd Grade Reading Assessment  
Waive requirement for Level 3 score for promotion to Grade 4 during the 2021-2022 school year. HB1142

Accelerate Mississippi Scholarship Program  
Establish to provide student with financial assistance for advanced education courses. HB884

Accountability rating system  
Abolish A-F ratings and implement percentage designation ratings. HB423

Active shooter training  
Require school district employees to attend every three years. HB667

AEDs  
Require at public schools and state-supported institutions of higher learning and provide authority to lease. HB135

African-American Studies and Racial Diversity:  
Require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. HB756  
Require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. HB1086

Assistant Teacher Forgivable Loan Program  
Revise to increase financial assistance to those pursuing teacher licensure. HB511

Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program  
Create to help assistant teachers to become licensed. HB305

Assistant teachers:  
Provide annual salary supplement in C, D and F school districts. HB289  
Require school districts to notify of nonreemployment within 10 days after adopting budget. HB148

Boards of Education  
Require those in districts having a mayor-council form of government to be elected. HB1260

Charter schools:  
Act of 2013; revise to include public universities and community and junior colleges as charter school authorizers. HB1194  
Reconstitute authorizer board and require formula to ensure equitable distribution of local funds. HB31

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- Require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. HB744
- Revise certain provisions related to the authorizer board, appropriation of funds and student funding formula. HB1192
- Child abuse hotline
  - Require schools to post in clearly visible location. HB737
- Civics
  - Require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. HB1088
- Community schools
  - Authorize implementation under the administration of a District Innovation. HB591
- Comprehensive School Health Education Program
  - Include additional components in and require school nurse to teach. HB280
- Compulsory school age:
  - Revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. HB1048
  - Revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. HB343
- Compulsory School Attendance Law
  - Rename as the "Kindergarten Increases Diplomas (KIDs) Act," and lower compulsory age to five years. HB651
- Compulsory school attendance:
  - Authorize excused absences for student participation in civic engagement or political event. HB1417
  - Require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. HB266
- Computer Science and Cyber Education Equality Act
  - Authorize certified or classified staff to provide instruction under. HB818
- Corporal punishment:
  - Prohibit in public and charter schools. HB194
  - Require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. HB632
- Critical Race Theory:
  - The 1619 Project; prohibit teaching of in public schools, colleges and universities. HB1495
  - Prohibit instruction of in public schools and state institutions of higher learning. HB1496
- CTE students
  - Provide tuition-free instruction and increased financial assistance for industry certification assessment. HB403
- Dating violence
  - Require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. HB356
- Dignity and nondiscrimination in Public Education Act of 2022
  - Create. HB1491
- Districts of Innovations
  - Require State Department of Education to recognize use of Cambridge Assessment or other nationally recognized assessment for accountability ratings. HB420
- Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program
  - Expand to allow certified academic language therapists (CALT); to provide dyslexia therapy services. HB1170
- Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013
  - Revise funding for. HB1246
- Education Enhancement Fund:
  - Authorize DFA to issue digital solutions and credentials for use for classroom supply allotments. HB885
  - Revise date of issuance of classroom supply procurement cards. HB879
- Elementary professional school counselors

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Allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. HB283

Eleventh Grade students  
Require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early-release  
privilege eligibility. HB265

End-of-course assessments  
Remove mandatory requirement of passing score as a condition of graduation.  
HB120

End-of-course subject area tests  
Discontinue and require minimum score on the ACT for graduation. HB119

End-of-course tests  
Eliminate passing score as graduation requirement and exempt from  
accountability ratings for four years. HB499

Energy Academy Act  
Extend repealer on authority of Vicksburg-Warren and Claiborne County school  
boards to partner with nuclear facility. HB685

Equal Access to Education Act  
Create to enhance digital learning opportunities for students and public schools.  
HB795

Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act  
Revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school" to include students with  
a dyslexia diagnosis. HB526

Equity in Distance Learning Act  
Revise certain provisions of. HB1312

Exceptional children  
Require school districts to develop policy for the discipline of. HB982

Exceptional students with significant developmental disabilities and complex  
communication needs  
Clarify pathways for receiving educational instruction and training in a UBP.  
HB494

Family Engagement Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Program  
Require MDE to establish as a component of the ELC Act of 2013. HB1340

Financial credit counseling  
Require curriculum to be taught as an elective class that is required for  
graduation. HB994

First grade enrollment  
Allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that  
school year. HB264

Former collegiate athlete scholarship program  
Create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. HB1357

Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act  
Create to provide postsecondary financial assistance to foster children. **HB1313**

Gifted education  
Require school districts to provide for students in Grades 7 and 8. HB1168

Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act  
Establish pilot program to promote and prepare teachers for the profession.  
HB1175

High school curriculum  
Require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. HB849

Home economics  
Require to be taught in "D" and "F" rated school districts. HB270

Homeschooled students  
Authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district.  
HB582

Homework  
Require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their  
curriculum. HB273

In-service training

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Require school districts to annually provide to teachers and assistants on human trafficking and exploitation. HB1078

Irlen Syndrome  
 Require screening for and districts to provide reasonable accommodations for students with. HB900

Life skills courses  
 Require MDE to develop a comprehensive curriculum for high school students. HB792

Local Government Control of Public School Athletics Task Force  
 Create to evaluate transfer of such activities from schools. HB871

Lottery Proceeds Fund:  
 Provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for school improvements. HB1039  
 Provide that 10% shall be used by MDE for the purposes of funding teacher pay raises. HB1041

MAEP:  
 Define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. HB73  
 Determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. HB1176  
 Determine cost of using average daily membership (ADM) in lieu of average daily attendance (ADA). HB1181  
 Increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. HB80

MCOPS programs  
 Authorize training for to provide at any approved training academy in the state. HB1240

Mental Awareness Program for School Act  
 Enact to provide for mental health service providers and certain trauma-informed training. HB832

Metal detectors  
 Require in all public schools beginning with 2022-2023 school year. HB205

Military Star Schools Act  
 Create to provide transition supports for military families. HB1354

Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act  
 Enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. HB357

Mississippi Founding Principle Act  
 Enact to require social studies curriculum to provide instruction on founding documents and principles. HB1356

Mississippi History and United States Government  
 Require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. HB326

Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act  
 Enact for implementation in public school curriculum. HB1104

Mississippi Scholarship Act  
 Create to provide scholarships to K-12 public school students. HB874

Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2022:  
 Create. HB101  
 Enact to require for children four years of age. HB875  
 amount and years in teacher salary scale. HB1229

MS School Safety Act of 2001  
 Revise to require school districts to implement safety procedures for computers and electronic devices. HB1330

MS Teachers' Salaries Task Force  
 Create to recommend how state can pay teachers at southeastern average. HB288

National board certified licensed employees  
 Clarify payment of annual salary supplement to certain. HB1211

National Board Certified teachers:

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Include those employed in Hinds County as eligible for additional supplement.  
HB653  
Provide additional annual salary supplement to those employed in Walthall  
County. HB129  
Nationally certified licensed school employees  
Delete caps on nurses and speech pathologists and add athletic trainers.  
HB1102  
Nonlicensed teachers  
Authorize local school districts to employ certain number to fill core subject area  
positions. HB652  
Nonpublic schools  
Authorize those accredited by a regional agency to use criminal background  
check procedures as used by public schools. HB522  
Parental rights  
Establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care  
of their children. HB1396  
Physical education curriculum  
Require full implementation in all K-12 schools. HB1084  
Public and private schools:  
Require all employees to annually receive flu vaccine. HB51  
Require all employees to be tested annually for tuberculosis. HB50  
Public purchasing law  
Revise to provide that reverse auction shall be used by certain schools and  
districts. HB1173  
Public school curriculum  
Require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. HB139  
Public schools:  
Clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate  
crimes on property of. HB709  
Require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all.  
HB418  
Require toll-free number for reporting abuse and neglect to be posted in all.  
HB508  
Scholastic year  
Increase number of days for schools with an accountability rating of "D" or "F".  
HB983  
School attendance officers:  
Clarify fulfillment of duties before, during and after designated leave period.  
HB173  
Provide increase to minimum base salary. HB882  
Require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of  
1973. HB631  
Require to visit homes of certain children within 72 hours of unexcused absence.  
HB272  
Transfer employment responsibilities from the State Department of Education to  
local school districts. HB1314  
School attendance  
Require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on the ACT until the child  
reaches 18 years of age. HB42  
School board members  
Authorize excused absences from board meeting in the event of family  
emergency. HB354  
School boards powers and duties  
Expand to require boards to exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure 16th section  
land lessees pay taxes on leased lands. HB381  
School boards

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- Require itemized report of central office expenditures to be included in notice for increase in ad valorem taxes. HB509
- School bus drivers
  - Require to be first aid and CPR trained and certified. HB47
- School buses
  - Require those purchased after a certain date to be equipped with three-point seat belts. HB1182
- School curriculum:
  - Require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. HB72
  - Require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. HB286
- School districts:
  - Authorize certain districts to employ retired teachers while they continue to draw retirement allowance. HB742
  - Authorize to offer supplemental compensation to Medicare eligible retired bus drivers if they secure Medicare. HB123
  - Require certain policies and alternative curriculum if accountability rating at three lowest levels. HB281
  - Require teachers and other licensed personnel to be paid on semimonthly basis. HB489
- School prayer
  - Require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. HB249
- School Recognition Program
  - Restrict awards to teachers and licensed staff and require SBE to adopt rules for administration. HB26
- School Resource Officers
  - Revise MCOPS grant program to require attendance at any accredited law enforcement academy. HB457
- School security guard/resource officer
  - Must have required peace officer training to exercise peace officer powers. HB1239
- School social workers and psychologists
  - Authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. HB79
- School transportation
  - Authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. HB899
- Schools in district transformation
  - Prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. HB182
- Seizure Safe Schools Act
  - Establish. HB1412
- Small School District Equipment, Maintenance and Infrastructure Grant
  - Create to assist certain school districts. HB14
- Special education funds:
  - Require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. HB154
  - Require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. HB887
- State Board of Education
  - Require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. HB310
- State Department of Education
  - Require to conduct sampling of material used on the U.S. History end-of-course assessment. HB408
- State Superintendent of Public Education
  - Align salary of to no more than 150% of Governor's salary. HB415

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Statewide assessment program  
Discontinue all standardized tests except for single test in Grades 3, 8 and 11.  
HB568

Statewide Assessment Program:  
Require SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. HB121  
Require the SBE to use ACT Aspire as summative assessment. HB198

Statewide testing program:  
Cease all statewide uniform assessments and determine promotion based on cumulative grades. HB552  
Require tests to be translated and printed into primary spoken language of ELL students. HB953  
Require the SBE to cease administration of for the 2021-2022 school year.  
HB118

Student Protected Equal Access Rights Act  
Establish to provide students to organize partisan political groups in public schools. **HB1416**

Student residency requirements  
Require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. HB67

Student-Centered Education Act  
Enact to establish procedures to assess and mediate effects of traumatic events in schools. HB1251

Students  
Prohibit entities directly or indirectly funded with public monies from distinguishing between. HB891

Summer Youth Training Employment Program  
Authorize school districts to establish. HB309

Task Force to Study and Report on the Funding and Implementation of Universal Pre-Kindergarten Programs  
Create. HB1245

Teacher and administrator license  
Deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. HB647

Teacher contracts  
Prohibit superintendents from entering into with current licensed employees for continuation of employment before April 15. HB17

Teacher education program and licensure requirements  
Remove the option for a 21 ACT score (or SAT equivalent) for eligibility. HB1217

Teacher licensure and qualifications  
Bring forward provisions relating to alternate route certification. HB1059

Teacher licensure:  
Authorize issuance to certain individuals with foreign certification on reciprocity with documentation. HB664  
Authorize SDE to issue Nontraditional Teaching Route - Standard License to certain individuals with advanced degrees. HB750  
Create additional nontraditional route for certain individuals to receive. HB44  
Provide to certain individuals with a minimum of five years experience in public school districts or certain nonpublic schools. HB407  
Revise disciplinary procedures relating to suspension or revocation of, and due process. HB174  
Revise provisions relating to educator preparation programs and standards for nontraditional teaching route through TMI. HB1166

Teacher salaries  
Authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in D and F districts. HB287

Teacher strikes  
Repeal prohibition of. HB1293

Teachers' and teacher assistants' salaries

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Provide increase to minimum base pay. HB671

**Teachers**

Allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given.  
 HB1292

**Technical and vocational curriculum**

Require SDE to develop as alternative to college preparatory curriculum. HB1385

**The Digital Access Learning and Virtual Instruction Program Act of 2022**

Create. HB781

The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act: enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum. HB437

**The Teaching Racial and Universal Equality (TRUE) Act:**

Enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum.  
 HB1492

Enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum.  
 HB1493

Enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum.  
 HB1494

Enact to prohibit critical race theory from inclusion in public school curriculum.  
 HB1497

**Tim Tebow Act:**

Create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. HB873

Establish to provide equal access for homeschoolers to participate in public school extracurricular activities. HB498

**Transfer Mississippi Act**

Create to permit children to attend school of their choice in any school district.  
 HB1349

**Trimester School Year Pilot Program**

Establish. HB78

**U.S. History end-of-course subject area test**

Remove requirement for the administration for purpose of graduation. HB406

**University-based programs of education for children with developmental disabilities**

Revise certain provisions. **HB881**

**Video surveillance cameras:**

Require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children.  
 HB649

Require to be installed in classrooms and certain other areas of public schools and postsecondary educational institutions. HB790

**Vocational and home economics**

Require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. HB1085

**Wireless learning environments**

Require school districts to develop and implement within two years. HB815

**Youth and Community Safety Act**

Create. HB340

**ENERGY**

**Carbon dioxide geologic sequestration**

Revise laws regarding. **HB1214**

**Mineral estates**

Revert to surface estate owner after ten-year period of nonproduction. HB721

**FORESTRY**

**Foresters**

Liable for cost of timber for failure to provide scale tickets to landowners if logger fails to remit payment to forester for timber. HB979



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Mississippi Forestry Commission:

Authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. HB1013

Extend repealer on authority to hire law enforcement officers to investigate woods arson. HB478

**GAMING**

Casinos

Revise locations in Tunica County where may locate. HB186

Lottery:

Clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. HB185

Clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. HB488

Mississippi Horse Racing Act of 2022

Create. HB588

Mobile sports wagering:

Authorize. HB184

Authorize. HB1165

Online betting, gaming and wagering

Legalize under certain conditions. HB997

Skill terminal devices

Authorize operation of in licensed truck stop facilities. HB1262

Video lottery terminals

Authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. HB338

**INSURANCE**

Airport authorities

Authorize to provide dependent health insurance coverage as employment benefit. **HB974**

Auto insurance

Not invalidated by intentional acts of insured. HB655

Automobile liability insurance

Provide motorists noncompliant with may not recover loss in accident with compliant. HB1327

Child care facilities, licensed

Require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. HB128

Developmental and physical disabilities

Require health insurance policies cover similar to autism spectrum disorder requirement. HB380

Fire Protection Funds

Increase and expand purposes for. HB819

Firefighters:

Allow counties and municipalities to pay expenses or provide policies for medical and hospital care. HB1206

Bring forward code sections pertaining to minimum standards and certification of. HB1371

First Responders Health and Safety Act

Revise to provide that the cancer benefits will be paid by the state and not insurance policies. HB1033

Health insurance policies:

Require coverage for certain examinations primarily related to women's health. HB702

Require coverage for certain obesity treatments. HB106

Require coverage for colorectal cancer examinations in accordance with American Cancer Society. HB812

Require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings. HB932

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Require coverage for gastric pacemakers. HB124

Health Insurance policies  
 Require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health.  
 HB433

Health insurance:  
 Prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's  
 contracted benefit level. HB787  
 Prohibit premium surcharges based on vaccination or nonvaccination for the  
 prevention of COVID-19. HB1380  
 Provide that mental illness coverage includes substance abuse. HB693  
 Require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton  
 beam therapy. HB462  
 Revise mandated coverage for telemedicine services. HB452

Health insurers  
 Require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. HB316

Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act  
 Create. HB934

Hurricane deductible  
 Bring forward code sections regarding. HB1040

Insurance licenses  
 Make perpetual unless revoked by Commissioner or forfeited. HB822

Life insurance policy  
 Require policy loans to have a fixed rate. HB1381

Life insurance:  
 Authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information regarding a  
 deceased's. HB1273  
 Authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two  
 business days. HB1301

Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act  
 Revise regarding battery-charged security fences. **HB823**

Mississippi Insurance E-Commerce Model Act  
 Enact. **HB1187**

Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983  
 Exempt certain records of Workers' Compensation Commission from definition of  
 public records. HB521

Motor vehicle liability insurance policy  
 Require to include medical payment coverage. HB810

Nonadmitted policy fee:  
 Delete repealer on. **HB451**  
 Divert forty percent of for rural fire truck and supplemental fund and extend  
 repealer on section. HB1122  
 Extend repealer on. HB391

Nontransport emergency medical services  
 Develop coordinated entity to provide statewide system for. **HB821**

Patient Choice Act of 2022  
 Create. HB1432

Prescription drugs  
 Provide for reduction of patients' cost for. HB880

Professional employer organizations  
 Provide for registration and regulation by the Insurance Department. HB1520

Property and casualty insurance  
 Require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured more  
 than one-fourth of damages. HB445

Property Insurance Clarity Act  
 Extend repealer on. HB482

Regulatory sandbox programs  
 Enact. HB1195

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Residential flood insurance coverage  
    Authorize. HB1329  
State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan  
    Extend repealer on requirement that state pay certain amounts toward premiums.  
    HB513  
State Fire Academy and State Fire Marshal's Office  
    Return to special fund agency. HB1219  
State Fire Academy  
    Eliminate cap on emergency medical responders who can train at. HB820  
State Health Insurance Plan  
    Provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous  
    tumors. HB1296  
State Health Plan  
    Delete prohibition on covering hearing aids. **HB155**  
Surplus lines insurance  
    Extend repealer on statute prescribing nonadmitted policy fee for. HB484  
Telemedicine  
    Revise for purposes of health insurance and employee benefit plans. HB859  
Travel Insurance Act of 2022  
    Create. **HB160**  
Uninsured motorist coverage law  
    Revise to prohibit insurance policy from paying certain losses if another insurance  
    policy must pay for such. HB1186  
Uninsured motorist coverage:  
    Provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy.  
    HB644  
    Provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects  
    otherwise. HB643  
Workers' Compensation Law  
    Increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. HB349  
Workers' compensation  
    Require emergency hearing upon request of either party. HB805

**JUDICIARY A**

Adverse possession cases  
    Require losing party to pay court costs and attorney's fees. HB486  
Adverse possession  
    Require possessor to notify chancery clerk before title vests. HB12  
Affidavit of Scrivener's Error  
    Revise recording of. **HB1351**  
Alienation of Affection  
    Establish procedures for causes of action. HB1363  
Appeal from judgment by a county or municipal authority  
    Revise standard of construction for determining constitutionality. HB596  
Appellate judges and justices  
    Remove geographical limitation on expense allowance for. HB561  
Appraisal management company  
    Remove ninety-day exception to prohibition on removing appraisers from  
    appraiser panel of. HB1342  
Arbitration clause  
    Considered nonbinding in certain contracts. HB1274  
Architects  
    Revise licensing laws to authorize multi-disciplinary firms with landscape  
    architects. HB690  
Attorney General's Office

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Authorize Personnel Board to exempt certain attorneys employed by from salary ceiling for public employees. HB1109

Attorneys

Provide for 6 hours of continuing legal education for those employed by Legislature. HB21

Birth parents

Release identifying information upon agreement by. HB1018

Bona fide proof of ownership

Provide that certain transactions shall include. HB1220

Campground owners

Regulate guest/owner agreements. HB1250

Casino winnings

Provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. HB614

Certificate of Foreign Birth

Authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. HB168

Chancery clerk

Require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. HB1303

Charitable solicitations

Revise provisions relating to notice, demand and service of process. **HB590**

Child support arrearages

Authorize DHS and State Treasurer to obtain from unclaimed property. HB1082

Child support for a disabled child

Authorize to continue past the age of majority. HB1066

Child support:

Authorize DHS and Gaming Commission to collect from gaming winnings. HB1081

Provide for imputation guidelines. **HB1067**

Child Support

Require insurers to provide MDHS certain information for noncustodial, delinquent parents. HB1083

Child support:

Revise factors for award of. HB244

Suspend for incarcerated persons under certain conditions. HB592

Contracts

Require to be written in large print. HB1276

Corporations and limited liability companies

Authorize notice from Secretary of State to be served by electronic mail. HB611

Court reporters

Require to provide a transcript. HB1241

Crime of promoting prostitution

Clarify and revise where certain monies are deposited. HB718

Divorce

Bring forward grounds of, for purposes of amendment. HB834

Door-to-door solicitors

Prohibit from soliciting a residence where a sign is displayed indicating that a resident does not wish to be solicited. HB535

Eminent domain:

Prohibit property from being transferred after acquisition. HB975

Property acquired by prohibited from being transferred for ten years, with certain exceptions. HB978

Employee wages

Require to be paid equally for women and men. HB772

Equal pay for equal work:

Require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB773

Require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB774

Require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB775

Require for employees of opposite sex in the same work establishment. HB776

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Require for women in the same work establishment. HB854  
Evelyn Gandy Fair Pay Act:  
Create to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. HB1157  
Create. HB1136  
Fireworks  
Authorize sale of year-round. HB824  
Grandparent visitation  
Revise to include great-grandparents. HB1226  
Home inspectors  
Authorize to perform home inspections on new construction without having  
residential home builders license. HB1336  
Human Trafficking  
Provide a civil cause of action for participants or those who benefit from. HB1404  
Human trafficking  
Provide a civil cause of action. HB1393  
Intestate succession  
Child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be  
living at time of death. HB1469  
Justice court  
Clarify court of record requirements. HB1238  
Land sold for taxes  
Require chancery clerk to immediately execute deed of conveyance to purchaser.  
HB1140  
Landlord-tenant  
Authorize tenant who is survivor of domestic abuse to break lease without penalty.  
HB126  
Lease agreements  
Authorize for persons under 21 to enter binding contracts for. HB943  
Legislative Oversight Act  
Create to regulate the authority of public officials to defend legal actions. HB1151  
Licensure  
Revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. HB1468  
Marriage license  
Require previously married applicant to provide certified copy of divorce or  
annulment when applying for. HB1277  
Medical Practice Act  
Revise various provisions of. HB674  
Medical records  
Persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of  
disability. HB344  
Mineral interests  
Revert to surface owner after certain period of time. HB501  
Mineral rights  
Revert to surface owner after certain period of time. HB973  
Mississippi Architects and Engineers Good Samaritan Act:  
Create. HB172  
Create. HB1397  
Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act  
Create. HB149  
Mississippi Equal Pay Act:  
Create. HB771  
Create. HB865  
Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act  
Create. **HB770**  
Mississippi Pregnant Workers Fairness Act  
Create. HB1046  
Motor vehicles

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Require certain new to be equipped with alert to operator to check rear designated seat when engine stops. HB456

MS Real Estate Commission  
 Require to establish a program allowing administrative hearings on certain licensing matters. HB1070

MS Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act  
 Create with affidavit requirements. HB864

Nursing homes  
 Require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. HB895

Officers who may administer oaths  
 Add chiefs of police and sheriffs. HB1233

Open Meetings Law:  
 Authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. HB903  
 Revise reasons for executive sessions to include discussions by boards of trustees of public hospitals. HB902

Perpetual care cemeteries  
 Require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. HB1300

Probate Estates  
 Increase value of. HB699

Property interest  
 Conveyance to married individuals considered to create joint tenancy with right of survivorship. HB379

Property liens  
 Require that lis pendens notice of shall be filed within 30 days after the commencement of the action. HB886

Real property:  
 Establish process to remove discriminatory language from recorded instruments of conveyance. HB1367  
 Right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. HB1429

Recreational landowners  
 Add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. HB1117

Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act  
 Repeal. HB1302

Remote Online Notarization Act  
 To create to provide for certain use of with restrictions. HB1322

Residential Landlord Tenant Act  
 Revise evictions procedures of the. HB835

Retired judges  
 Authorize to solemnize marriages. HB190

Reverse-Location Court Order  
 Regulate and prohibit under certain circumstances. HB1138

Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program  
 Revise to create mental health treatment courts. HB698

Sale of property  
 Require notice to any junior mortgagor for. HB1200

Seventh Circuit Court District:  
 Authorize additional judges. HB988  
 Revise number of assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators. HB1311

Sexual assault kit  
 Regulate processing of. HB672

Sexual harassment  
 Create a state cause of action. HB394

Social media company community standards

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Require court to issue injunction when plaintiff demonstrates violation of by a  
defendant's communications on social media platform. HB1282  
South Mississippi Regional Health Care Authority Act  
Create. HB1216  
State advertising  
Prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. HB1480  
State Board of Medical Licensure  
Revise composition of to include consumer members. HB673  
Tort of Alienation of Affection  
Abolish. HB1092  
Uniform Athlete Agents Act  
Revise to align agency requirement with provisions of the "MS Intercollegiate  
Athletics Compensation Rights Act. HB1198  
Women's Economic Security Act of 2022  
Create. HB1037  
Youth court records  
Authorize judge to release to adult who was former subject, as a child, of  
abuse/neglect proceeding. HB2  
Youth court  
Authorize release of juveniles' names and addresses to certain school  
administrators when juveniles are charged with certain offenses. HB1060

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Administrative fees, fines, court costs imposed on children involved in Youth Court matters  
Remove. HB1141  
Adoption procedures  
Revise home study and residency requirements. HB538  
Adoption  
Remove prohibition against same gender. HB1172  
Amiya Braxton  
Revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. HB61  
Anonymous reporting of child abuse  
Remove and add penalties for false reporting of child abuse. HB1149  
Arrest warrants for sex offenses against children  
Authorize upon oral testimony by person requesting. HB799  
Asset forfeiture proceeds  
Clarify use is for increase in law enforcement budget. HB409  
Assistant District Attorneys  
Revise number per district. HB1197  
Bail bond  
Require release when judge approves participation in intervention program.  
HB370  
Bail procedures  
Revise. HB958  
Bail:  
Revise how amounts are set. HB366  
Revise procedures to determine for indigent defendants. HB1021  
Barbers, nurses and social workers  
Revise certain qualifications for the purpose of licensing of. HB1196  
Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training:  
Require K-9 teams to be certified. HB1208  
Revise membership of. HB234  
Body-worn cameras:  
Prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. HB1306  
Require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs.  
HB757

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## Breaches of security

Require certain instances of to be reported to the Office of the Attorney General.

HB1366

## Bulletproof Vests Revolving Fund

Create. HB1120

## Case plans for inmates

Require ordered alcohol/drug treatment to commence within 90 days of admission. HB539

## Catalytic converters:

Revise penalties for possession and transport without proper registration.

HB1123

Revise penalties for possession and transport without proper registration.

HB1232

## CDL

Prohibit for any person convicted under Mississippi Human Trafficking Act.

HB1210

## Cell site simulator device

Require law enforcement agencies to obtain warrant before using. HB519

## Chancery court

Require to order certain persons held pending mental evaluation. HB1286

## Child abuse

Revise definition to include gender reassignment. HB1147

## Child exploitation materials

Clarify how penalized. HB1129

## Child Safety Alarm Act

Enact to implement safeguards for children left unattended in vehicles. HB1244

## Children

Persons convicted of certain sex offenses not allowed to give health care consent for. HB537

## Civil Legal Assistance Fund:

Provide for an assessment to be used for. HB807

Specify funding to from certain sources. HB642

## Community Service Revolving Fund

Extend repealer on authority to collect fees from paroled offenders for deposit into. **HB689**

## Concealed firearms

Clarify prohibition for mentally incompetent. HB247

## Controlled substances

Provide automatic defense to prosecution for charge that is brought within two years of a federal declassification of. **HB980 (Vetoed)**

## Copper materials

Prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. HB706

## Court-ordered restitution, certain

Require payment of victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed to court. HB11

## Crime Victims' Compensation Fund

Revise guidelines for payment from. HB1111

## Crimes:

Create for unauthorized use of minor's name and social security number as dependent on income tax return. HB640

Require specification of degree of mental culpability required for commission of. HB1150

## Criminal investigator

Authorize additional for 13th Circuit Court District. HB1375

## Criminal investigators

Add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. HB76



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Custodial interrogations  
    Authorize electronic recording of. HB1370

Cyberstalking  
    Revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. HB459

Death penalty executions  
    Remove firing squad as an option. HB800

Department of Human Services  
    Authorize to use additional methods of communication to send notices relating to  
        child support. HB91

Dept. of Public Safety  
    Revise laws regarding Office of State Medical Examiner, Forensics Laboratory  
        and various other laws. HB620

Deputy sheriffs and police officers  
    Require certain courses for continuing education. HB846

Disenfranchising crimes  
    Clarify those that qualify as. HB857

Dogs  
    Regulate and provide penalties for those with a history of biting. HB417

Domestic abuse court program  
    Establish. HB342

Domestic violence  
    Prohibit those convicted of from carrying weapons. HB1043

Drag racing  
    Provide vehicle in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. HB639

Driver's license suspension  
    Delete exemption from for participating in court-ordered drug-testing program  
        after breath test refusal. HB1072

Driver's license:  
    Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses  
        suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support.  
        HB103  
    Restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. HB369

Drone Prohibition Act  
    Create. HB259

Drug crime penalties  
    Revise judicial discretion. HB485

Drug Intervention Courts  
    Standardize references. HB623

DUI suspension  
    Clarify how the 120 days are counted. HB604

DUI:  
    Revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. HB1228  
    Revise violations of. HB1234

Election crimes  
    Revise the penalties for certain. HB1225

Embezzlement  
    Revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. HB197

Expungement:  
    Allow court granting a certificate of rehabilitation to also grant an. HB794  
    Authorize automatically for first-time offenders. HB910  
    Authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. HB853  
    Authorize for completion of drug court. HB414  
    Authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after  
        completing all terms and conditions of sentences. HB352  
    Authorize those qualify for medical marijuana prescription. HB922  
    Clarify for qualified electors. HB630  
    Clarify procedures in all courts. HB629

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Delete embezzlement from ineligible crimes for. HB848  
 Remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. HB855  
 Remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes.  
 HB188  
 Require the court to do so when charges are dismissed or dropped. HB622  
 Revise list of eligible crimes. HB852

False allegations of hate crime  
 Provide penalties for. HB789

Federal judges  
 Authorize to solemnize marriage. HB46

Felon in possession of dangerous weapons  
 Revise penalties. HB1333

Felony expunction  
 Revise age to obtain to conform to revisions. HB291

Firearms and weapons  
 Authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. HB183

Firearms in possession of a felon  
 Revise regulations for. HB1010

Firearms licensed  
 Require proof of mental health evaluation. HB141

Firearms possession  
 Authorize for nonviolent felons in homes and cars. HB187

Firearms Protection Act  
 Create. HB595

Firearms:  
 Authorize concealed carry without a permit during emergency evacuations.  
 HB170  
 Interpose state law in place of any federal law confiscating firearms. HB254

First Circuit Court District  
 Revise composition of judgeships. HB624

First-degree murder  
 Include unlawful distribution of controlled substances, when the distribution is proximate cause of death. **HB607**

Fleeing law enforcement  
 Increase penalties for the crime of. HB621

Freedom of Roadway Act  
 Increase penalties for the obstruction of public passage ways. HB1106

Fresh Start Act  
 Revise certain provisions of. HB619

Funeral processions  
 Yield right-of-way to and prescribe fine for failure to. HB255

Grain warehouses and grain dealers  
 Increase penalties imposed upon for violations. HB1392

Habitual offender law  
 Exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under.  
 HB219

Habitual offender  
 Revise penalties for. HB413

Habitual offenders:  
 Create procedure to have judgment or sentence reduced, vacated or set aside.  
 HB981  
 Exclude nonviolent offenders. HB566  
 Revise regulations for. HB87

Hate crimes  
 Revise delineation of victim. HB1467

Hazing

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Increase penalties for. HB237

HIV crimes  
Increase penalties for intentional exposure or contact with blood or seminal fluid.  
HB334

Hypodermic syringes or needles  
Unlawful to sell, obtain, purchase or possess as a direct consumer without a  
written prescription. HB410

Identity theft  
Establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged.  
HB70

Illegal drug transfers  
Provide enhanced penalty when drug transfer is proximate cause of death.  
HB480

Immigrants  
Prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into  
Mississippi. HB989

Immunity for law enforcement officers  
Authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. HB9

Implied consent  
Revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test.  
HB1095

Indecent assault  
Create the crime of and provide penalties. HB605

Intentional injury to pregnant woman  
Revise penalties. HB497

Intentional injury to pregnant women  
Revise penalties. HB963

Interrogations:  
Require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. HB912  
Require to be recorded if crimes of violence. HB559

Intervention courts  
Revise regulations that govern and add drug abuse prevention to statewide  
education component. HB695

J.T. Williamson Act  
Create to make texting while driving a misdemeanor. HB429

Jennifer's Law  
Enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas.  
HB802

Justice and municipal courts  
Require to file all legal documents by electronic form using MEC. HB368

Justice court  
Revise service of process. HB1324

Juvenile offenders  
Authorize alternative sentencing and parole options for. HB1027

Law enforcement officers  
Require to input missing person cases into National Missing and Unidentified  
Persons System (NAMUS). HB167

Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program  
Create. HB609

Law enforcement:  
Allow interoperability between MSHP and counties and municipalities. HB1094  
Require pursuit policy of alleged crime perpetrator. HB641

Life jackets  
Increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. HB69

Littering:  
Increase fines and allocate monies collected to police, sheriff and fire  
departments. HB904

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Increase fines and deposit certain assessments into Keep Mississippi Beautiful and law enforcement funds. HB39

Malicious prosecution  
Require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. HB324

Marijuana possession:  
Provide civil penalty for. HB294  
Revise as civil penalty. HB178

Marriage  
Remove prohibition for same-sex. HB1171

Misdemeanor expunction  
Remove age restriction. HB271

Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund  
Create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. HB809

Mississippi Center for Legal Services  
Require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. HB808

Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner  
Revise authority to inflict the death penalty. **HB1479**

Mississippi Ethics Commission  
Revise who is subject to a penalty for violating confidentiality. HB1400

Mississippi Highway Patrol and MBN officers  
Increase salaries of. HB233

Mississippi Police Funding Protection Act  
Create. HB438

Mississippi Public Records Act  
Revise penalties for person or public body who violates the provisions of. HB1103

Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act  
Create. HB105

MS Scrap Metal Act  
Revise and recodify existing scrap metal laws as. HB1063

No-knock warrants  
Prohibit issuance of. HB608

Nonviolent offenders  
Authorize reduction of sentences for passage of end-of-course subject area tests by offenders. HB275

Obsolete crimes  
Repeal. HB1374

Officer-involved deaths  
Require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. HB957

Parole Board  
Bring forward sections relating to powers and duties of. HB29

Peace officers  
Prohibit maximal, prone technique including hogtying. HB1143

Penalties for electronic crimes by minors  
Clarify. HB1207

Prostitution  
Penalize procurement of as a felony. HB367

Public defenders  
Increase compensation for court appointed. HB545

Public officials  
Authorize the Department of Public Safety to investigate. HB23

Public records  
Exempt the booking information of certain mentally ill patients from. HB416

Racial Profiling Prevention Act  
Create. HB1203

Radar:  
Authorize county supervisors to authorize county sheriff and deputies to use on state aid roads. HB1054

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Authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits.

HB557

Authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits.

HB1134

Rape trials

Revise evidentiary procedures for spousal rape. HB1080

Rape

Clarify the elements of the crime of. HB1230

Reckless endangerment

Create the crime of. HB1148

Residential Landlord Tenant Act

Revise evictions procedures of the. HB1061

Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths

Create. HB956

Riding bailiffs

Revise salary of. **HB400**

Right to vote:

Restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements.

HB196, HB668

Restore to people who committed nonviolent disqualifying crimes upon meeting certain requirements. HB487

Restore to veterans who committed certain crimes upon completing sentencing requirements. HB377

Scrap metal:

Increase penalties and expand definition. HB977

Revise penalties and suspend license for receipt of stolen property. HB495

Revise valuation of for penalties. HB626

Second Amendment Preservation Act

Authorize with exclusion for universities and colleges. HB1418

Seizure and forfeiture:

Prohibit waiver of forfeiture and revise standard of proof. HB600

Require conviction and establish in relation to certain criminal offenses. HB598

Sellers of alternative nicotine products and package retailers

Require to have a third-party age verification service. HB976

Sex offenders and child custody

Revise guidelines regarding the best interest of the child in cases of. HB1326

Sexual battery:

Remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. HB740

Remove statute of limitations for prosecution of crime of. HB797

Sexual harassment settlements

Require counties, municipalities and state agencies to post on website. HB385

Sheriffs

Authorize to deputize tribal law enforcement officers under certain circumstances.  
HB941

Shoplifting

Revise penalties for crime of. HB1016

Simple assault:

Add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. HB169

Revise to include nonconsensual touching of body. HB701

Social Media Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency Act of 2022

Enact. HB1465

Staging of a motor vehicle collision

Make a felony and racketeering activity. HB1133

State assessments

Deposit certain into designated special funds instead of General Fund. HB422

State historical markers

Person who willfully damages shall be guilty of a felony. HB1218

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State Public Defender  
 Revise certain powers and duties of. HB360

Statute of limitations  
 Remove for crimes against children. HB138

Statute of Limitations  
 Remove for crimes against children. HB246

Statutory rape and sexual assault  
 Revise penalties. HB615

Stop Social Media Censorship Act  
 Create. HB1464

Stun gun  
 Remove the term from the prohibited firearms category. HB597

Subpoenas  
 Authorize attorneys who have entered an appearance to issue. HB1310

Suffrage:  
 Restore to Angela Porter-Williams of Amite County. HB1719  
 Restore to Annie Mae Grant of Hinds County. HB1732  
 Restore to Anthony Leroy Wallace of Harrison County. HB1729  
 Restore to Charles Harris of Harrison County. HB1738  
 Restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. HB1746  
 Restore to Deborah Ledbetter of Hinds County. HB1731  
 Restore to Edna Barnett of Jones County. HB1736  
 Restore to Frankie O'Neal Ward, Jr. of Jefferson Davis County. HB1734  
 Restore to Gerald O. Laird of Jefferson Davis County. HB1721  
 Restore to Janice O'Neal of Warren County. HB1710  
 Restore to Jo Kendrick Calhoun of Tallahatchie County. HB1739  
 Restore to Joseph Jones of Jefferson Davis County. HB1766  
 Restore to Kenny Pritchard of Rankin County. HB1737  
 Restore to LaTonya Woodson of Warren County. HB1758  
 Restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. HB1722  
 Restore to Ray Ferrell of Harrison County. HB1730  
 Restore to Ronald Brent Self of Tippah County. HB1723  
 Restore to Steve Dwayne Moorman of George County. HB1765  
 Restore to Willie Dishmon of Panola County. HB1764

The Combating Violence, Disorder and Looting and Law Enforcement Protection Act of Mississippi:  
 Create. HB24  
 Create. HB613

The Crown Act:  
 Create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools.  
 HB136  
 Create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools.  
 HB1268

The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act  
 Enact. HB1026

The Real You Act of 2022  
 Create. HB1099

The Sexual Assault Response for College Students Act  
 Create. HB589

The Sexual Assault Survivors' DNA Bill of Rights  
 Create. HB1079

Theft of street, road or highway signs  
 Provide penalties for. HB257

Tobacco  
 Prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. HB894

Universities and colleges anti-hazing policy

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Require Board of Trustees of IHL to develop policy against hazing and prescribe penalties. HB238

Utility worker

Include the killing of as capital murder. HB825

Violent offenders, certain

May be paroled by Parole Board if sentencing judge authorizes parole consideration. HB705

Voting rights:

Restore to all felons upon satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. HB1271

Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB569

Restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB268

Voyeurism

Revise sentencing option for the crime of. HB411

Warrant applications or signature

Authorize for violations of implied consent laws. HB1139

Wiretapping

Authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. HB8

Wrongful conviction

Remove limit on damages when court finds. HB229

Youthful Offender Law

Enact. HB560

**LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION**

City of Bay St. Louis

Authorize hotel/motel tax to promote tourism, parks and recreation. HB1749

City of Charleston

Authorize expenditure for asphalt to be used on certain county roads damaged due to needed city sewer repairs. **HB1549**

City of Clinton

Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1747**

City of Fulton

Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1740**

City of Gulfport

Authorize to contribute funds to a motor vehicle transportation system commission. **HB1694**

City of Hattiesburg

Extend repeal on tourism commission and hotel/motel tax. **HB1742**

City of Hernando

Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote parks and recreation. HB1720

City of Horn Lake

Extend repeal date on the tax on hotel and motel room rentals. HB1741

City of Jackson:

Authorize additional hotel occupancy fee for the upkeep of the Jackson Convention Complex. HB1761

Authorize increase hotel/motel tax to provide funding for Jackson Convention Center. HB1754

Extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau and authorize increase in hotel/motel tax. HB1733

Extend repeal date on convention and visitors bureau. **HB1565**

City of Kosciusko

Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1743**

City of Laurel

Authorize tax on hotels and motels to promote tourism. HB1439

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## City of Madison

Authorize to transfer properties and make other agreements with Madison Square  
 Redevelopment Authority. **HB1751**

## City of Meridian

Authorize 2% increase in monthly benefits for certain retired police, firemen and  
 employees every year. **HB1672**

## City of Moss Point

Extend date of repeal on city's restaurant tax. **HB1755**

## City of Natchez and Adams County

Authorize contributions to Natchez, Incorporated. **HB1440**

## City of Natchez/Adams County

Authorize contributions to Natchez, Inc. **HB1249**

## City of New Albany:

Authorize expansion of its gas system within a certain area outside its corporate  
 limits. **HB1756**

Authorize to possess same powers as a rural EPA and to enter into certain  
 interlocal agreements. **HB1753**

## City of Olive Branch

Authorize 1% tax on hotels and motels and issuance of bonds for tourism, parks  
 and recreation. **HB1503**

## City of Oxford

Authorize expansion of water system for a certain distance outside of city to serve  
 Punkin Water Association. **HB1735**

## City of Richland:

Extend date of repeal on hotel/motel; tourism tax. **HB1526**

Extend repealer on bar and restaurant tourism tax. **HB1525**

## City of Saltillo

Authorize tourism tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. **HB1523**

## City of Southhaven

Extend repeal date on restaurant tax. **HB1561**

## City of Starkville

Extend repeal date on economic development, tourism/convention tax. **HB1547**

## City of Vicksburg

Authorize contribution to American Legion Auxiliary Boys State Program.  
**HB1709**

## Clinton/Raymond/Bolton Wastewater Authority Act

Create. **HB1762**

## George County

Authorize the repair of certain parking lot located in. **HB1745**

## Harrison County:

Authorize certain tax proceeds to be designated for use by Gulf Coast Regional  
 Convention and Visitors Bureau or for tourism solely in. **HB1767**

Clarify hotel/motel tax for Coast Coliseum and Convention Center shall solely be  
 applied to overnight room rentals. **HB1757**

## Holmes County:

Authorize contributions to the Durant Foundation. **HB1760**

Authorize to provide certain compensation for county patrol officers. **HB1759**

Hotel "occupancy tax" levied in City of Jackson to fund the Mississippi Telecommunication  
 Conference and Training Facility and Reserve Fund

Increase. **HB1637**

## Jackson County:

Authorize contributions to Friends of Arts, Culture and Education (F.A.C.E.).  
**HB1682**

Authorize contributions to Junior Auxiliary of Pascagoula - Moss Point. **HB1673**

Extend repeal date on county's hotel/motel tourism tax and authorize to make  
 certain designation of the use of the tax. **HB1671**

## Kemper County



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Authorize to enter into certain contracts to fund capital costs to extend natural gas services in. **HB1763**  
Local and private bills proposing to extend local tax for second time  
Require direct referendum. **HB594**  
Local and private laws that implement a tourism tax  
Authorize tax proceeds to be used for water, sewer, first responders retirement fund. **HB1362**  
Marshall County  
Authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. **HB1752**  
Rankin County  
Authorize contributions to nonprofit organizations that provide recreational/sports activities for county youth. **HB1744**  
Standard Dedeaux Water District  
Delete provision on compensation of commissioners. **HB35**  
Sunflower County:  
Authorize contribution to Delta Advantage Center. **HB1535**  
Authorize contributions to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. **HB1536**  
Authorize contributions to the Sunflower County Ministerial Alliance Counseling Service, Inc. **HB1534**  
Tallahatchie River Authority  
Authorize the establishment of. **HB1768**  
Town of Byhalia  
Reenact hotel and motel tax and extend repeal date until July 1, 2026. **HB1533**  
Town of Oakland  
Authorize tourism tax on prepared food and drinks at restaurants and prepared food at convenience stores. **HB1441**  
Town of Raleigh  
Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB1674**  
Town of Shuqualak  
Authorize expansion of water services provided by. **HB1748**  
Warren County  
Authorize contributions to various organizations. **HB1693**

**MARINE RESOURCES**

Bottom land leasing for oyster production  
Create a pilot program for. **HB972**  
Cat Island  
Prohibit the use of a purse seine within two miles of. **HB1320**  
Department of Marine Resources:  
Authorize to use any state institution of higher learning as a resource. **HB1058**  
Revise acreage of bottom authorized to be leased by. **HB1057**  
Revise license issued for seafood dealers and seafood processors. **HB1130**  
Derelict vessels  
Provide certain requirements for the removal of. **HB1076**  
Floatation devices  
Require all individuals to wear while certain vessels are underway. **HB1144**  
Menhaden  
Prohibit taking of within one mile buffer of Jackson County, Mississippi. **HB1321**  
Molluscan shellfish aquaculture operations  
Revise licensing of vessels used for. **HB1077**

**MEDICAID**

Medicaid Access and Opportunity Act of 2022  
Create. **HB659**  
Medicaid:

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Bring forward certain sections of the law. HB966  
 Bring forward Section authorizing Division to apply for federal waivers. HB968  
 Bring forward section authorizing Governor to discontinue or limit optional category of recipients. HB967  
 Bring forward section providing for assessments on health care facilities. HB901  
 Delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and establish procedure for review of proposed rate changes. HB658  
 Delete freeze on provider reimbursement rates and provide for prior review of certain actions by the division. **HB657**  
 Eligible pregnant women remain eligible for maternal care services for 12 months after end of pregnancy. HB601  
 Expand eligibility for certain persons to receive services through provider sponsored health plan. HB1000  
 Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB108  
 Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB387  
 Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB760  
 Extend coverage for eligible women for 12 months postpartum. HB998  
 Increase reimbursement rate for providers of assisted living services. HB454  
 Prohibit the making of false claims for payments as well as for benefits. HB584  
 Provide continued eligibility for eligible women for up to 12 months postpartum. HB299  
 Provide coverage for outpatient services by border city university-affiliated pediatric teaching hospitals. HB896  
 Provide coverage for substance abuse and mental health services for pregnant and postpartum women. HB300  
 Provide for a separate managed care program for dental services and dental services providers. HB763  
 Remove provision that freezes provider reimbursement rates unless authorized by legislative amendment. HB785  
 Require division to promptly sell or lease residence of deceased recipient obtained through estate recovery. HB40  
 Require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. HB97  
 Require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. HB317  
 Restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. HB602  
 Revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). HB83  
 Revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. HB542  
 Suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. HB755  
 Telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. HB212

**MILITARY AFFAIRS**

Adjutant General  
 Authorize to convey real property in the best interest of the Mississippi Military Department. **HB1177**  
 Civil Air Patrol members:  
 Authorize granting of leave of absence to for certain emergency services. HB1179  
 Grant leave of absence from civil occupations in public or private business during emergency relief efforts. HB1382  
 County veteran service officers

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Revise certain provisions regarding certification. **HB677**  
Disabled veterans  
Establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. HB392  
Marriage  
Authorize military judges to solemnize. HB993  
Mississippi National Guard  
Revise conditions under which members will be placed on retired list. HB1180  
Mississippi Veterans Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund  
Create. HB736  
Mississippi Veterans Home Perpetual Care Fund  
Create. HB735  
Municipal Veterans Treatment Court  
Authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. HB1202

**MUNICIPALITIES**

Community and Police Safety Act  
Create. HB351  
First Responders Incentive Program  
Establish. HB938  
Menaced property  
Authorize municipalities to secure abandoned or dilapidated buildings on such property. **HB616**  
Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act  
Create. HB93  
Municipal annexation/deannexation  
Require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. HB1483  
Municipal annexation:  
Provide that an election shall be held on the question of. HB371  
Require an election be held in the proposed annexed territory. HB791  
Municipalities, certain  
Extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. HB939  
Municipalities:  
Authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. HB617  
Extend repealer on authority to create program addressing delinquent customer water bills. HB517  
Property Clean-up Revolving Fund  
Establish. HB1015

**PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS**

Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority  
Repeal. HB1264  
Small unmanned aircraft  
Require retailer to register certain information with the Department of Public Safety. HB1383

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Abortion:  
Prohibit except to save in a medical emergency. HB1368  
Provide that inducing or performing is unlawful. HB580  
Repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. HB1272

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Revise physician requirement and prohibit facilities from selling stem cells.  
 HB1379

Abortion-inducing pill  
 Regulate with required consent. HB948

Adult day care facilities  
 Provide for licensure by State Department of Health. HB48

Advanced practice registered nurses  
 Revise certain provisions relating to, including collaboration requirement. HB440

Anatomical gifts:  
 Prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. **HB20**  
 Prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. HB435  
 Prohibit discrimination against recipient based on disability. HB964

Anesthesiologist Assistants  
 Provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. HB1215

Appropriation  
 Health Department to provide epi-pens and AEDs in IHLs, community colleges  
 and schools. HB137

Audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact  
 Create. **HB424**

Autopsies:  
 Create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiring about whether  
 death was result of seizure or epilepsy. HB860  
 Require to include inquiry about whether death was result of seizure or epilepsy.  
 HB450

Breastfeeding  
 Authorize distribution of statewide info to support breastfeeding in public places.  
 HB1304

Child Care Advisory Council  
 Require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on.  
 HB321

Child care facilities  
 Require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against.  
 HB320

Child support enforcement and collection  
 Terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. HB329

Chronic Diseases  
 Direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs  
 to reduce incidence of. HB350

Community mental health centers  
 Provide that health insurers may not deny the right to participate as a contract  
 provider. HB460

CON:  
 Authorize for nursing home in Jones County. HB282  
 Provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice  
 licensees. HB330  
 Remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the  
 CON law. HB1470  
 Remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. HB110  
 Remove services and equipment from requirement for. HB355

Cosmetology Board  
 Reconstitute membership of and require to appoint an executive director.  
 HB1188

Cosmetology licensure laws  
 Change name of manicurist to nail technician. HB816

COVID-19 mandates  
 Prohibit imposing upon businesses or individuals. HB1454

COVID-19 vaccinations

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Prohibit governmental entities and public officials from requiring for any person.  
HB1463

COVID-19 vaccine mandate  
Prohibit state and local government from imposing. **HB1509**

COVID-19 vaccine mandates:  
Authorize employee exemptions from. HB231  
Prohibit the State of Mississippi from imposing. HB1452

COVID-19  
Prohibit use of state funds for mandatory administration of vaccine against.  
HB1462

Department of Health  
Limit any increase in fees by and revise who can be appointed to child care  
advisory council by State Health Officer. HB215

Department of Human Services  
Require a board of directors to be created within. HB322

Department of Mental Health and community health centers  
Expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates.  
HB1011

Departments of Human Services and Child Protection Services  
Extend repealer on exemption from certain Procurement Review Board  
Requirements. HB476

DHS:  
Develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of  
the eligible population for the grants. HB298  
Direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community  
setting. HB1358

Dialysis facilities  
Nursing homes shall allow to provide mobile services on site to their patients.  
HB507

Disabilities, persons with  
Modernize terminology used to refer to. HB74

DPS  
Require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder.  
HB4

Drug and alcohol treatment  
Require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. HB558

Face masks  
Prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to  
wear. HB1405

Flu vaccines  
Reduce minimum age of hospital inpatients who must be offered them before their  
discharge. HB897

Foster care  
Require CPS to train children how to report human trafficking before being placed  
in. HB991

Freestanding emergency room  
Revise definition to include rural emergency hospital and specify other criteria.  
HB1110

Fresh Start Act  
Revise certain provisions and authorize practice of medicine or dentistry after  
expungement of certain crimes. HB193

Funeral directing  
Issue license for to persons who meet certain criteria and apply within a certain  
30 day period. HB1045

Funeral director assistants  
Authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions.  
HB1294

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Funeral homes

Revise various provisions relating to disposition of bodies, crematories and preneed contracts. HB1231

Funeral services

Require payment for before body may be transferred from one funeral home to another. HB1305

Health care and education shortage assistance program

Establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. HB327

Health Care Certificate of Need Law

Repeal. HB1471

Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act

Create. HB1034

Health care practitioners

Have right and freedom to publicly discuss treatment methods without repercussion from licensing agencies. HB861

Health insurers

Authorize exemption from prior authorization requirements of for health care providers if certain criteria are met. HB780

Health

State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. HB345

Healthcare Contracting Simplification Act

Create. HB803

Home health services

Authorize nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order and certify. HB363

Hospice care

Authorize to be provided to persons who are not terminally ill under certain circumstances. HB1298

Hospitals and institutions for the aged or infirm

Prohibit policies, subject to safety requirements, limiting visitation. HB837

Hospitals

Require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. HB1261

Lead poisoning

Require Department of Health to revise its prevention policies to align with CDC recommendation. HB923

Licensed professional counselors

Revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. HB328

Long-term care facilities

Require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. HB1145

Mattresses

Require seller to give notice when previously owned. HB645

Medical records:

Require health care provider to timely provide to patients after receiving request for. HB946

Set maximum amounts of fees that may be charged for providing in electronic format. HB862

Mental health courts

Clarify chancery court participation for certification of. HB1042

Mental health screenings and assessments

Require in all public schools. HB573

Mental health support for educators

Provide services and training for. HB670

Mental Health Treatment Facility

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Revise hearing and commitment procedures. HB6

Mental health  
Require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. HB285

Milk products  
Exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. HB577

Mississippi Access to Care Act:  
Create. HB593  
Create. HB678

Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act  
Create. HB759

Mississippi Board of Human Services  
Create. HB315

Mississippi Code:  
Modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". HB19  
Modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". HB738

Mississippi Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention Act  
Create. HB278

Mississippi Department of Human Services employees  
Remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. HB331

Mississippi Preauthorization Gold Card Act  
Enact. HB866

Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program  
Extend expiration date for Department of Health to make physician grants. HB477

Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council  
Create at UMMC. HB458

Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2022  
Create. HB107

Mississippi Smoke-free Air Act  
Create. HB838

Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council  
Create. HB85

Mobile barbershops  
Authorize licensed barbers to operate. HB1355

MS Rural Hospital Loan Program  
Establish in State Department of Health. **HB365**

Newborn screening program  
Include those conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel within three years after listing. **HB927**

No Patient Left Alone Act  
Create to provide certain visitation rights for hospital patients. HB758

Nonemergency medical transportation providers  
Require to meet certain standards and have a permit from the Department of Health. HB1100

Nursing Education Incentive Program  
Create. **HB1005**

Nursing education  
Unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. HB284

Pharmacists  
Authorize to test for and treat certain minor, nonchronic health conditions subject to certain requirements. HB682

Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act

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Revise various provisions of. HB733

Physical therapists:

Authorize to perform services without referral from another health care provider.  
 HB493

Delete requirement for physician referral before performing services. HB362

Not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. HB532

Physical therapy practice laws

Revise various provisions of. HB364

Podiatrists

Authorize certification for advanced practice for conservative or surgical treatment  
 of the ankle. HB1107

Practice of medicine or dentistry

Allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement.  
 HB221

Professional Counseling Compact

Create. **HB1056**

Project ADAM(Automated Defibrillators in Adam's Memory)

Establish pilot program to authorize AEDs in schools. HB734

Psychologists

Exemption from Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act. HB1254

Public health

Repeal criminal penalty provisions for violations of certain statutes, regulations  
 and orders relating to. HB549

Public universities and colleges

Require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on  
 campus. HB151

Regional food banks

DHS establish grant program to provide annual grant funding to. HB235

Regional mental health commissions

Increase number of commissioners appointed by board of supervisors for certain  
 counties. HB1137

Reports of suspected abuse

Require persons who make to give their name and contact information under  
 certain circumstances. HB798

Rivers McGraw Mental Health Diversion Program

Revise to create mental health treatment courts. HB703

Rural Physician Scholarship Program

Bring forward sections for purpose of amendment. HB1146

School districts:

Require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and  
 cafeteria. HB134

Require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every  
 building and cafeteria. HB153

School Immunization

Authorize exemption from requirements for religious beliefs. HB1457

SNAP and TANF recipients

Require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. HB263

Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases Compact

Enact. HB839

Speech-language pathologists and audiologists

Create board to license and regulate. HB395

State agencies

Prohibit disclosure of identifying information received from program applicants.  
 HB319

State Board of Barber Examiners

Authorize county and municipal elected officials to serve as members of. HB817

State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering



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Create to license and regulate those two occupations. HB1221  
State Commission on the 9-8-8 Comprehensive Behavioral Health Crisis Response System  
Create. **HB732**  
State Health Officer  
Require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. HB612  
State of emergency  
Provide a maximum time period for and authorize Department of Health to store dead bodies if necessary. HB131  
State Workplace Safety and Health Office  
Establish under State Board of Health. HB57  
Stillborn children  
Require death certificate for and require notice to parents that they may obtain birth certificate for. HB1038  
TANF and Medicaid  
Require teenage recipients of to participate in programs about birth control, abstinence and parenting. HB277  
The Abortion Complications Act of 2022  
Create. HB1511  
Vaccination mandates  
Prohibit governmental entity from imposing. HB1460  
Vaccinations:  
Prohibit employers and the State of Mississippi from requiring proof of. HB1461  
Prohibit state and local agencies and officials from mandating COVID-19 vaccinations. HB1451  
Require employers that mandate COVID-19 vaccinations for employees to provide exemption process. HB1450  
Vaccine exemption  
Authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. HB1453  
Vaccine mandates:  
Prohibit by employers and authorize damages if employer violates. HB1455  
Prohibit postsecondary educational institutions from requiring as a condition for attendance or enrollment. HB1456  
Prohibit schools from requiring as a condition for attendance or enrollment. HB1458  
Require employers to provide religious exemption for. HB1459  
Window tint regulation  
Revise medical exemption. HB1390

**PUBLIC PROPERTY**

Columbia Training School property  
Authorize DFA to transfer and convey certain portion of to Marion County Economic Development District. **HB1343**  
Historic Courthouse Fund  
Create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. HB77  
Mississippi Transportation Commission  
Authorize to terminate easement on certain real property in Corinth, MS. HB1062  
Private food service  
Authorize Department of Finance and Administration to solicit proposals for certain state properties. **HB1132**  
Public lands  
Extend repealer on statute prohibiting corporations and nonresident aliens from purchasing. HB688  
USM property at Port of Gulfport  
Authorize to lease or sublease. **HB1247**

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Electric Power Association Law  
 Bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. HB325

Mississippi Broadband Accessibility Act  
 Create. **HB1029**

Mississippi Broadband Expansion Act  
 Create. HB1030

Municipally-owned electric utility, certain  
 Possesses same powers as rural EPA and may enter certain interlocal agreements. HB970

Public Service Commission:  
 Remove from the provisions of the Mississippi Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. HB1028

Require to mandate annual filings by rural water associations. HB1337

Utility shutoffs  
 Revise Governor's authority regarding. HB1473

**RULES**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Trauma Awareness Day  
 Recognize June 20, 2022. HC85

Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote  
 Create. HB1263

Alcorn State University Braves Men's Basketball Team  
 Commend on winning the 2022 SWAC Regular Season Championship. HR118

Alcorn State University Lady Braves Cross Country Team  
 Commend upon winning the 2021 SWAC Championship. HR117

Alice Walker  
 Commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. HR84

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Epsilon Xi Lambda Chapter  
 Commend upon 70th anniversary and its community service. HR27

American oil and natural gas  
 Urge President of the United States to take measures to support. HR105

Angela Butler  
 Commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus of the MGCCC. HC70

Ann Tucker  
 Commend for outstanding 62-year teaching career. HR95

Article V Convention  
 Provide for selection and authority of commissioners. HC9

Bay Springs Bulldogs  
 Commend and congratulate upon winning the MHSAA 1A State Championship. HR38

Becki Cope  
 Commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. HR91

Benton High School Class of 1972  
 Recognize upon occasion of their 50th class reunion. HR81

Bishop C. James King, Jr.  
 Commend ministerial service. HR116

Bob Tyler:  
 Commend life of service to Yalobusha County and State of Mississippi. HC88  
 Commend life of service to Yalobusha County and the State of Mississippi. HR119

Bobbie Gentry

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2447

Commend Chickasaw County native, legendary and renowned singer-songwriter.  
HC80

Bolton-Edwards Elementary/Middle School Rangers Basketball Teams  
Commend on winning 2021-2022 Championship for Central Mississippi Athletic  
Conference Division. HR22

Booneville High School Blue Devils Boys Basketball Team  
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. HR103

Booneville High School Lady Blue Devils Basketball Team, commend upon  
winning MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. HR104

Brittney Reese  
Commend and congratulate successes as an Olympic medalist. HC50

Bryan Caldwell  
Commend upon retirement as athletic director of Gulfport High School. HR41

Burgis M. Ford  
Commend the military service of while serving with the 51st Regiment, United  
States Colored Infantry. HR115

Carmelita Joyce Hanshaw Scott  
Honor life and legacy upon her passing. HR43

Carroll V. Hood  
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HC17

Chief M.E. "Gene" Waldrop  
Commend upon his 50 years of police service in the State of Mississippi. HC48

Chief Wayne H. Payne  
Commend upon his retirement. HR40

City of Jackson  
Commend upon its bicentennial celebration. HR67

City of McComb:  
Commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. HC84  
Commend upon the 150th anniversary of its founding. HR108

City of Water Valley Electric Department, Tallahatchie Valley EPA and Tennessee Valley  
Authority  
Commend upon restoring electricity to Water Valley. HR13

Civil Rights Memorial Day  
Designate the last Monday of April as. HB1318

Clinton High School Boys Basketball Team  
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball Championship. HR123

Colonel Stanley A. Martin  
Commend service upon retirement. HC58

Congress  
Urge to call convention of the states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution to  
propose amendments limited to requiring the U.S. Supreme Court be  
composed of 9 justices. HC36

Cooper Conner  
Commend and upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Youth Athlete of the  
Year. HC62

Copiah Academy High School Colonels Boys Soccer Team  
Commend and congratulate on winning the 2021-2022 State Championship.  
HR121

Corinth High School Cheer Team  
Commend and congratulate upon outstanding season of competition. HR46

Credit scores  
Urge Congress to enact legislation requiring data analytics companies to disclose  
methods used to calculate. HC3

Darlene Bush  
Commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Perkinston Campus  
of MGCCC. HC69

Day of Tears in Mississippi

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Recognize January 22, 2022, as. HC18  
Daylight saving time  
Urge Congress and President Biden to enact legislation making year-round.  
HR92  
Dean Patricia W. Bennett  
Commend distinguished legal career upon her retirement. HR99  
Den Knecht  
Commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County  
Economic Development Foundation. HR30  
Dennis Craig Grisham  
Honor life upon his passing and express deep sympathy. HR6  
Dr. Alton Cobb  
Commend the life and legacy upon his passing. HR1  
Dr. Dorothy "Dot" J. Benford  
Commend the life, legacy and contributions upon her passing. HR63  
Dr. G.A. "Sonny" Rush  
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR55  
Dr. Mac Huddleston  
Commend upon being honored as the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award  
recipient by the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association. HR96  
Dr. Sam Polles  
Recognize upon occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of MDWFP.  
HC53  
Dr. Thomas Dobbs  
Commend for his service to Mississippi during his time as State Health Officer.  
HR122  
East Union Attendance Center Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team  
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. HR73  
East Union Attendance Center Urchins Boys Bowling Team  
Commend and congratulate on winning Class 1A State Championship. HR51  
Eddie James Stepney  
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR58  
Eminent domain  
Prohibit transfer of property acquired by for 10 years after acquisition. **HB1769**  
Emmett Till murder:  
Issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. HC56  
Issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. HR44  
Erin and Ben Napier  
Honor and commend for being stellar hosts of the "Home Town" television series.  
HR65  
Firefighter Linc Tucker  
Commend for meritorious service. HC12  
Flora Brown  
Commend life and legacy upon her passing. HR42  
Florence High School Girls Soccer Team  
Commend upon winning first MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. HR36  
Former Representative Michael Weston Janus  
Commend laudable career and public service of upon his passing. HC55  
Fredrick (Fred) George Burns  
Commend his life and legacy upon his passing. HR74  
Gary Hemphill Commercial Aviation Month  
Declare the month of April as. HB425  
Gary Jude Harkins  
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HC1  
Global Reman Day  
Designate April 14, 2022, as period of observation in the State of Mississippi.  
HC81

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Gold star Children's Day  
Designate August 1 of each year as. HB675

Grayson Green McNeil  
Commend for representing the State of Mississippi at Mrs. America 2021. HR60

Hailey Frederiksen  
Commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2022.  
HR20

Hattie Mae Fielder Hudnall  
Commend her life and legacy upon her passing. HR61

Hazlehurst Funeral Home  
Commend for many years of outstanding service. HR112

Head Coach Bridget Carmody  
Commend for being named the 2021 National Federation of High School Coaches  
Association's Coach of the Year for swimming and diving. HR18

Head Coach Deion Sanders  
Commend upon being named the 2021 SWAC Coach of the Year. HR3

Hernando High School Lady Tigers Softball Team  
Commend for winning the 2021 MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. HR45

Hickory Flat High School Lady Rebels Volleyball Team  
Commend for winning the MHSAA Class 1A Girls Volleyball State Championship.  
HR33

Hilda Louise Smith Casin:  
Commend life, service and accomplishments of. HC75  
Commend life, service and accomplishments of. HR77

Holy Bible  
Designate as the official state book of Mississippi. HB117

Honorable Fred Lee Banks, Jr.  
Commend and congratulate upon receiving the 2021 Lifetime Achievement  
Award. HR86

Honorable Judge Patricia D. Wise  
Commend esteemed legal and judicial career upon her retirement. HR72

House Rules:  
Amend 104A to require all House committees to be live streamed. HR5  
Amend to authorize members of the Appropriations committee to meet and vote  
remotely. HR12  
Amend to create a new House Rule 77.1 to require discussion of all bills referred  
to a House committee. HR7  
Amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be  
published 24 hours before the meeting. HR11  
Amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to  
each bill. HR8

Hunter Luis Melendez  
Commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Male Athlete of the Year.  
HC61

Ida B. Wells  
Commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment  
Experience Hall of Fame. HR93

Indigenous Native American Day  
Declare the second Monday in October as. HB1364

Indigenous Peoples' Day  
Declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. HB618

Ingomar Attendance Center Lady Falcons Basketball Team  
Commend and congratulate upon winning Class 1A State Championship. HR52

International Women's Month  
Designate month of March 2022 as for statewide observance. HC71

Jackson State University:  
Commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. HC30

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Commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. HR2  
 Commend upon winning 2021 SWAC Championship. HR4

James A. Barber  
 Commend service as Executive Director of PEER upon his retirement. HC33

James A. Williams  
 Commend his life and legacy upon his passing. HR16

Jason Sullivan and Monroe County Veterans Services Office  
 Commend zealous advocacy. HR88

Jasper Earl Perry  
 Mourn the loss and commend the life of upon his passing. HR114

Jerry St. Pe'  
 Commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County  
 Economic Development Foundation. HR32

Jo Anne Daniels  
 Commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jefferson Davis  
 Campus of MGCCC. HC66

Joe F. Sanderson, Jr.  
 Commend upon celebration of his 75th birthday and leadership of Sanderson  
 Farms. HR9

Joe N. Lowery II  
 Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR19

John Girard Guthrie  
 Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HC73

Johnny Allen Morrow  
 Commend his life and legacy upon his passing. HR62

Joint Rules:  
 Amend 9A to require all bills with 50 or more cosponsors to be adopted  
 automatically by the committee of House of Origin. HC6  
 Amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor  
 sessions beginning in 2023. HC25  
 Amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor  
 sessions beginning in 2023. HC52  
 Amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in  
 even-numbered years. HC2  
 Amend to require all budget legislation to be provided to each member of the  
 Mississippi Legislature 48 hours before committee meeting. HC34

Jones Junior College Bobcats Cheerleading Team  
 Commend on winning Open Coed Division - 2022 UCA College Championship.  
 HR110

Joyce Isabelle Green Harrison  
 Commend upon the occasion of her 102nd birthday. HR97

Judge Denise Owens  
 Commend for 33 years of exemplary service as Hinds County District 3 Chancery  
 Judge, and congratulate upon retirement. HR85

Judge Tomie Turner Green:  
 Commend distinguished career upon her retirement. HC72  
 Commend distinguished career upon her retirement. HR100

Juneteenth Freedom Day  
 Designate June 19 as. HB75

Juneteenth National Independence Day  
 Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB358

Kornfeld's Department Store  
 Commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. HR26

Kossuth High School Cheerleading Team  
 Commend outstanding season of accomplishments. HR29

Lake High School Lady Hornets Basketball Team  
 Commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR101

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Lake High School Lady Hornets Fast-Pitch Softball Team  
Commend and congratulate on winning 2021 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR24

Laura Bivins  
Commend and congratulate upon winning the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science. HC64

Legislative  
Authorize House and Senate Sergeant at Arms to carry firearm. HB361

Legislature:  
Change date of sine die adjournment of the 2022 Regular Session. HC90  
Extend 2022 Regular Session, suspend deadlines for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. HC89  
Limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote for passage to sessions in even-numbered years. HB162

Lieutenant Toby Johnson  
Commend for service during Hurricane Ida. HC11

Linda Gavin  
Commend distinguished career upon her retirement. HR78

Linda Ross Aldy  
Commend legacy and service upon her retirement. HR54

Liska Wallace  
Commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. HR83

Lusia "Lucy" Mae Harris Stewart  
Honor life and legacy as the first and only woman ever officially drafted by the NBA and express sympathy upon her passing. HR82

Lyniece Fleming  
Commend upon the occasion of her retirement. HR120

Madeline Zimmerman  
Commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Jackson County Campus of MGCCC. HC65

Major General Billy M. Nabors  
Commend exemplary and outstanding service of to the Mississippi National Guard upon his retirement. HR57

Mandy Withrow  
Commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the George County Center of MGCCC. HC68

Marty Stuart  
Commend for being inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2022 by The MAX. HR87

Matthew Lambert  
Commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. HR89

Meridian High School Lady Wildcats Basketball Team  
Commend and congratulate on winning the MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. HR69

Millicent "Mandy" Gunter  
Commend for receiving the 2020 Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. HC79

Mississippi Congressional district  
Reapportion. **HB384**

Mississippi congressional districts  
Reapportion. HB556

Mississippi Day of Freedom and Abolishment of Slavery  
Declare February 7 as. HB383

Mississippi Export Railroad  
Commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. HC82

Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation:  
Commend upon 100th anniversary of. HC78

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Commend upon 100th anniversary of. HR66  
Mississippi High School Activities Association  
Commend and congratulate upon its centennial anniversary. HC76  
Mississippi State University Bulldogs Baseball Team  
Commend for winning the 2021 NCAA Baseball National Championship. HC8  
Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Ocean Springs  
Recognize upon its 25th anniversary. HR79  
Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights  
Commend upon 25th anniversary. HR106  
Mize Attendance Center Bulldogs Varsity Cheer Squad  
Commend on second place at UCA National Competition. HR68  
Monica Donohue  
Commend for being selected as Instructor of the Year at the Harrison County  
Campus of MGCCC. HC67  
Mr. George Smith  
Commend his life and legacy upon his passing. HC15  
Mr. Mack Elmore Banks  
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR14  
Mrs. Mary Lee Pearson-Finch  
Congratulate upon celebrating her 100th birthday. HR17  
Mrs. Sherry Ann Plunk Elmore  
Commend life and legacy upon her passing. HR15  
MS Funeral Directors Association  
Commend and express gratitude to funeral service professionals for selfless work  
during COVID-19 pandemic. HC38  
Mu Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.  
Commend upon 45th anniversary of receiving charter. HR113  
Myrtle Attendance Center Fast-pitch Softball Team  
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. HR50  
Nakobe Dean  
Congratulate National Champion Georgia Bulldogs outside linebacker from Horn  
Lake. HR28  
Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets Basketball Team  
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Girls Basketball State Championship.  
HR107  
New Hope Elementary, Middle and High schools and their amazing teacher and Coach  
Susanna "Susie" Oglesby  
Commend on winning the state VEX Robotics Championship. HR102  
Northwest Mississippi Community College Cheer Team  
Commend upon winning the 2022 Open Small Co-Ed National Championship.  
HC51  
Northwest Mississippi Community College Football Team  
Commend on winning MACCC State Championship. HC49  
Northwest Rankin High School Lady Cougars Soccer Team  
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A Girls Soccer State Championship. HR49  
Ole Miss Rebels All Girl Cheerleading Team:  
Commend and congratulate on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A Game Day  
National Championship. HC44  
Commend team and coaching staff on winning 2022 UCA Division 1A. HC57  
Ole Miss Rebels Women's Golf Team  
Commend and congratulate upon winning 2021 NCAA Division I National  
Championship. HC45  
Pat Thomasson  
Recognize and commend as first female Chair of the Board of Directors of the  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association. HR56  
Pearl River Community College "Wildcats" Cheer Squad



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Commend for winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association's All-Girl National Championship. HR25

Phillip Cameron Hendry Mississippi Mosquito and West Nile Virus Awareness Week  
Designate April 11-17, 2022, as. HC46

Picayune High School "Maroon Tide" Football Team  
Commend upon winning the MHSAA 5A State Championship. HR37

Pine Grove High School Boys Basketball Team  
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 2A Boys Basketball State Championship.  
HC83

Poised Pearls of Laurel of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority  
Inc.; congratulate upon the charter of a graduate chapter. HC86

Promotion of race and sex stereotyping or scapegoating:  
Oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such.  
HC22  
Oppose and condemn use of divisive concepts and theories that propagate such.  
HR10

Puckett High School Wolves Girls Basketball Team  
Commend on winning 2021-2022 MHSAA Class 2A District 6 Championship.  
HR59

Raleigh High School Lions Football Team  
Commend upon winning South State MHSAA Class 3A Championship. HC54

Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team  
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR94

Raymond High School Lady Rangers Track and Field Team  
Commend and congratulate upon winning Class 4A State Championship. HR53

Representative Bennie G. Thompson  
Commend for service as chairman of committee to investigate the attack on the  
U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. HC31

Retired Brigadier General Martha Jo Leslie  
Commend her life upon her passing. HC47

Richland High School Boys Soccer Team  
Commend on winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR35

Rickey Medlocke  
Commend musical success and becoming a bona fide resident of Mississippi.  
HR23

Robinson-Watson Book Company  
Commend for 29 years of promoting entrepreneurship and economic  
development. HR111

Roger "Big John" Earl Robinson  
Mourn loss and commemorate life and service of upon his passing. HC59

Royce Cumbest  
Commend and recognize for service as a member of the Jackson County  
Economic Development Foundation. HR31

Russian invasion of Ukraine  
Condemn. HC77

Safe and Healthy Pregnancies for Working Women Day in Mississippi  
Designate February 14, 2022, as. HC32

Sam Cooke  
Commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment  
Experience Hall of Fame. HR76

Samuel Earl Wilson III  
Mourn loss and commend life and legacy upon his passing. HR71

Samuel Larry Richey  
Commend his life upon his passing. HC13

Sanderson Farms  
Commend upon the celebration of 75th year anniversary. HC5

Scott Central High School Football Team

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Commend and congratulate upon winning Class 2A State Championship. HC43

Shake Rag  
 Commemorate the legacy of the community. HR80

Sharicka Gray  
 Commend upon being named an Extraordinary Educator for 2022. HR90

Sheryl Smith Askew  
 Commend the life and legacy upon the passing of. HR39

Simpson Academy Cougars Boys Basketball Team  
 Commend for winning the MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. HC60

South Jones High School Marching Band  
 Commend for first place Class 1A at the 2021 Bands of America Regional Competition. HR109

State holiday  
 Remove Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate Memorial Day as a. HB762

State holidays  
 Remove Confederate Memorial Day as. HB1348

State of the State address of the Governor  
 Call joint session to hear. HC10

State of the State  
 Authorize joint session for January 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. HC21

Statues and monuments  
 Prohibit removal of certain unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. HB905

Stetson Bennett IV  
 Commend stellar career and athletic accomplishments with the University of Georgia Bulldogs Football Team. HR34

Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week  
 Recognize May 1-7, 2022, as week of observance in Mississippi. HC37

Tere Turner  
 Commend upon being named 2021 MS State Games - Female Athlete of the Year. HC63

The Commercial Dispatch  
 Commend and congratulate on 100th anniversary. HC87

Veniti Annette Hall Williams  
 Commend her life and legacy upon her passing. HR48

Vietnam War Veterans  
 Recognize and honor those exposed to Agent Orange. HC14

W.C. Handy  
 Commend induction into the 2022 Class of the Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience Hall of Fame. HR75

West Harrison High School Cheerleading Team  
 Commend on winning second consecutive UCA National High School Cheer Championship. HR47

William Carey University's School of Education  
 Acknowledge and commend success of in combatting teacher shortages in the State of Mississippi. HR64

William Earl Bailey, Sr.  
 Commend life upon his passing. HR21

Women's History Month  
 Commend and congratulate honorees for contributions promoting women's excellence and empowerment in Mississippi. HR70

Zeb Andrews Hughes and Jameson Med Gunner Palmer:  
 Commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. HC74  
 Commend lives and legacies of and encourage boating safety awareness. HR98

**TOURISM**

Blue

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Designate as the state color of Mississippi. HB181  
Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Center lease contract  
Remove requirement that the leasing nonprofit organization shall be responsible  
for utility payments. HB1128  
Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Advertising Fund  
Use portion of monies in to advertise state parks. HB116  
Mississippi Freedom Trail Commission  
Establish. HB929  
Mississippi Gospel Music Trail  
Authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers  
for. HB656  
Mississippi Semiquincentennial Commission  
Create. HB1325  
Mississippi State Song Study Committee  
Create. HB444  
Mississippi Tourism Recovery Fund - Round 2  
Create. **HB453**  
PEER Committee  
Require to review effectiveness of the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism  
Advertising Fund. **HB1093**  
State song:  
Designate "My Home Mississippi" as second official state song. HB143  
Designate "One Mississippi" as official. HB1487

**TRANSPORTATION**

Bridges and culverts  
Revise laws regarding. **HB1073**  
CDL  
Prohibit for persons convicted of certain trafficking crimes. HB127  
CDLs  
Require Commissioner of DPS to provide for waivers of certain tests. **HB1486**  
Disabled person's vehicle tag  
Remove requirement for physician's certification for annual renewal. HB986  
Driver's license:  
Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons who have their licenses  
suspended as a result of being out of compliance with order for support.  
HB858  
Revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. HB851  
Driver's licenses  
Increase time period to renew expired license without examination. **HB971**  
Fuel taxes  
Allocate a portion to the City of Jackson to defray costs incurred as a result of  
being the seat of state government. HB1289  
Harvest permits  
Extend repealer on provisions establishing maximum weight and approved routes  
of vehicles. **HB1485**  
Headlights:  
Require to be operated whenever windshield wipers necessitated. HB1201  
Require to be used whenever windshield wipers are necessitated. HB25  
Require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. HB180  
Require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. HB793  
Highways  
Revise Mississippi Highway 615 in Harrison County. HB1008  
Intrastate CDL  
Bring forward sections regarding. HB1074  
Left lane

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Prohibit use of hand-held mobile telephones while driving in. HB960

License plate  
 Revise disability requirement for disabled veterans tag. **HB192**

License plates for disabled individuals  
 Revise various provisions relating to. HB987

License tags, trailers  
 Bring forward code sections regarding. HB1184

Memorial highway and bridge  
 Designate in Warren County for Margaret Gilmer. **HB990**

Memorial highway  
 Designate certain segment in Prentiss County as the "Corporal Walter Gann Memorial Highway". **HB1378**

Memorial Highway  
 Designate segment in Covich County as the "Carroll V. Hood Memorial Highway". **HB1002**

Memorial highway:  
 Designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Korean War Veterans Highway. **HB504**  
 Designate segment of I-22 in Lee County as the "Vietnam Veterans Way. **HB505**

Memorial highways  
 Designate in Rankin County, Mississippi. **HB811**

Memorial intersection:  
 Designate Exit 90 on Interstate 22 in Lee County as the "Sheriff Harold Ray Presley Memorial Intersection. **HB503**  
 Designate intersection in Clarke County as the "PFC Damian Laquasha Heidelberg Memorial Intersection. **HB1113**

Mississippi Transit Corporation  
 Establish and create study committee. HB921

Mississippi Transportation Commission  
 Apply certain factors for distribution of transportation funds. HB1025

Motor fuel taxes  
 Bring forward certain sections. HB1071

Off-road vehicles  
 Revise definitions of. **HB158**

Outdoor advertisement signs  
 Revise height requirement. HB786

Patriot Guard Act  
 Create. HB436

Radar  
 Delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality. **HB567**

Railroad crossings  
 Require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. HB179

School traffic zones  
 Authorize local governing boards to authorize traffic cameras when zone is effective. HB1377

State aid system  
 Increase maximum total mileage of. HB16

State and Interstate highways  
 Authorize Mississippi Transportation Commission and counties to contract for counties to maintain. **HB1185**

Timber bridges  
 Require use of for new construction and replacement on certain county and secondary roads. HB727

Timber products  
 Revise time during which vehicles transporting may operate. HB506

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Transportation funding  
    Authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. HB113  
Transportation network companies  
    Bring forward sections regulating. HB1075  
Transportation  
    Require MTC/MDOT to utilize all infrastructure bill funds. HB1125  
U.S. Highway 49/49E  
    Designate segment from Hinds County to Coahoma County as an historic  
        memorial blues highway. HB992

**UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**

2022 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act  
    Create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges.  
        HB303  
Collegiate voters  
    Require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an  
        on-campus voting precinct. HB1155  
Community and junior colleges  
    Waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. HB307  
Community College Boards of Trustees  
    Revise composition of Northeast Mississippi and Coahoma Community Colleges.  
        HB883  
Community colleges  
    Authorize to assess student fees to offset cost of fire protection services by local  
        governing authorities. HB1036  
Contract lobbyists  
    Prohibit agencies, governing authorities and universities and colleges from hiring  
        with public funds. HB916  
Dual Credit Community College Scholarship Program  
    Create. HB1394  
IHL board  
    Delete repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by  
        state general obligation bonds. HB748  
IHL Board  
    Extend repealer on authority to oversee certain construction projects funded by  
        state general obligation bonds. **HB475**  
IHL presidents, chancellors and provosts  
    Limit salary increase until certain condition related to in-state tuition and fees are  
        met. HB1119  
IHL  
    Continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end  
        reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. HB296  
Medical marijuana  
    Authorize Alcorn State University to enter into MOU for local farmers to grow for  
        out-of-state vendors. HB335  
Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act  
    Bring forward. HB1068  
Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2022  
    Establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community and junior  
        college attendance. HB147  
Postsecondary educational institutions  
    Require to provide certain information to students upon declaration of a major.  
        HB872  
Sherry Elmore Nursing Education Forgivable Loan Program  
    Create. HB741  
Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty

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Provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. HB56

State Institutions of Higher Learning:

Authorize program to provide devices to students when necessary for remote learning. HB1332

Authorize six-year contracts for teaching staff and administrative employees. HB479

Sustainable Energy Partnership Program

Establish at Jackson State University. HB722

Tuition waiver:

Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. HB66

Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend college. HB570

Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend community or junior colleges. HB845

Universities and colleges:

Require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. HB157

Require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. HB336

**WAYS AND MEANS**

Ad valorem tax:

Authorize partial exemption for nonresidential use land that is converted to residential use. HB1564

Exempt certain business personal property from. HB827

Exempt motor homes and trailers. HB548

Exempt property of certain nonprofit corporations. HB585

Exempt property of certain nonprofit corporations. HB1544

Increase amount of exemption that a county may allow for a renewable energy project. HB1698

Provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. HB826

Remove the provision that prescribes the manner in which affordable rental housing must be appraised. HB13

Revise assessment rate for motor vehicles. HB554

Ad valorem taxation

Exempt real property. HB551

Alcoholic beverage, beer, light spirit product and light wine

Allow any municipality to hold election to permit or prohibit. HB1001

Alcoholic beverages:

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. HB730

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine to be made to residents in this state. HB731

Allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. HB749

Authorize issuance of food truck permit. **HB918**

Authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. HB239

Increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. HB236

Remove DOR from being wholesale distributor, authorize issuance of wholesaler's permits. HB512

Require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. HB1278

Revise definition of "hotel" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB144

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB562

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Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB784

Alternative-fuel fueling station

Impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. HB1639

Bonds:

Authorize issuance for capital improvements for state agencies. HB1675

Authorize issuance for construction of a Department of Mental Health group housing facility in Madison. HB1270

Authorize issuance for construction of a multi-purpose athletic training facility at Alcorn State University. HB1504

Authorize issuance for construction of a new cafeteria at Jackson State University. HB628

Authorize issuance for construction of a new dormitory at Jackson State University. HB1488

Authorize issuance for construction of a new Highway Safety Patrol Substation in Starkville. HB634

Authorize issuance for construction of a new Mississippi Armed Forces Museum. HB1662

Authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University. HB1256

Authorize issuance for construction of career technical buildings at the Greenville Higher Education Center. HB314

Authorize issuance for construction of new Mississippi State Veterans Home in Jackson metropolitan area. HB676

Authorize issuance for defeasing bonds issued for the purpose of accelerating certain highway projects. HB1686

Authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. HB313

Authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar County and Washington County. HB1572

Authorize issuance for improvements to Jackson Public School District school buildings. HB1519

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center. HB202

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Jackson Public Schools District's Career Development Center. HB203

Authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. HB1695

Authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. HB386

Authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. HB1489

Authorize issuance for restoration of the Haley Reeves house in Columbus. HB1442

Authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. HB1530

Authorize issuance for various Alcorn State University projects. HB1512

Authorize issuance for various purposes. HB1663

Authorize issuance to assist Alcorn State University with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. HB1444

Authorize issuance to assist Alliance School for Workforce Development with repair of building. HB1714

Authorize issuance to assist Brooklyn Utility Association with water system improvements. HB528

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. HB1446

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with infrastructure improvements. HB1447

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Authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with certain sewer system improvements. HB1670

Authorize issuance to assist City of Brandon with improvements to City Hall. HB165

Authorize issuance to assist City of Columbus with certain road and street improvements. HB396

Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of improvements to its water and sewer systems. HB1515

Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville in paying costs of repair and renovation of city parks and municipal golf course. HB1555

Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with hangar improvements at Greenville Mid-Delta Airport. HB1556

Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with improvements to Dedeaux Road. HB1696

Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with Interstate 10/U.S. Highway 49 project. HB1697

Authorize issuance to assist City of Hattiesburg with infrastructure improvements. HB1545

Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. HB55

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson police department improvements. HB1543

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson will demolition and removal of blighted properties. HB1567

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. HB1317

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. HB1266

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with drainage channel improvements. HB1711

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Eubanks Creek and Hanging Moss Creek. HB5

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Flowers Park. HB1436

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Lynch Street Creek. HB1712

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. HB1690

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. HB1437

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to White Oak Creek. HB1531

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with making repairs and improvements to water and sewer systems. HB1280

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with purchase of a fire truck. HB1713

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. HB707

Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with renovating the Russell C. Davis Planetarium. HB1243

Authorize issuance to assist City of Oxford repair and renovation of a building for its police department. HB1578

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. HB37

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. HB831

Authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with construction of an access road. HB1699

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc with relocating fire station. HB1579

Authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with certain drainage projects. HB227



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Authorize issuance to assist City of Starkville with drainage improvements.  
HB222

Authorize issuance to assist Clay, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties with certain  
road projects. HB230

Authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with construction of the Evelyn Gandy  
Parkway North Extension. HB523

Authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and  
renovation of building. HB65

Authorize issuance to assist Hinds County with construction of two water wells  
and related towers. HB1560

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with construction of a park. HB88

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads  
and buildings. HB102

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with repair and renovation of county  
courthouse. HB89

Authorize issuance to assist Jefferson County with road and bridge projects.  
HB1505

Authorize issuance to assist Lee County and municipalities of Verona,  
Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. HB64

Authorize issuance to assist Lee County with repair/replacement of a bridge.  
HB59

Authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of  
building and parking lot. HB801

Authorize issuance to assist Petal Excel By 5 with construction of a playground.  
HB529

Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with bridge projects. HB1657

Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with construction of an industrial  
building. HB1667

Authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of  
permanent exhibits. HB132

Authorize issuance to assist the Delta Blues Museum with installation of  
permanent exhibits. HB146

Authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with  
construction of a football stadium. HB90

Authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with  
construction of aircraft hangers at Hawkins Field. HB1448

Authorize issuance to assist the Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with  
purchasing fire service equipment. HB984

Authorize issuance to assist the New Site Water Association with water system  
improvements. HB1700

Authorize issuance to assist the Progress Community Water Association with  
water system improvements. HB1508

Authorize issuance to assist the Thrasher Water Association with water system  
improvements. HB1669

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the  
Bude Depot. HB563

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with various projects. HB1506

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Fayette with various projects. HB1507

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Jumpertown with wastewater collection  
system improvements. HB1668

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Marietta with sewer system improvements.  
HB1724

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe in paying costs of repair and  
renovation of town park. HB1516

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Rienzi with certain projects. HB1666

Authorize issuance to assist Town of Shubuta with improvements to Town Hall  
building. HB267

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Authorize issuance to assist Town of Tchula with road improvements. HB94  
 Authorize issuance to assist Town of Woodland with construction of a park. HB171  
 Authorize issuance to assist Towns of Plantersville and Shannon with certain projects. HB633  
 Authorize issuance to assist with acquisition of fire trucks and equipment for Lowndes County District 3 Fire and Rescue. HB925  
 Authorize issuance to assist with certain projects in Lee County and municipalities of Tupelo, Baldwyn, Guntown and Slatton. HB1658  
 Authorize issuance to assist with improvements to the VFW Post 4877 building in Booneville. HB1725  
 Authorize issuance to assist with maintenance of the Mississippi Telecommunication Conference and Training Center. HB1281  
 Authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. HB7  
 Authorize issuance to provide funds for improvements to Jackson Zoo. HB1255  
 Authorize issuance to provide funds for public school capital improvements. HB81  
 Authorize issuance to provide funds for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. HB524  
 Authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. HB1288  
 Create pilot program for grants to certain municipalities for security cameras and equipment and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB575  
 Create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. HB95  
 Create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB574  
 Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB829  
 Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB830  
 Revise purposes for which bonds authorized for City of Hazlehurst may be used.

**HB175**

Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund  
 Create and require DFA to develop plan for improvements projects. **HB1031**  
 Capitol Complex Improvement District  
 Require 10% of funds to compensate City of Jackson for police and fire. HB1275  
 Certificate of title  
 Remove requirement for applicant to file a bond or deposit of cash as a condition of issuance. HB41  
 Children's Promise Act  
 Revise certain provisions. HB1687  
 Cigarettes  
 Increase excise tax on. HB1096  
 Construction  
 Revise contractor's tax, require certain permits and revise certain licensing. **HB1163**  
 Department of Revenue  
 Authorize to create wholesale to retail accountability program. HB520  
 Distinctive motor vehicle license tag:  
 Authorize for various purposes. **HB446**  
 Authorize issuance to supporters of Gautier athletics. HB637  
 Authorize issuance to supporters of South Jones Touchdown Club. HB471  
 Authorize issuance to supporters of Starkville Academy athletics. HB603  
 Authorize issuance to supporters of the Mississippi Academy of Nurse Practitioners. HB441  
 Authorize issuance to supporters of the Seabee Historical Foundation. HB1236  
 Reauthorize issuance to supporters of Callaway High School. HB463

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Reauthorize issuance to supporters of Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi. HB469  
Reauthorize issuance to supporters of Jim Hill High School. HB635  
Reauthorize issuance to supporters of the MIND Center at UMMC. HB465  
Revise distribution of fees collected from issuance of breast cancer awareness tags. HB949  
Distinctive motor vehicle license tags:  
    Reauthorize issuance to supporters of certain out-of-state universities. HB468  
    Reauthorize issuance to supporters of Meridian High School. HB636  
Distinctive motor vehicle/motorcycle license tag for veterans  
    Revise provisions regarding evidence of service. HB700  
Economically Distressed Municipalities Development Act  
    Create. HB274  
Electric/hybrid vehicle tax  
    Repeal sections of law authorizing. HB490  
Fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes  
    Bring forward sections of law relating to. HB926  
Fuel tax  
    Authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. HB1269  
Home-based Opportunity Freedom Act of 2022  
    Create. HB917  
Homestead exemption:  
    Increase for law enforcement officers. HB1689  
    Increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. HB828  
Hotel construction projects  
    Authorize sales tax incentive for. HB661  
Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program  
    Create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. HB111  
Housing Repair Grant Fund  
    Authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. HB71  
Income tax and sales tax liability  
    Revise method of collecting from public officers or employees. HB245  
    Income tax: authorize a credit for certain blood donations. HB427  
Income tax:  
    Allow tax credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. HB1248  
    Authorize a credit for ad valorem taxes paid on certain property. HB1681  
    Authorize a credit for certain blood donations. HB1557  
    Authorize a credit for costs incurred by certain taxpayers for storm shelter/safe room construction. HB240  
    Authorize a credit for private school tuition and homeschooling expenses. HB870  
    Authorize a tax credit for grocers and restaurants that donate food to certain entities. HB1638  
    Authorize a tax credit for qualified wood energy products and forest maintenance projects. HB1684  
    Authorize credit for certain railroad reconstruction/replacement expenditures.  
        **HB1108**  
    Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. HB96  
    Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. HB213  
    Authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. HB53  
    Authorize tax credit for cost of qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property.  
        HB951

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Automatically extend time for filing tax returns when IRS extends time due to emergency/disaster. HB390

Exclude active duty military compensation. HB1577

Exclude overtime compensation from gross income. HB84

Exempt all compensation of persons retired from military. HB1212

Exempt income of certain mental health professionals providing services in critical mental health services shortage areas. HB378

Extend repealer on credit for certain costs paid by a company in relocating national or regional headquarters to Mississippi. HB472

Extend repealer on jobs tax credit for certain water transportation enterprises. HB466

Extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. HB467

Extend repealer on tax credit for certain charges for using certain port and airport facilities. **HB1162**

Provide a credit for taxpayers allowed to claim federal earned income tax credit. HB804

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. HB214

Reduce rate of tax and authorize additional deduction for certain new businesses. HB1676

Revise certain provisions relating pass-through entities. **HB1691**

Revise certain provisions to address investment in federally designated qualified opportunity zones. HB133

Revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. HB1498

Revise definition of gross income and authorize deduction for certain expenses. **HB1529**

Legislative Public Project Grant Program

Create. HB348

Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program:

Include certain fire trucks. HB697

Include municipal natural gas facilities. HB52

Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" and allow package retailer's permits. HB572

Local Taxation and Tax Extension Authority Act

Create. HB583

Manufactured and mobile homes

Require certain notice to tax collector when relocated to another county. **HB256**

Mineral interest

Revise procedure for payment of taxes. HB500

Mineral interests

Owner of nonproducing interest held separately from surface estate will be liable for portion of ad valorem taxes on land. HB401

Mississippi Business Finance Corporation

Extend repealer on authority to issue bonds to finance economic development projects. HB516

Mississippi Development Authority

Revise authority regarding implementation of federal State Small Business Credit Initiative Act of 2010. **HB1164**

Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act

Create. HB627

Mississippi Health Care Industry Zone Act

Extend repealers on act and related tax incentives. **HB474**

Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission Law

Prohibit direct sales by manufacturers except as provided. HB833

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Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund:

    Create. **HB606**

    Create. HB1064

Mississippi Sound Money Tax Removal Act

    Create. HB729

Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022

    Create. **HB531**

Mobile homes

    Give owner of one year to redeem the property after sold for taxes. HB610

Motor vehicle license plates

    Allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. HB579

Motor vehicle title

    Authorize beneficiary designation. **HB1430**

Motor vehicle

    Revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. HB1161

Municipal annexation

    Restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. HB1482

Municipalities and counties trails program

    Create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. HB692

Personal delivery devices

    Provide for the regulation of the use of in pedestrian areas. HB961

Personalized motor vehicle license tags

    Authorize alternative form of. HB796

Pregnancy Resource Act

    Create. **HB1685**

Public purchases

    Authorize use of reverse auction for term contracts. HB1478

Public purchasing laws

    Revise certain provisions relating to reverse auctions. HB1477

Retail food establishments

    Prohibit from imposing cost-plus pricing formulas. HB1299

Reverse auction

    Revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. HB1475

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program

    Authorize two additional rounds for counties and municipalities. **HB842**

Sales tax:

    Create diversion to counties. HB114

    Create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. HB242

    Exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software, sales of feminine hygiene products. HB311

    Exempt certain sales of platinum, gold, silver bullion and numismatic coins. HB38

    Exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. HB581

    Exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. HB3

    Exempt sales coins, currency and bullion. HB518

    Exempt sales of coins, currency and bullion. HB426

    Exempt sales of groceries. HB1297

    Exempt sales of perishable food items to certain charitable organizations. HB122

    Exempt sales of tangible personal property or service to 5th Squad. HB1189

    Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Itawamba Crossroads Ranch, Inc. HB402

    Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. HB1445

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Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Natchez Children's Services. HB388  
 Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. HB443  
 Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Mississippi Aquarium. HB1169  
 Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Natchez Cemetery Association. HB389  
 Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. HB1443  
 Exempt sales of tangible personal property to certain nonprofit organizations that provide guide and service dogs to people with disabilities. HB836  
 Extend repealer on exemption of certain sales to Toughest Kids Foundation for Camp Kamassa in Copeiah County. **HB470**  
 Extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. HB10  
 Phase out on sales of certain food. HB952  
 Reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. HB525  
 School ad valorem tax levy:  
   Authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. HB189  
   Authorize levying authority for certain districts to approve/disapprove request for certain increases. HB1213  
 Secretary of State  
   Authorize to enter into agreements with online providers to conduct online auctions of state-forfeited tax land. **HB1131**  
 Small Business and Grocer Investment Act  
   Extend repealer on. **HB684**  
 State Bond Commission  
   Extend reverter on statute prescribing powers and duties of. HB473  
 State of Mississippi  
   Require to pay fire fee-in-lieu of taxes to City of Jackson for fire protection services provide to state facilities. HB1284  
 Tax sales  
   Require conveyances of land to be subject to recorded easements. HB1053  
 Tobacco  
   Increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. HB892  
 Trailers and semitrailers  
   Revise alternative highway privilege tax for. HB1548

**WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS**

Antiques boats  
   Exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. HB1335  
 ATVs  
   Create voluntary certificate of number system, mandatory for public lands. HB82  
 Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and chronic wasting disease control  
   Bring forward provisions of law relating to. HB1089  
 Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
   Convert into advisory commission. HB1415  
 Deer hunting  
   Prohibit using dogs for. HB177  
 Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
   Prohibit from reducing white-tailed deer populations as a result of testing positive for COVID-19. HB1003  
 Harvest reporting program

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Require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. HB258

Hunting and fishing license  
Authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card at the time of license issuance. HB739

Hunting and fishing  
Allow online applicants for a license to elect to be an organ donor. HB942

Hunting regulation changes  
Require Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to provide notice of. HB728

Hunting  
Authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. HB944

Right to hunt and fish  
Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall promulgate rules and regulations needed to protect Mississippians'. HB1319

State park fee  
Authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. HB648

State parks  
Exempt veterans and active duty from paying fee for entry and use of and provide discount for campsite or cabin rental within. HB1338

State Parks  
Provide funding from net proceeds of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation. HB449

Velvet hunting season  
Authorize Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to establish. **HB1035**

Veterans  
Exempt from fee for entry and use of state parks. HB398

Wildlife management areas  
Authorize use of mobility-related devices on trails for certain individuals. HB911

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

2022 Women's Economic Security Act  
Create. HB1158

Career and technical education:  
Revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. HB405  
Revise curriculum, instructor license requirements and certain assessments. HB428

Career pathways initiative  
Provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. HB208

College Sticker Price Act of 2022  
Enact to provide students and families certain program and cost information. HB464

Community and junior colleges  
Expand workforce development partnerships. HB1087

Comprehensive Career and Technical Reform Act  
Create. **HB1388**

Day and Temporary Labor Services Act  
Create. HB140

Employment  
Prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. HB1346

Employment-at-will doctrine  
Abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act. HB913

E-verify program

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Transfer responsibility of administering to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce. HB448

Fair Minimum Wage Act  
 Create. HB1345

Healthy and Safe Families and Workplaces Act  
 Create. HB1044

Jobs for Mississippi Graduates, Inc.  
 Establish funding for. HB553

Minimum wage:  
 Establish and provide for annual cost-of-living increases. HB937  
 Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB191

Minimum Wage  
 Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB206

Minimum wage  
 Establish at \$9.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB1156

Mississippi Department of Employment Security  
 Provide requirements related to fraud prevention, detection and recovery. **HB720**

Mississippi Department of Labor:  
 Create. HB58  
 Create. HB150

Mississippi Skill Standards Board  
 Create as an advisory board on industry standards. HB68

Occupational licenses  
 Revise reciprocity requirements for. HB447

Office of Workforce Development  
 Bring forward code sections related to. HB399

Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns  
 Establish program to encourage participation in state contracts. HB276

Unemployment compensation  
 Revise weekly benefit amount for. HB323

**YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS**

Child Care For Working Families Study Committee  
 Create. HB333

Mississippi Youthbuild Act  
 Create. HB341

The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act  
 Enact. HB1124

Youth court services fees and fines  
 Exclude parents and children from payment of. HB1449

Youth Employment Grant Program  
 Create. HB761



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Districts

- 1 – Alcorn, Tishomingo  
(R) Lester Carpenter, 128 Jefferson St, Burnsville, MS 38833
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- 4 – Alcorn, Tippah  
(R) Jody Steverson, 125 Woodridge, Ripley, MS 38663
- 5 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate  
(D) John G. Faulkner, P.O. Box 5995, Holly Springs, MS 38634
- 6 – DeSoto  
(R) Dana Criswell, P.O. Box 1321, Olive Branch, MS 38654
- 7 – DeSoto  
(R) Steve Hopkins, 1205 Worthington Drive, Southaven, MS 38671
- 8 – Lafayette, Tate  
(R) John Thomas “Trey” Lamar, III, 214 South Ward St, Senatobia, MS 38668
- 9 – Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica  
(D) Cedric Burnett, P.O. Box 961, Tunica, MS 38676
- 10 – Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie  
(R) Brady Williamson, 603 S 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Oxford, MS 38655
- 11 – Panola, Tate  
(D) Lataisha Jackson, P.O. Box 358, Como, MS 38619
- 12 – Lafayette  
(R) Clay Deweese, 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, MS 38655
- 13 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union  
(R) Steve Massengill, 424 Massengill Rd, Hickory Flat, MS 38633
- 14 – Union  
(R) Sam J. Creekmore, IV, 1315 South Central Ave, New Albany, MS 38652
- 15 – Pontotoc  
(R) Mac Huddleston, P.O. Drawer 300, Pontotoc, MS 38863
- 16 – Lee, Monroe  
(D) Rickey W. Thompson, 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, MS 38868
- 17 – Lee  
(R) Shane Aguirre, 709 Highland Cir, Tupelo, MS 38804
- 18 – Lee, Prentiss, Union

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**By District and Counties**

(R) Jerry R. Turner, 1290 Carrollville Ave, Baldwyn, MS 38824

19 – Itawamba, Lee

(R) Randy P. Boyd, P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, MS 38855

20 – Itawamba, Lee, Monroe

(R) Chris Brown, 33112 Highway 45 N, Nettleton, MS 38858

21 – Itawamba, Tishomingo

(R) Donnie Bell, 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, MS 38843

22 – Chickasaw, Pontotoc

(D) Jon Lancaster, 463 CR 85, Houston, MS 38851

23 – Calhoun, Grenada, Lafayette, Webster

(R) Charles Jim Beckett, P.O. Box 722, Bruce, MS 38915

24 – DeSoto

(R) Jeff Hale, 2303 Westwind Drive, Nesbit, MS 38651

25 – DeSoto

(R) Dan Eubanks, P.O. Box 184, Walls, MS 38680

26 – Bolivar, Coahoma

(D) Orlando Paden, P.O. Box 1626, Clarksdale, MS 38614

27 – Attala, Leake, Madison, Yahoo

(D) Kenneth Walker, P.O. Box 265, Carthage, MS 39051

28 – DeSoto

(R) Jerry Darnell, 4250 Green Village Drive, Hernando, MS 38632

29 – Bolivar, Sunflower

(D) Robert Sanders, 925 S Martin Luther King, Cleveland, MS 38732

30 – Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie

(D) Tracey T. Rosebud, P.O. Box 181, Tutwiler, MS 38963

31 – Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington

(D) Otis L. Anthony, II, P.O. Box 962, Indianola, MS 38751

32 – Leflore

(D) Solomon C. Osborne, 216 Star St, Greenwood, MS 38930

33 – Grenada, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha

(D) Thomas U. Reynolds, P.O. Drawer 280, Charleston, MS 38921

34 – Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie

(R) Kevin Horan, P.O. Box 2166, Grenada, MS 38901

35 – Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston

(R) Joey Hood, P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, MS 39735

36 – Clay, Monroe

(D) Karl Gibbs, 5545 George Walker Rd, West Point, MS 39773

37 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha

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**By District and Counties**

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- (R) Joseph L. Wright, 1989 Lake Lowndes Road, Columbus, MS 39702
- 38 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha  
(D) Cheikh Taylor, 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, MS 39759
- 39 – Lowndes, Monroe  
(R) Dana Underwood McLean, 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, MS 39705
- 40 – DeSoto  
(D) Hester Jackson-McCray, 3420 Laurelwood St, Horn Lake, MS 38637
- 41 – Lowndes  
(D) Kabir Karriem, 1326 15<sup>th</sup> St N, Columbus, MS 39701
- 42 – Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston  
(D) Carl L. Mickens, P.O. Box 427, Brooksville, MS 39739
- 43 – Oktibbeha, Winston  
(R) Rob Roberson, 212 E Main St, Starkville, MS 39759
- 44 – Leake, Neshoba  
(R) C. Scott Bounds, 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, MS 39350
- 45 – Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston  
(I) Michael T. Evans, 1147 Mount Harmony Rd, Preston, MS 39354
- 46 – Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster  
(R) Karl Oliver, P.O. Box 95, Winona, MS 38967
- 47 – Attala, Holmes, Yazoo  
(D) Bryant W. Clark, 271 Clark Rd, Pickens, MS 39146
- 48 – Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake  
(R) Jason White, P. O. Box 246, West, MS 39192
- 49 – Washington  
(D) Willie L. Bailey, P.O. Box 189, Greenville, MS 38702
- 50 – Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington  
(D) John W. Hines, Sr., P.O. Box 114, Greenville, MS 38701
- 51 – Humphreys, Sharkey, Yazoo  
(D) Rufus Straughter, 107 Van Buren St, Belzoni, MS 39038
- 52 – DeSoto, Marshall  
(R) Bill Kinkade, 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, MS 38611
- 53 – Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike  
(R) Vince Mangold, 1276 Wellman Drive SE, Brookhaven, MS 39601
- 54 – Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo  
(R) Kevin Ford, 206 Willow Way, Vicksburg, MS 39183
- 55 – Warren  
(D) Oscar Denton, 5024 Rollingwood Est Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180
- 56 – Hinds, Madison

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(R) Philip Gunn, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39201

57 – Madison

(D) Edward Blackmon, Jr., P.O. Drawer 105, Canton, MS 39046

58 – Madison

(R) Joel Bomgar, P.O. Box 1998, Madison, MS 39130

59 – Rankin

(R) Brent Powell, P. O. Box 5454, Brandon, MS 39047

60 – Rankin

(R) Fred Shanks, 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, MS 39042

61 – Rankin

(R) Gene Newman, 801 Country Place Drive, Pearl, MS 39208

62 – Copiah, Rankin, Simpson

(R) Tom Weathersby, 3806 Hwy 49 S, Florence, MS 39073

63 – Hinds, Warren, Yazoo

(D) Stephanie McKenzie Foster, 120 Western Hills Drive, Jackson, MS 39212

64 – Hinds, Madison

(I) Shanda Yates, P.O. Box 16409, Jackson, MS 39236

65 – Hinds

(D) Christopher Bell, 510 George St, Ste 239, Jackson, MS 39202

66 – Hinds

(D) De'Keither Stamps, 396 Woodcliff Dr, Jackson, MS 39212

67 – Hinds

(D) Earle S. Banks, P.O. Box 2539, Jackson, MS 39215

68 – Hinds, Rankin

(D) Zakiya Summers, P.O. Box 21210, Jackson, MS 39289

69 – Hinds

(D) Alyce G. Clarke, 1053 Arbor Vista Blvd, Jackson, MS 39209

70 – Hinds

(D) Bo Brown, P.O. Box 3434, Jackson, MS 39207

71 – Hinds

(D) Ronnie C. Crudup, Jr., P.O. Box 7003, Jackson, MS 39282

72 – Hinds, Madison

(D) Debra Gibbs, 1223 Hallmark Drive, Jackson, MS 39206

73 – Madison

(R) Jill Ford, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215

74 – Rankin

(R) Lee Yancey, P.O. Box 4215, Brandon, MS 39047

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- 75 – Rankin, Scott  
(D) Tom Miles, 807 Hwy 35 S, Forest, MS 39074
- 76 – Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds  
(D) Gregory Holloway, Sr., 115 Edgewood Drive, Hazlehurst, MS 39083
- 77 – Rankin, Simpson  
(R) Price Wallace, 125 Price Wallace Drive, Mendenhall, MS 39114
- 78 – Leake, Newton, Scott  
(R) Randy Rushing, P.O. Box 424, Decatur, MS 39327
- 79 – Jasper, Smith  
(R) Mark K. Tullos, P.O. Box 505, Raleigh, MS 39153
- 80 – Clarke, Jasper, Jones  
(D) Omeria Scott, 615 E 19<sup>th</sup> St, Laurel, MS 39440
- 81 – Clarke, Lauderdale  
(R) Stephen A. Horne, 5904 Causeyville Rd, Meridian, MS 39301
- 82 – Lauderdale  
(D) Charles Young, Jr., P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, MS 39302
- 83 – Lauderdale  
(R) Billy Adam Calvert, P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, MS 39302
- 84 – Clarke, Jasper, Newton  
(R) Troy Smith, 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, MS 39330
- 85 – Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren  
(D) Jeffery Harness, P.O. Box 758, Fayette, MS 39069
- 86 – Greene, Perry, Wayne  
(R) Shane Barnett, P.O. Box 621, Waynesboro, MS 39367
- 87 – Forrest, Lamar  
(R) William Andrews, III, P.O. Box 130, Purvis, MS 39475
- 88 – Jasper, Jones  
(R) Robin Robinson, 1179 Township Rd, Laurel, MS 39443
- 89 – Jones  
(R) Donnie Scoggin, 1203 Pine St, Ellisville, MS 39437
- 90 – Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson  
(R) Noah Sanford, P.O. Box 1900, Collins, MS 39428
- 91 – Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson  
(D) Bob Evans, P.O. Box 636, Monticello, MS 39654
- 92 – Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln  
(R) Becky Currie, 407 Oliver Drive, Brookhaven, MS 39601
- 93 – Hancock, Pearl River, Stone  
(R) Timmy Ladner, 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, MS 39470

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- 94 – Adams, Franklin, Jefferson  
(D) Robert L. Johnson, III, P.O. Box 1678, Natchez, MS 39121
- 95 – Hancock, Harrison  
(R) Jay McKnight, 22160 Highway 53, Gulfport, MS 39503
- 96 – Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson  
(I) Angela Cockerham, P.O. Box 613, Magnolia, MS 39652
- 97 – Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike  
(R) Sam C. Mims, V, 605 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, MS 39648
- 98 – Pike, Walthall  
(D) Daryl L. Porter, Jr., P.O. Box 772, Summit, MS 39666
- 99 – Lamar, Marion, Walthall  
(R) Bill Pigott, 92 Pigott-Easterling Rd, Tylertown, MS 39667
- 100 – Lamar, Marion  
(R) Ken Morgan, 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, MS 39483
- 101 – Lamar  
(R) Kent McCarty, 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
- 102 – Forrest, Lamar  
(R) Missy Warren McGee, P.O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, MS 39404
- 103 – Forrest  
(D) Percy W. Watson, P.O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, MS 39403
- 104 – Forrest  
(R) Larry Byrd, 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, MS 39465
- 105 – George, Greene, Perry  
(R) Dale Goodin, 72 Memorial Church Rd, Richton, MS 39476
- 106 – Lamar, Pearl River  
(R) Jansen Owen, P.O. Box 249, Poplarville, MS 39470
- 107 – George, Stone  
(R) Doug McLeod, 1211 Bexley Church Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452
- 108 – Pearl River  
(R) Stacey Hobgood Wilkes, P.O. 1165, Picayune, MS 39466
- 109 – George, Jackson  
(R) Manly Barton, 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, MS 39562
- 110 – Jackson  
(D) Jeramey D. Anderson, P.O. Box 311, Escatawpa, MS 39562
- 111 – Jackson  
(R) Charles Busby, 901 Beach Blvd, Pascagoula, MS 39567
- 112 – Jackson  
(R) John Read, 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, MS 39552

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- 113 – Jackson  
(R) Henry Zuber, III, 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
- 114 – Harrison, Jackson  
(R) Jeffrey S. Guice, P.O. Box 549, Ocean Springs, MS 39566
- 115 – Harrison  
(R) Randall Patterson, 1352 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, MS 39530
- 116 – Harrison  
(R) Casey Eure, 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, MS 39574
- 117 – Harrison  
(R) Kevin Felsher, P.O. Box 4721, Biloxi, MS 39535
- 118 – Harrison  
(R) Greg Haney, 104 45<sup>th</sup> St, Gulfport, MS 39507
- 119 – Harrison  
(D) Sonja Williams-Barnes, 2018 31<sup>st</sup> Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501
- 120 – Harrison  
(R) Richard Bennett, 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, MS 39560
- 121 – Harrison  
(R) Carolyn Crawford, 23155 Stablewood Cir, Pass Christian, MS 39571
- 122 – Hancock  
(R) Brent Anderson, 19033 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556

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**SPEAKER**

**Gunn, Philip;** P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gunn was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lisa Watkins. He is of Baptist faith. Representative Gunn is a member of the Clinton Chamber Commerce, Hinds County Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. House 2004-Present. Speaker 2012-Present. Republican.

**SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

**White, Jason;** P.O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College; Attorney; Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Assoc.(President), Attala County BAR Assoc.(President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board of Dir., Attala County Forestry Assoc., and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present. Speaker Pro Tempore 2020-Present. Republican.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

**Aguirre, Shane Michael;** 709 Highland Cir., Tupelo, 38804. 17 - Lee. Representative Aguirre was born December 11, 1972 in Tupelo, MS. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University of Mississippi; Accountant; HOUSE 2016-Present; Republican

**Anderson, Jeramey;** P. O. Box 311, Escatawpa, 39562. 110 - Jackson. Representative Anderson was born December 6, 1991 in Pascagoula, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Tulane University, Pearl River Community College, Moss Point High School. Executive Director. Representative Anderson is a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County Alumni, Foundation For a Brighter America (ED), Real South United FC (CEO), the Knights of Peter Clover and Let America Vote Advisor. HOUSE 2014-Present. Democrat

**Anderson, Brent;** P. O. Box 4601, Bay St. Louis, 39521. 122 - Hancock. Representative Anderson was born October 17, 1972 in Gulfport, MS and is married to Maureen Hennessey Anderson. They are of the Catholic Faith. MS Dept. of Health, MS Fire Academy. Bay High School. Public Works Administration. Representative Anderson is affiliated with Knights of Columbia, Coastal Conservation Association, Hancock Co. Sportsman Club, GOP, and St Clare Church.; HOUSE 2020-Present; Republican.

**Anthony, II, Otis;** P. O. Box 962, Indianola, 38751. 31 - Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington. Representative Anthony was born on July 12, 1979 in Indianola and is married to the former Porchia Caldwell. They are of Christian Baptist denomination. Tougaloo College, Political Science Pre law, Agape Bible College, Theology. Pastor, Financial Advisor, and Insurance. Representative Otis is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Cutting Edge Gentlemen's Club. House 2019-Present. Democrat.



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**Arnold, William Tracy;** 3 - Alcorn, Prentiss. Representative Arnold was born February 14, 1969 in Prentiss County and married to the former Neecy Shook. They are of the Christian faith. Logos Bible College and New Site High School. Senior Pastor of The Vineyard Church. Representative Arnold is a member of the Farm Bureau, NRA, and Pro-life. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Bailey, Willie;** P. O. Drawer 189, Greenville, 38702. 49 - Washington. Representative Bailey was born April 25, 1946 in Isola and is of the Methodist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Law School; Attorney; Representative Bailey is affiliated with the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and the Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is a former judge. House 1995-Present. Democrat.

**Bain, Nick;** 516 N. Fillmore St, Corinth, 38839. 2 - Alcorn. Representative Bain was born September 18, 1979 in Corinth, Mississippi and is married to the former Lesley Lewis. They have three children, Baylee Anna, Brooks, and Baker and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Alcorn Central High School; Attorney; Representative Bain is a member of the Rotary Club, Mississippi Bar Assoc., Mississippi Municipal Assoc., Oakland Baptist Church, the Alliance and a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Corinth.. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Banks, Earle S.;** P. O. Box 2539, Jackson, 39207. 67 - Hinds. Representative Banks was born June 25, 1954 in Jackson. He is of the Catholic faith. Jackson State University (JSU) and Mississippi College School of Law. Occupation: Attorney, Funeral Director. Representative Banks is associated with the Mississippi and National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is active in the JSU Foundation and many other community organizations. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

**Barnett, Shane;** 86 - Greene, Perry, Wayne. Representative Barnett was born July 4, 1986 in Laurel, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Jones County Junior College; Real Estate Appraiser; Representative Barnett is affiliated with the Rotary Club; House 2016-Present. Republican

**Barton, Manly;** 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, 39562. 109 - George, Jackson. Representative Barton was born March 14, 1949 in Mobile, Alabama, and is married to the former Sarah Thornton. They are of the Methodist faith. Alabama Christian College, Vancleave High School. Retired, Systems Analyst, Chevron. Representative Barton is a member of the Military Order Purple Heart, American Legion, VFW, NRA, and East Central Civic Association. He was also a Jackson County Supervisor for 12 years. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Beckett, Charles Jim;** P. O. Box 722, Bruce, 38915. 23 - Calhoun, Grenada, Lafayette, Webster. Representative Beckett was born July 25, 1958 in Bruce, Mississippi, and is married to the former Susan Bryant. He is of the Baptist faith. Bruce High School, Northwest Community College, A. A., University of Mississippi, B.A., University of Mississippi Law School, J.D.; Attorney. Representative Beckett is affiliated with the Calhoun County Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, American Bar Association, Mississippi Association of School Board Attorneys, Bruce Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Prosecutors Association and Mississippi Association of City Attorneys. House 2004-Present. Republican.

**Bell, Donnie;** 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, 38843. 21 - Itawamba, Tishomingo. Representative Bell was born March 3, 1963 in Tupelo Mississippi. He is married to the former Nelda

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Higginbotham. Itawamba Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S.; Teacher; Representative Bell is a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. House 2008-Present. Republican.

**Bell, Christopher;** 510 George St Suite 239, Jackson, 39202. 65 - Hinds. Representative Bell was born in Chicago, Illinois and is of the United Methodist faith. Jackson State University; Insurance Broker; Omega Psi Phi, Board of Trustees Leadership Greater Jackson, Anderson United Methodist Church, Sunrise Rotary Club, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Anderson Outreach CDC Board. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

**Bennett, Richard;** 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, 39560. 120 - Harrison. Representative Bennett was born June 25, 1957 and is married to the former Tricia Clark. He is of the Catholic Faith. Gulf Coast Jr. College, University of Southern Miss; Retired - 29 years DuPont. Representative Bennett is a member of the Foreign Trade Zone, Gulf Coast Council of Governments, Long Beach Drug Task Force, and Hazard Mitigation Council. House 2008-Present. Republican.

**Blackmon, Jr., Edward;** P. O. Drawer 105, Canton, 39046. 57 - Madison. Representative Blackmon was born in Canton and is married to the former Barbara Martin. He is of the Baptist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Tuskegee Institute, Emory University. Attorney. Representative Blackmon is affiliated with the NAACP, the Magnolia and American Bar Associations, and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. House 1979-1980, 1984-Present. Democrat.

**Bomgar, Joel;** P. O. Box 1998, Madison, 39130. 58 - Madison. Representative Bomgar was born February 6, 1980. He is married to the former Rachel Roberts. He is of the Presbyterian faith. Belhaven University. Entrepreneur. Representative Bomgar is Founder of Bomgar Corporation. He served in the Mississippi Air National Guard and on the Steering Council of Mississippi Economic Council's Blueprint Mississippi. He is a former board member of the Madison County Foundation and Belhaven University. House 2016-Present. Republican

**Bounds, C. Scott;** 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, 39350. 44 - Leake, Neshoba. Representative Bounds was born February 12, 1962 in Philadelphia and is married to the former Jennifer Cheatham. He is of the Baptist faith. Philadelphia High School, Mississippi State University. Territory Manager - Working Solutions, LLC. Representative Bounds is a member of the NRA, Wildlife Mississippi, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Neshoba County Forestry Assn., Neshoba County Farm Bureau, the Community Development Partnership and is Vice-President and Program Director of the Neshoba County Fair Association. Representative Bounds also serves on the National Association of Sportsmen's Caucus Executive Council and serves as Co-Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. House 2004-Present. Republican

**Boyd, Randy P.;** P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, 38855. 19 - Itawamba, Lee. Representative Boyd was born March 23, 1954 in Russellville, Alabama, and married to the former Sherry Holland. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Itawamba Community College, Tremont High School. Forester, Land Surveyor. Representative Boyd is a member of the Mantachie Lion's Club, M.A.P.S., S.A.F., M.F.A., and Deacon's Board. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Brown, Chris;** 33112 Highway 45 N, Nettleton, 38858. 20 - Itawamba, Lee, Monroe. Representative Brown was born March 5, 1971 and is the father of five children: Caleb, Joshua, Virginia, Elijah and Gabriel. They are of the Primitive faith. University of Memphis, Northeast MS CC. Business Owner. Representative Brown is a member of the

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Chamber of Commerce, Gideon's International, NRA, Republican Executive Committee, Monroe County Republican Executive Committee, Leadership Monroe and AOPA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Brown, Bo;** P.O. BOX 3434, Jackson, 39207. 70 - Hinds. Representative Brown was born November 8, 1949, and is married to the former Imelda Anderson. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tennessee State University B.A.; Political Science;; Jackson State University M.P.P.A Public Policy and Administration; , Post Graduate, University of Santa Clara (CA) Urban Affairs. Insurance Broker. New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Board of Trustees, BelAir Homeowners' Association, Tennessee State University Alumni Association , Jackson State University Alumni Association, YMCA, Jackson Association of Life Underwriters and Finical Planners , National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Member of Lodge #242- Prince Hall Masons- M W Stringer Grand Lodge, F&AM State of Mississippi. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Burnett, Cedric;** 9 - Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica. Representative Burnett was born February 24, 1966 in Sardis and is married to the former Tishia Holloway. They are of the Methodist denomination. Northwest Community College, University of Memphis. Mortician. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

**Busby, Charles;** 901 Beach Blvd, Pascagoula, 39567. 111 - Jackson. Representative Busby was born July 24, 1963 in Laurel, Mississippi, and married to the former Felicia Hillman. They are of the Episcopal faith. University of South Alabama, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Engineer, Business Owner. Representative Busby is a member of the Pascagoula Rotary Club, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County Economic Development FDN, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, American Council of Engineering Companies, and the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Byrd, Larry;** 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, 39465. 104 - Forrest. Representative Byrd was born August 1, 1948 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Devereaux. He is of the Southern Baptist faith. Petal High School. Contractor. Representative Byrd is a member of the Petal Chamber of Commerce, Macedonia Baptist Church, Petal Masonic Lodge no. 516 Hattiesburg York, K.Y.C.H. & Scottish Rite 32 degrees Bodies, K.C.C.H., V.F.W. Life Member, and U.S. Army Veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division. House 2008-Present. Republican.

**Calvert, Billy Adam;** P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, 39302. 83 - Lauderdale. Representative Calvert was born in Meridian and is married to the former Jessica Courville. They are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi 2002; East Central Community College; Kemper Academy. CEO of Southern Business Supply; Farmer. Representative Calvert is a member of the NRA; Gun owners of America; U of M (Mclub). House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Carpenter, Lester;** 8 Carpenter Drive, Burnsville, 38833. 1 - Alcorn, Tishomingo. Representative Carpenter was born on September 1, 1970 and is married to Niesha Carpenter. They have one son, Noah Carpenter. They are of the Methodist faith. Burnsville High school, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Paramedic School, Wallace State Community College. Paramedic. Representative Carpenter is the current chairman of the Mississippi House of Representatives Conservative Coalition, Burnsville area Chamber of Commerce, Tishomingo Economic Foundation, and affiliated with Boy Scouts of America. House 2008-Present; Republican.

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**Clark, Bryant W.;** 271 Clark Road, Pickens, 39170. 47 - Attala, Holmes, Yazoo. Holmes Community College; AA, Mississippi Valley State; BS, Mississippi college School of Law; JD; Attorney. Representative Clark is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Magnolia Bar Association. He is the President of the Holmes County NAACP. He was born October 31, 1974 in Jackson and is of the Baptist faith. House 2004-Present. Democrat.

**Clarke, Alyce G.;** 1053 Arbor Vista Boulevard, Jackson, 39209. 69 - Hinds. Representative Clarke was born in Yazoo City and was married to the late Lee William Clarke, Jr. She is of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State University, Tuskegee University. Nutritionist. Representative Clarke is affiliated with Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alcorn Alumni, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., MS Public Health Association, Regional Association of Drug Free Schools and Communities and State PTA. House 1985-Present. Democrat.

**Cockerham, Angela;** Post Office Box 613, Magnolia, 39652. 96 - Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson. Ms. Cockerham was born in Jackson, Mississippi. She is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University; B. A., Loyola University-New Orleans; J. D., Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, M.A. Attorney. Adjunct Professor for MS College School of Law; Representative Cockerham is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and is a member of the Mississippi and Louisiana Bar Associations. House 2005-Present. Independent.

**Crawford, Carolyn;** 23155 Stablewood Cir, Pass Christian, 39571. 121 - Harrison. Representative Crawford is married to Mike Crawford; they have three children: Marly, Emily, and Jackson, and they are of the Catholic faith. University of South Alabama, Long Beach High School. Former Social Worker. Representative Crawford is a member of the Harrison County Republican Women, Harrison County Republican Club, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, L. B. Youth Recreation League and lifetime member of the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Creekmore, Samuel;** 1315 South Central Ave., New Albany, 38652. 14 - Union. Representative Creekmore was born on September 24, 1966, in Starkville and is married to the former Warner Poindexter. They are of the Methodist denomination. Mississippi State University. Landscape Architect. Representative Creekmore is a member of the following: America Society of Landscape, National Federation of Independent Business, New Albany Sustainability Advisors, and New Albany Main Street.. House 2020-Present. Republican

**Criswell, Dana;** P. O. Box 1321, Olive Branch, 38654. 6 - DeSoto. Representative Criswell was born October 9, 1963, in Pascagoula, Mississippi and is married to the former Julie Strum. They are of the Christian faith. University of Louisiana Monroe, M. A, Delta State University, BAvn. Pilot. Representative Criswell is affiliated with Airline Pilots Association, National Rifle Association, National Association for Gun Rights, and Desoto County Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

**Crudup, Ronnie C.;** P. O. Box 7003, Jackson, 39282. 71 - Hinds. Representative Crudup was born June 12, 1977, and he is married to the former Andrea Davis. They are of the Christian faith. Murrah High School 1995, Belhaven University 2006. Executive Director Administrator. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

**Currie, Becky;** 407 Oliver Dr, Brookhaven, 39601. 92 - Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln. Representative Currie was born on May 2, 1957. She is married to Bruce Currie. She is of the Episcopal faith. Southwest Community College, A.S., University of Southern

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Mississippi. Registered Nurse. Representative Currie is a member of the Mississippi Nurses' Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.

**Darnell, Jerry;** 4250 Green Village Drive, Hernando, 38632. 28 - DeSoto. Representative Darnell was born on November 27, 1962, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Fay Wright. They are of the Baptist denotation. University of Mississippi M.A.; B.A., Northwest Mississippi Community College A. A., Coldwater High School. Retired District Office Administrator/ Principal. Representative Darnell is a member of the following: Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Farm Bureau member, and Mississippi State Extension Service Board Member. House 2020-Present. Republican

**Denton, Oscar;** 5024 Rollingwood E. Drive, Vicksburg, 39180. 55 - Warren. Representative Denton was born July 30, 1953, in Vicksburg. He is married to the former Margaret C. Naylor. They are of the Baptist faith. Rosa A. Temple High School, Utica Jr. College, George Meany Institute; AT & T, Businessman. Representative Denton is a member of AFL-CIO, CWA, Local 3518, and the NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

**Deweese, Clay;** 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, 38655. 12 - Lafayette. Representative Deweese was born November 13, 1981, in Clarksdale and is married to the former Katie Qaaka. They are of the Presbyterian denomination. Business Administration from University of Mississippi 2004. Real Estate Broker. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Eubanks, Dan;** P. O. Box 184, Walls, 38680. 25 - DeSoto. Representative Eubanks was born June 11, 1970, in Hicksville, OH, and is married to the former Corey Moore-Luckhardt. They are of the Christian faith. North Little Rock Northeast (HS), Kilgore College (CGP), Univ. of Arkansas (B.B.A. Finance), Karl Franzens Univ, Universidad de Autodenama, Mid America Baptist Seminary; Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Representative Eubanks is affiliated with Desoto Co. Republican Club and Desoto Co. Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

**Eure, Casey;** 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, 39574. 116 - Harrison. Representative Eure was born March 1, 1978, in Jackson, MS. He is married to the former Jill Gary and they have two children, Kennedy and Gunner. He is of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast Community College, USM Law Enforcement Academy; Self-employed - Eure Properties. Representative Eure is a member of the National Rifle Association, Coast Young Professionals, Harrison County Republican Club and Woolmarket Little League Association. He was previously affiliated with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, MS Bureau of Narcotics and MS Public Service Commission.. House 2011-Present. Republican.

**Evans, Michael T.;** 1147 Mount Harmony Rd, Preston, 39354. 45 - Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston. Representative Evans was born September 16, 1975, and is married to the former Heather Luke. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Nanih Waiya High School. Fireman, Farmer. Representative Evans is a member of the Mississippi Fire Chiefs' Association, Mississippi Farm Bureau, Rotary, Mason, and Mississippi Poultry Association. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

**Evans, Bob;** P.O. Box 636, Monticello, 39654. 91 - Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson. Representative Evans was born on February 3, 1950, and is married to the former Jane Allen. He is of the Baptist faith. Monticello High School, Mississippi State University, B.A. , Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Evans is a member of Habitat for Humanity, Southern Poverty Leadership Council,

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American Bar Association, and Mississippi Public Defenders' Association. House 2008-Present. Democrat.

**Faulkner, John G.;** P.O. Box 5955, Holly Springs, 38634. 5 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate. Representative Faulkner was born August 20, 1965, and is of the Baptist faith. Holly Springs High School, Army School of Nursing, Strayer University. Youth Counselor. Representative Faulkner is the chairman of Crime Stoppers for Marshall/Panola Counties, a member of Marshall County IDA Board of Directors, 32nd Degree Mason (Shriners) Prince Hall Affiliated, and NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

**Felsher, Kevin;** P. O. Box 4721, Biloxi, 39535. 117 - Harrison. Representative Felsher was born October 10, 1975, in Biloxi, MS. He is married to Crystal Lucas Felsher and they are of the Catholic faith. USM, Sports Coaching and Education, B.S. Real Estate Broker. Representative Felsher is affiliated with MS Coast Crime Stoppers, Catholic Charities of South MS, Main Street Biloxi board member, City of Biloxi Architectural and Historic Commission, and Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Ford, Kevin;** 206 Willow Way, Vicksburg, 39183. 54 - Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Ford was born March 8, 1979, in Jackson, Mississippi. He is married to the former Julie Alberts and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Hinds Community College, Warren High school. Insurance Agent. Representative Ford is affiliated with Red Carpet Bowl. House 2018-Present. Republican.

**Ford, Jill;** 73 - Madison. Representative Ford was born February 18 and is married to Mike Ford. They have two sons, Patton and Crockett and are of the Baptist faith. Northeast Community College, Mississippi State University. Broker/Ford & Company, LLC. Representative Ford is affiliated with MS Assoc. of Realtors (MAR), Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors (NAR), Madison Co Business League and Foundation (MCBLF), NRA, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Madison Republican Women, MS Blood Services (board member), Life Teacher at Broadmoor Baptist, and Founder of Inherit Movement and Gutherings Design. House 2020-Present; Republican.

**Foster, Stephanie;** 120 Western Hills Drive, Jackson, 39212. 63 - Hinds, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Foster was born March 8 and is married to the late Jimmie Foster. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College, Hinds Community College, Raymond High school. Representative Foster is president of Western Hills Homeowners Association, Association of South Jackson board member, PTSO, PTA member of Utica Elementary Middle school, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Gibbs, Karl;** 543 George Walker Rd., West Point, 39773. 36 - Clay, Monroe. Representative Gibbs is married to the former Sonya Deanes and they are of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State, B.S., Educational Psychology. Police Officer. Representative Gibbs is affiliated with The American Legion. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

**Gibbs, Debra;** 1223 Hallmark Drive, Jackson, 39206. 72 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gibbs was born in Gulfport, MS. She is married to Robert L. Gibbs and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College of Law, JD, Mississippi College, MBA, University of Southern Miss, BS. Attorney. Representative Gibbs is affiliated with Links Incorporated; Lefleur's Bluff (MS) Chapter; Mississippi Bar Association; AKA Sorority, Incorporated. Graduate; Leadership MS Graduate; and Leadership Jackson. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

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**Goodin, Dale;** 72 Memorial Church Rd, Richton, 39467. 105 - George, Greene, Perry. Representative Goodin was born October 13, 1958, in New Orleans, LA. He is married to the former Jeanette Francis and they are of the Baptist faith. USM-Educational Leadership, M.S. Vo-Tech Director (Retired). Representative Goodin is affiliated with Disciples Chapel, Exchange Club, Farm Bureau, MS Forestry Assn, MOAA, Retired Army, METLA, and MSACTE. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Guice, Jeffrey S.;** P. O. Box 549, Ocean Springs, 39566. 114 - Harrison, Jackson. Representative Guice was born December 22, 1959, in El Paso, Texas, and is married to the former Belinda Gryder. He is of the Presbyterian faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Real Estate Broker. Representative Guice is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast. House 2008-Present. Republican.

**Gunn, Philip;** P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gunn was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lisa Watkins. He is of Baptist faith. Representative Gunn is a member of the Clinton Chamber Commerce, Hinds County Bar Association and the Mississippi Bar Association. House 2004-Present. Speaker 2012-Present. Republican.

**Hale, Jeff;** 2303 Westwind Drive, Nesbit, 24 - DeSoto. Representative Hale was born August 8, 1966, in Corinth, MS, and is married to the former Traci Sims. They are of the Cornerstone Assembly faith. MS Fire Academy, Northwest College; Public Safety/Sales. Representative Hale is affiliated with the Southern Rotary Club, Bridgetown Fire Dept., and MS Firefighters Assoc. House 2016-Present. Republican.

**Haney, Greg;** 104 45th St, Gulfport, 39507. 118 - Harrison. Representative Haney was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Greg and his wife, Rhonda, are longtime residents of Gulfport and have raised three sons on the Coast. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gulfport East High School. Real Estate Broker. Representative Haney is a member of the Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, MS Assoc. of Realtors, MS Gulf Coast Realtors, MS Gulf Coast MLS, Harrison County Republican Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Harness, Jeffery;** P.O. Box 758, Fayette, 39069. 85 - Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren. Representative Harness was born April 8, 1978, in McComb, Mississippi. He is married to the former LeCourtney Young. They are of the Baptist faith. Southern Univ. School of Law, Alcorn State Univ., M.A., Alcorn State Univ., B.S., Jefferson County High. Attorney. Representative Harness is affiliated with the Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, and Citizens for Progress. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

**Hines, Sr., John W.;** P. O. Box 114, Greenville, 38701. 50 - Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington. Representative Hines was born in Greenville. He has three children and is of the non-denominational faith. Greenville High School, Mississippi Valley State University. Insurance Agent and Investigator. Representative Hines is member of 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a member of the NAACP, a member of Young Men Making a Difference, a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council, youth mentor and Little League coach. House 2001-Present. Democrat.

**Hobgood-Wilkes, Stacey;** P. O. Box 1165, Picayune, 39466. 108 - Pearl River. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes was born August 9, 1968, and is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern MS, Pearl River Community College, Picayune Memorial High school. Insurance/Public Relations, Business Owner. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes is affiliated with MS Republican State Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Women Rotarian, Paul Harris

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Fellow recipient, Picayune Junior Auxillary - lifetime member, and Senior Center of South Pearl River County board member. House 2017-Present. Republican.

**Holloway, Sr., Gregory;** 115 Edgewood Drive, Hazlehurst, 39083. 76 - Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds. Representative Holloway was born in Hazlehurst. He is married to the former April Singleton. They have two children, Gregory L. Holloway, II and Joshalyn Holloway. He is a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, U.S.A. Hazlehurst High School, Alcorn State University, B.A., Jackson State University, M.P.P.A. Legislator. Representative Holloway is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Master Mason F&AM and Past Worshipful Master. He is affiliated with the NAACP, the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, Outstanding Young Men of America, and National Selection Committee for Outstanding Young Men of America. He is a member of the Executive Council for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (S.A.C.S.C.O.C). He is a former employee of Jackson State University. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Mississippi Headstart Association. House 2000-Present. Democrat.

**Hood, Joey;** P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, 39735. 35 - Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston. Representative Hood was born December 11, 1976, in Amory, Mississippi, and married to the former Cynthia Oswald. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, B.A., Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Hood is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, Choctaw County Medical Foundation, and Simpson Volunteer Fire Department. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Hopkins, Steve;** 1205 Worthington Drive, Southaven, 38671. 7 - DeSoto. Representative Hopkins is married to Beckie Hopkins and they are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi. FedEx/Service and Quality Assurance. Representative Hopkins is affiliated with the Conservative Coalition of Mississippi and Desoto County Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

**Horan, Kevin;** P.O. Box 2166, Grenada, 38901. 34 - Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie. Representative Horan was born October 29, 1961, in Water Valley, Mississippi, and is married to the former Clarissa DeHart. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Water Valley High School. Attorney; Chief Financial Officer-Milestone Hospice, Inc. Representative Horan is a member of the Milestone Hospice, Inc. and Mississippi Bar Association. House 2012-Present; Republican.

**Horne, Stephen A.;** 5904 Causeyville Road, Meridian, 39301. 81 - Clarke, Lauderdale. Representative Horne was born June 10, 1958 in Meridian and is married to the former Suzy Coker. They have three children; Lauren (deceased), Tommy and Hunter. They are of the Southern Baptist faith. Jefferson Davis Academy, University of Southern Mississippi, B.S.; Insurance; Representative Horne is a member of the National Rifle Association, Pi Kappa Alpha and is a mason. House 2004-Present. Republican.

**Huddleston, Mac;** P.O. Drawer 300, Pontotoc, 38863. 15 - Pontotoc. Representative Huddleston was born on September 16, 1943, and is married to the former Flavia Hutchinson. He is of the Baptist faith. Durant High School, Mississippi State University, B.S., Auburn University, D.V.M, U.S. Army Rotary Wing Aviator Course, North Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy, Certified Investigator Program, MDPS. Veterinarian, Criminal Investigator. Representative Huddleston is a member of the Pontotoc Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, Pontotoc Band Boosters, and Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.



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**Jackson, Lataisha;** P.O. Box 358, Como, 38619. 11 - Panola, Tate. Representative Jackson was born August 4, 1983, in Fort Ord, California, and is of the Baptist faith. North Panola High School, Alabama State University; B.A. English Language Arts Education, Alabama State; M.A. Education Leadership. Executive Director of E.D.V.C.A.T.E Inc. Representative Jackson is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and an active member of Askew Grove Baptist Church. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

**Johnson, III, Robert L.;** P. O. Box 1678, Natchez, 39121. 94 - Adams, Franklin, Jefferson. Representative Johnson was born November 29, 1958, in Natchez. He is married to the former Evelyn Joiner and is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal faith. Washington University (St. Louis), University of Illinois, University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Johnson is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. He is President of the Adams County Voters League. Senate: 1993-2003, House of Representatives: 2004-Present. Democrat.

**Karriem, Kabir;** P. O. Box 255, Columbus, 39703. 41 - Lowndes. Representative Karriem is married to the former Carolyn Turner. They have five children. Mississippi State University, Hinds Community College. Business Owner. Representative Karriem is affiliated with various organizations in his community and through out the state. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

**Kinkade, Bill;** 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, 38611. 52 - DeSoto, Marshall. Representative Kinkade is married to the former Debra Sue Pritchard. They are of the Baptist faith. Orange High School, Orange, California. V.P. Operations/Sales. Representative Kinkade is a member of the Byhalia Chamber of Commerce, Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce, Byhalia Lions Club, and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Board of Directors. House 2013-Present. Republican.

**Ladner, Timmy;** 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, 39470. 93 - Hancock, Pearl River, Stone. Representative Ladner was born July 4, 1963, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and is married to the former Carrie Smith. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Realtors Institute, Pearl River Community College. Realtor, Business Owner. Representative Ladner is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, MS Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Lamar, III, John Thomas (Trey);** 214 South Ward Street, Senatobia, 38668. 8 - Lafayette, Tate. Representative Lamar was born August 5, 1980, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Jill Anthony. They are of the Christian faith. Washington University (St. Louis), Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Magnolia Heights School. Attorney. Representative Lamar is a member of First Baptist Church of Senatobia, Senatobia Rotary Club, Tate County Economic Development Foundation, MS BAR Association, and Ole Miss M-Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Lancaster, Johnathan Ray;** 22 - Chickasaw, Pontotoc. Representative Lancaster was born in Amory, MS. He is married to the former Kelly Porter and they are of the Christian faith. Houston High school. Farmer. Representative Lancaster is affiliated with NRA, MS Cattlemen's Assn, Mason, and Deacon of Arbor Grove Baptist Church. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Mangold, Vince;** P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39201. 53 - Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike. Representative Mangold was born July 22, 1964, in the Clark Air force Base, Republic of the Philippines, and is married to the former Michelle Lofton. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Miss, B.A., Copiah-Lincoln CC, A. A,

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Hazlehurst High School. Self-employed farmer. Representative Mangold is affiliated with the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, and the Referees Association. House 2016-Present. Republican.

**Massengill, Steve;** 424 Massengill Road, Hickory Flat, 38633. 13 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union. Representative Massengill was born November 21, 1966 and married to the former Dina Whiteside. They are of the Methodist faith. Hickory Flat High School. Big M Transportation. Representative Massengill is a member of Ebenezer Men's Club (President) and Pott's Camp Booster Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**McCarty, Kent;** 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, 39402. 101 - Lamar. Representative McCarty was born January 1, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. USM-Banking and Finance, OGHS. Small business owner (Java Moe's Coffee Co.). Representative McCarty is affiliated with the Pine Belt Foundation, Development Committee and Area Development Partnership. House 2019-Present. Republican.

**McCray, Hester Jackson;** 3420 Laurel Wood Street, Horn Lake, 38637. 40 - DeSoto. Representative Jackson-McCray was born May 19 in Drew, MS. She is of the Baptist faith. Triton College, River Forest, IL., Westinghouse Vocational High school. Nurse-Certified Dementia Practitioner. Representative Jackson-McCray is affiliated with Desoto Marshal County Federation of Democratic Women, NAACP, AARP Chapter 5371, and Brown Baptist MB Church in Southaven, MS. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**McGee, Missy;** P. O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, 39404. 102 - Forrest, Lamar. Representative McGee was born March 31, 1966, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is married to Sean McGee and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Southern Miss, Speech Communication, BS/MS, Hattiesburg High School. Former Instructor of Speech Communication-USM, Former Legislative Asst. to Sen. Trent Lott. Representative McGee is a lifetime member of USM Alumni Association, former board member of the USM Athletic Foundation, life member of the Hattiesburg Jr. Auxiliary Leadership Pine Belt; Area Development Partnership, Hattiesburg Dixie Youth baseball, and member of Main Street United Methodist Church. House 2017-Present. Republican.

**McKnight, Jay;** 22160 Hwy 53, Gulfport, 39503. 95 - Hancock, Harrison. Representative McKnight was born December 16, 1974, in Gulfport, MS. He is married to the former Melinda Parker and they are of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast CC; Real Estate/Broker. Representative McKnight is affiliated with the NRA, Hancock and Gulf Coast chamber, Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, Harrison Co. Representative Club, Hancock Co. Representative Club, and Knights of Columbus. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**McLean, Dana;** 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, 39705. 39 - Lowndes, Monroe. Representative McLean was born July 9 in Russellville, AL. She is of the Christian faith. Stetson University College of Law, JD and LLM, University of Alabama, BA, Stephen D. Lee High school. Realtor, Attorney (licensed in FL). Representative McLean is affiliated with the Florida Bar Assn., Nat'l Assn. of Realtors, Greater Golden Triangle Realtor Assn., Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, and Exchange Club Columbus Arts Council. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**McLeod, Doug;** 1211 Bexley Church Rd, Lucedale, 39452. 107 - George, Stone. Rep McLeod was born December 15, 1960, in Lucedale, Mississippi, and is married to the former Michele R. Fontenelle. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Hinds Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, George County High School. Business Owner. Representative McLeod is a member of the George Co. Economic

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Development Board of Directors, Academic Board, and Farm Bureau. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Mickens, Carl L.;** P.O. Box 427, Brooksville, 39739. 42 - Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston. Representative Mickens was born August 8 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cheryl Richardson. They are of the Baptist faith. Kentucky State University, B.S. Retired Circuit Court Clerk, Funeral Services. Representative Mickens is affiliated with the Kentucky State University alumni chapter, NAACP, Prince Hall Mason, MS Farm Bureau, Earl Nash PTO, and NCHS Booster. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

**Miles, Tom;** 807 Hwy 35 South, Forest, 39074. 75 - Rankin, Scott. Representative Miles was born November 3, 1979, in Morton, Mississippi. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Morton High School. Business Owner. Representative Miles is a member of Forest Baptist Church. Morton, Rankin, and Forest County Chambers of Commerce, Forest Rotary and Lion's Club, lifetime member of the NRA, Scott County Dive Team, Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life, and MSU Alumni Assoc. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

**Mims, Sam C.;** 605 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, 39648. 97 - Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike. He was born in McComb and is married to the former Amy Legg of Summit. They are the parents of two daughters and one son and are members of Centenary United Methodist in McComb. McComb High School, Delta State University, B.B.A.; Marketing and Business Developer; National Rifle Association, the McComb Rotary Club, former member of the Pike County Republican Executive Committee, and former chairman of the City of McComb Republican Executive Committee. House 2003-Present. Republican.

**Morgan, Ken;** 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, 39483. 100 - Lamar, Marion. Representative Morgan was born September 10, 1951, in Columbia, Mississippi, and is married to the former Wanda G. Stringer. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy. Small business owner. Representative Morgan is the former Marion County Representative for the Pearl River Basin Development District; Marion County Forestry Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and NRA. He is also the past president of the Cattleman's Association, Pearl River Land and Conservation Association, Chief, Morgantown Vol. Fire Department, and a Mason and a Shriner. House 2007-Present. Republican.

**Newman, Gene;** 801 Country place Drive, Pearl, 39208. 61 - Rankin. Representative Newman was born December 12, 1955, in Brookhaven, MS. He is married to the former Betty Miles, and they are of the Baptist faith. University of Cincinnati, (M.S.), University of Southern Miss, (B.S. in Economics), Copiah Lincoln Jr. College, Pearl High school. Bail Agent/Insurance Agent. Representative Newman is affiliated with the Pearl Chamber of Commerce and Pearl Kiwanis. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Oliver, Karl;** P.O. Box 95, Winona, 38967. 46 - Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster. Representative Oliver was born in Winona, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lynn Kellum Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. Representative Oliver is a member of the MS Funeral Directors Assoc., the National Funeral Directors Association, Nat'l Rifle Assoc., and The Boone and Crockett Club. House 2016-Present; Republican.

**Osborne, Solomon C.;** P.O. Box 8175, Greenwood, 38935-8175. 32 - Leflore. Representative Osborne was born May 26, 1948, in Minter City, Mississippi, and is married to the former Deborah Brock. They are of the Baptist faith. Amanda Elzy High School, BA Tougaloo College Political Science, Juris Doctorate University of Illinois

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College of Law. Attorney. Representative Osborne is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP, American Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, National Bar Association and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

**Owen, Jansen T.;** P.O. Box 249, Poplarville, 39470. 106 - Lamar, Pearl River. Representative Owen was born July 2, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS, and is married to the former Colbie Marshall. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tulane Law School J.D., University of Southern Mississippi B.A., Pearl River Community College A.A. Attorney; Business Owner. Representative Owen is a member of: National Rifle Association; Poplarville Area Chamber of Commerce; Pearl River County Bar Association; Mississippi Bar Association; American Bar Association; and The Federalist Society. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Paden, Orlando;** 3731 Stovall Rd, Clarksdale, 38614. 26 - Bolivar, Coahoma. Representative Paden was born June 5, 1984, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and is of the C.O.G.I.C. faith. Belhaven University, Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Coahoma Agricultural High School. College Administrator. Representative Paden is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Aaron E Henry Health Service Board, NAACP, Nat'l and Southern Assoc. of Student Employment Administrators, ASPIRE, Clarksdale Revitalization Inc., and Jonestown Family Center of Education and Wellness Church of God in Christ. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

**Patterson, Randall;** 1352 Kensington Drive, Biloxi, 39530. 115 - Harrison. Representative Patterson was born February 4, 1948, in Biloxi, Mississippi, and is married to the former Vickie Lackey. He has one son, Grant, and a daughter, Randi. He is of the Methodist faith. Biloxi High School, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, A.A. (PERK Campus), University of Southern Mississippi, B.S., William Carey College, M. Ed. Contractor. Representative Patterson is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council, Biloxi Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce, Association of General Contractors of Mississippi, City of Biloxi Plumbing and Mechanical Board and the Biloxi Elks' Lodge #606. House 2004-Present. Republican.

**Pigott, Bill;** 92 Pigott Easterling Rd, Tylertown, 39667. 99 - Lamar, Marion, Walthall. Representative Pigott was born on October 13, 1946, in Tylertown, Mississippi, and is married to the former Doris Revette. He is of the Baptist faith. Dexter High School, Pearl River Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S. Farmer. Representative Pigott is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Beef Council, and the ADA of Mississippi. House 2008-Present. Republican.

**Porter, Daryl;** P. O. Box 772, Summit, 39666. 98 - Pike, Walthall. Representative Porter was born September 30, 1990, in McComb, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College of Law-2018, University of MS-2013, McComb High school-2009. Attorney. Representative Porter is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Founder of Yancy Men's Mentoring, a member of Summit Missionary Baptist Church, and a church trustee. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Powell, Brent;** P.O. Box 5454, Brandon, 39047. 59 - Rankin. Representative Powell was born February 8, 1969, in Oklahoma City, OK, and is married to the former Natasha Goff. He is of the Methodist faith. Northwest Rankin High School, Mississippi State University. Realtor; Forester. Representative Powell is affiliated with the National Association of Realtors. House 2013-Present; Republican.

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**Read, John;** 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, 39553. 112 - Jackson. Representative Read was born July 8, 1941, in Bunkie, Louisiana, and is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, North East Louisiana University. Pharmacist. Representative Read was previously a City Councilman and Mayor of the City of Gautier. House 1993-Present. Republican.

**Reynolds, Thomas U.;** P. O. Drawer 280, Charleston, 38921. 33 - Grenada, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha. He was born November 15, 1954, in Charleston and is married to the former Elizabeth Fedric. He is a deacon, and of he Baptist faith. University of Mississippi, University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney. Representative Reynolds is affiliated with Phi Kappa Phi and Rotary. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

**Roberson, Rob;** 212 East Main Street, Starkville, 39759. 43 - Oktibbeha, Winston. Representative Roberson was born August 8, 1968, in Greenville, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Shurden. Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., Mississippi State University, B.B.S., Starkville High school. Attorney. Representative Roberson is affiliated with the Greater Starkville Partnership and is the board attorney for the town of Sturgis. House 1998-2003; 2016-Present. Republican.

**Robinson, Robin;** 1179 Township Road, Laurel, 39443. 88 - Jasper, Jones. Representative Robinson was born September 12, in Laurel, Mississippi. She is married to Sam Britton and she is of the Pentecostal faith. USM; B.S., Jones C.C.; A.A., N.E. Jones High school. Sanderson Farms, Retired. Representative Robinson is presiding President of the Institution of Higher Learning Board of Trustees; Chairman of Leadership Mississippi, a member of the Board of Directors for the USM Foundation, Mississippi Center for Obesity Research at UMMC Neuro Institute, and Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi board member. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Rosebud, Tracey T.;** P.O. Box 236, Tutwiler, 38963. 30 - Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie. Representative Rosebud was born February 27, 1976, in Charleston, Mississippi. He is married to the former Nichole G. Harris and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Delta C.C., Tennessee Valley Public Power Academy. Consulting. House 2018-Present; Democrat.

**Rushing, Randy;** 672 North 8th Ave, Decatur, 39327. 78 - Leake, Newton, Scott. Representative Rushing was born September 9, 1963, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lea Ann Kline. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Mississippi Law Enforcement Minimum Standards, Community College of the Air Force, East Central Community College, Newton County Academy. Business Owner. U.S. Air Force, Mississippi Air National Guard, Retired. Representative Rushing is a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 89, NRA, and North Decatur Water Assoc. Board. Representative Rushing previously served as Alderman and Mayor in Decatur, police officer, and served over 21 years as a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Sanford, Noah;** P. O. Box 1900, Collins, 39428. 90 - Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson. Representative Sanford lives in Collins, MS, and is of Southern Baptist faith. University of MS School of Law, J.D., University of MS, B.A., Jones County Jr. College, A.A., Seminary High school. Attorney. Representative Sanford is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, MS Bar Assoc., Cattleman's Assoc., and the Covington County Historical Society. House 2016-Present. Republican.

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**Sanders, Robert L.;** 925 S Martin Luther King, Cleveland, 38732. 29 - Bolivar, Sunflower. Representative Sanders was born December 20, 1961, in Shaw, Mississippi. He is married to the former Tracey Boddie, and they are of Baptist faith. Representative Sanders is a member of the Mississippi Association of Police, MML Executive Board, Salvation Army Executive Board, Chamber of Commerce, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and the Mississippi Valley State University Hall of Fame.

**Scoggin, Donnie;** 1203 Pine Street, Ellisville, 39437. 89 - Jones. Representative Scoggin was born August 12, 1962, and is married to the former Donna Grantham. They are of the Baptist faith. M.U.W MS, U.S.M. BS, J.C.J.C. AA. Nurse Practitioner. Representative Scoggin is affiliated with Jones County E.D.A., Jones County Republican, a Member of the Mississippi Nurse Practitioner's Assoc. and Mississippi Nurses Association. House 2017-Present. Republican.

**Scott, Omeria;** 615 East 19th Street, Laurel, 39440. 80 - Clarke, Jasper, Jones. Representative Scott was born November 21, 1956, in Laurel and is married to the late Charles Scott. She is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Nursing Home Administrator. Representative Scott is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, Federated Women of America, Association for Excellence in Education and Beacon of Hope Mississippi Scholarship Foundation. House 1993-Present; Democrat.

**Shanks, Fred;** 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, 39042. 60 - Rankin. Representative Shanks was born on December 26, 1977, in Flowood. He is of the Baptist faith. University Christian School, Hinds Community College, Mississippi State University. Businessman. Representative Shanks is a member of the following: Rankin County Republican Executive Committee, Reserve Police Officer of Brandon, NRA Member, Former Alderman of Brandon. House 2018-Present. Republican.

**Smith, Troy;** 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, 39330. 84 - Clarke, Jasper, Newton. Representative Smith is born June 29, 1965 and is married to the former Michell Ballard. They are of the Baptist faith. Jones County Jr. College, Quitman High school. Clarke County District 3 Supervisor, Owner of Long's Fish Camp. Representative Smith is affiliated with the MS Assoc. of Sup. Education Committee, NRA, and NWTF. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Stamps, De'Keither,** 396 Woodcliff Drive, Jackson, 39212. 66 - Hinds. Representative Stamps was born November 21, 1976, in Learned, MS, and is married to the former Shonda Scott. They are of the Southern Baptist faith. Representative Stamps is affiliated with VFW, CMPDD, and CMDC. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Steverson, Jody;** 125 Woodridge, Ripley, 38663. 4 - Alcorn, Tippah. Representative Steverson was born August 21, 1968, in Tupelo, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lauren Bailey. They have one son, Bailey, and are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, Northeast Mississippi Community College. Cable TV Operator/High Speed Internet provider. Representative Steverson is a member of the Ripley Main Street Assoc., Tippah County MSU Alumni Assoc., Tippah County Dev. Assoc., and Career Pathway Experience Advisory Comm. of the Tippah County Career and Tech. Center. House 2012-Present. Republican.

**Straughter, Rufus;** 107 Van Buren Street, Belzoni, 39038. 51 - Humphreys, Sharkey, Yazoo. Representative Straughter was born May 4, 1937, and is married to the former Mattie B. Banks. He is of the Protestant faith. Tougaloo College, Delta State University, Jackson State University. Educator. Representative Straughter is affiliated with Omega

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Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Elks, NEA, MAE, HCAE, NCTM and the NAACP. HOUSE 1996-Present. Democrat

**Summers, Zakiya;** P. O. Box 21210, Jackson, 39289. 68 - Hinds, Rankin. Representative Summers was born January 14, in Houston, Texas. She is married to Andra Harlee and they are of the Church of Christ (Holiness) faith. University of Missouri-Columbia, Bachelor's in Journalism. Former Director of Communication and Advocacy for the ACLU of MS, Owner/operator of Lady Godiva Productions, LLC. Representative Summers is affiliated with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., MS Sickle Cell Foundation-Vice chair, Jayne Ave. Neighborhood Assn-secretary, NAACP, ACLU, Women For Progress, Federation of Dem. Women, S.T.A.N.D., UMMC Community Advisory Board, Jackson Association of Black Journalist, and W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community leadership Network Fellow. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Taylor, Cheikh;** 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, 39759. 38 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Taylor was born December 12, 1973, in Columbus, MS. He is married to the former Jamila Boudreaux. They are of the Christian faith. Howard University, BS, Starkville High school. Executive Director/Community Development. Representative Taylor is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors' Advisory Council, Starkville Area Arts Council, Oktibbeha County Food Policy Council, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and NAACP. House 2018-Present; Democrat.

**Thompson, Rickey;** 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, 38868. 16 - Lee, Monroe. Representative was born June 30, 1964, in Shannon, MS. He is married to the former Shelia Dianne Ivory and they are of the Baptist faith. Itawamba Community College-1981, Shannon High school-1981. License Practical Nurse. Representative Thompson is affiliated with Create Foundation (past member), Minority PUL Alliance, Current: Brotherhood President, and Spring Hill District MS Worker's Center for Human Rights. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Tullos, Mark;** P. O. Box 505, Raleigh, 39153. 79 - Jasper, Smith. Representative Tullos was born September 28, 1964, in Yazoo City, MS, and is married to the former Sonja Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. JD-MS College School of Law, BS-University of Southern MS. Attorney. Representative Tullos is affiliated with the MS Bar Association, Smith County Republicans, US Army Reserves, MS Army Nat'l Guard, and a Deacon of Union Baptist Church. House 2016-Present. Republican.

**Turner, Jerry R.;** 1290 Carrollville Ave, Baldwyn, 38824. 18 - Lee, Prentiss, Union. Representative Turner is married to the former Mary Ellen Blaylock. They have 3 children, Jerry, Terry, and Suzanne, and they are of the Church of Christ faith. Adv. Bus. Management./Operations Courses, Tupelo H. S. Owner/President of Turner's Big Star Supermarkets, Northfork Used Cars/Trucks; Northfork Farm/Construction. Equipment.; Landowner. Representative Turner is affiliated with the Community Development Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Baldwyn Development, the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, and Pro-Life. House 2004-Present. Republican.

**Walker, Kenneth;** P.O. Box 265, Carthage, 39051. 27 - Attala, Leake, Madison, Yazoo. Representative Walker was born January 11, 1953, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University, M.S., Jackson State University, B.S. Project Manager. Representative Walker is affiliated with the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Volunteer Fireman, and Farmer's Co-op. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

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**Wallace, Price;** 125 Price Wallace Dr., Mendenhall, 39114. 77 - Rankin, Simpson. Representative Wallace was born on November 24, 1961, in Jackson, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cindy Stevenson. He is of the Methodist faith. Simpson Academy; Farmer; Representative Wallace is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and Trust Advisory Board in Magee. House 2018-Present. Republican.

**Watson, Percy W.;** P.O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, 39403. 103 - Forrest. Representative Watson was born June 5, 1951, in Hattiesburg and is married to the former Barbara Smith. He is of the Baptist denomination. University of Iowa School of Law, University of Iowa. Attorney. Representative Watson is affiliated with the Jesse Brown Lodge, Phi Beta Kappa, NAACP, Mississippi, Iowa, Alaska, National and American Bar Associations. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

**Weathersby, Tom;** 3806 Highway 49 S, Florence, 39073. 62 - Copiah, Rankin, Simpson. Representative Weathersby was born July 24, 1944, in Jackson, and is married to the former Beverly Cook. He is of the Baptist faith. Hinds Junior College, University of Southern Mississippi, Mississippi College. Businessman. Representative Weathersby is a deacon and a Mason and is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Rankin and Copiah Counties Chambers of Commerce, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Kiwanis, ALEC and the NRA. House 1992-Present. Republican.

**White, Jason;** P.O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College; Attorney; Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Assoc.(President), Attala County BAR Assoc.(President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board of Dir., Attala County Forestry Assoc., and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present; Republican.

**Williams-Barnes, Sonya;** 2018 31st Ave, Gulfport, 39501. 119 - Harrison. Representative Williams-Barnes is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University, Bishop State College. Funeral Director Funeral Services. Representative Williams-Barnes is a member of AKA Sorority Inc., NAACP, Saving Our Sisters-Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Morning Star M. B. Church, and Youth Council Advisory Board. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

**Williamson, Brady;** 603 South 16th Street, Oxford, 38655. 10 - Lafayette, Panola, Tallahatchie. Representative Williamson was born December 29, 1976, in Jackson, MS. He is married to Cory High Williamson and they are of the Christian faith. Univ. of Miss (Accounting), Army Officer, Engineer. Small Business Owner. Representative Williamson is affiliated with Fathers in Field Ministry, Community Church of Oxford, Panola Partnership, and Oxford Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Wright, Joseph Lynn;** 1989 Lake Lowndes Road, Columbus, 39702. 37 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Wright was born July 22, 1952, in Columbus, MS. He is married to the former Ginger Kay Howell and they are of Baptist faith. Representative Wright is a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon. He is affiliated with MASS, MASA, MPE, EMCED, New Hope Service Club, Lowndes County Republican Women, and Steens Community Center. House 2020-Present. Republican.



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**Yancey, Lee;** P. O. Box 4215, Brandon, 39047. 74 - Rankin. Representative Yancey was born July 29, 1968, in Ripley, MS, and is married to the former Courtney Fagan. They are of the Baptist faith. B.A. Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary M. Div, D. Min., Series 65 Licensed, Accidental Heath Licensed, Life Licensed. Investment Advisor-Element Wealth. Representative Yancey is a member of the Rotary Club (former Flowood President), Paul Harris Fellow, former member of the Rankin County Republican Executive committee, and NRA. House 2020-Present. State Senate 2008-2012. House 2020-Present. Republican.

**Yates, Shanda;** P. O. Box 16409, Jackson, 39236. 64 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Yates was born March 29 in Jackson, MS. She is married to Yancy Burns and they are of the Methodist faith. MC School of Law-JD, University of Southern Miss-BA, Hinds CC-AA. Attorney. Representative Yates is affiliated with the MS Bar Assn, Junior League of Jackson, MS Assn. Justice, and Galloway United Methodist Church. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

**Young, Jr., Charles;** P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, 39302. 82 - Lauderdale. Representative Young was born July 9 and is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University, Meridian, Tougaloo College, Meridian Community College, Meridian High School. Cosmetic Sales, E. F. Young, Jr. Manufacturing Company. Representative Young is a member of the Democratic Party, Masonic Lodge, and Newell Chapel C.M.E. Church. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

**Zuber, III, Henry;** 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, 39564. 113 - Jackson. Representative Zuber was born June 11 and is a life long citizen of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is of the Catholic faith. Ocean Springs High School, Millsaps College, University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney/Real Estate Developer. Representative Zuber is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. House 2000-Present. Republican.

**PART VIII  
HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

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**PERSONNEL OF HOUSE COMMITTEES**

**Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency (11)**

*Randy P. Boyd, Chairman; Dana Criswell, Vice-Chairman*

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**Agriculture (33)**

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**Apportionment and Elections (17)**

*Charles Jim Beckett, Chairman; Dan Eubanks, Vice-Chairman*

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**Appropriations (33)**

*John Read, Chairman; Karl Oliver, Vice-Chairman*

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**Banking and Financial Services (30)**

*Jerry R. Turner, Chairman; Shane Aguirre, Vice-Chairman*

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**Compilation, Revision and Publication (7)**

Members: Angela Cockerham; Philip Gunn; Kevin Horan; John Thomas "Trey"

Lamar, III; Thomas U. Reynolds; Jason White; Shanda Yates

**Congressional Redistricting (10)**

*Charles Jim Beckett, Chairman; Dan Eubanks, Vice-Chairman*

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**Conservation and Water Resources (18)**

*Chris Brown, Chairman; Bryant W. Clark, Vice-Chairman*

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**Constitution (9)**

*Fred Shanks, Chairman; Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes, Vice-Chairman*

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**Corrections (17)**

*Kevin Horan, Chairman; Carl Mickens, Vice-Chairman*

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**County Affairs (19)**

*Larry Byrd, Chairman; Cheikh Taylor, Vice-Chairman*

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**Drug Policy (15)**

*Lee Yancey, Chairman; Joel Bomgar, Vice-Chairman*

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**Education (27)**

*Richard Bennett, Chairman; Kent McCarty, Vice-Chairman*

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**Energy (27)**

*Brent Powell, Chairman; Jeff Hale, Vice-Chairman*

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**Enrolled Bills (5)**

*Stephen A. Horne, Chairman; John G. Faulkner, Vice-Chairman*

Members: C. Scott Bounds; Sam C. Mims, V; Troy Smith

**PART VIII  
HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Ethics (8)**

*Mac Huddleston, Chairman; Percy W. Watson, Vice-Chairman*

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**Executive Contingent Fund (5)**

*Carolyn Crawford, Chairman; Christopher M. Bell, Vice-Chairman*

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**Forestry (11)**

*Ken Morgan, Chairman; Price Wallace, Vice-Chairman*

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**Gaming (19)**

*Casey Eure, Chairman; Willie Bailey, Vice-Chairman*

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**Insurance (27)**

*Henry Zuber III, Chairman; Kevin Ford, Vice-Chairman*

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**Interstate Cooperation (7)**

*William Tracy Arnold, Chairman; Tracey T. Rosebud, Vice-Chairman*

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**Investigate State Offices (8)**

*Randall Patterson, Chairman; Lataisha Jackson, Vice-Chairman*

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**Judiciary A (25)**

*Angela Cockerham, Chairman; Thomas U. Reynolds, Vice-Chairman*

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**Judiciary B (25)**

*Nick Bain, Chairman; Noah Sanford, Vice-Chairman*

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**Judiciary En Banc (50)**

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**Legislative Budget Committee (7)**

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**Legislative Reapportionment (10)**

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**Local and Private Legislation (7)**

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**Marine Resources (11)**

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**Medicaid (19)**

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**Military Affairs (15)**

*Lester Carpenter, Chairman; Steve Hopkins, Vice-Chairman*

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**Municipalities (17)**

*Randy Rushing, Chairman; Mark Tullos, Vice-Chairman*

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Kent McCarty; Solomon C. Osborne; Daryl Porter; Rob Roberson; Noah Sanford;  
De'Keither A. Stamps; Jody Steversen

**PEER (7)**

Members: Richard Bennett; Cedric Burnett; Carolyn Crawford; Becky Currie; Timmy  
Ladner; Jerry R. Turner; Percy W. Watson

**Ports, Harbors and Airports (11)**

*Jeffrey S. Guice, Chairman; Robert L. Johnson III, Vice-Chairman*

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Carpenter; Kevin Felsher; Greg Haney; Kabir Karriem; Sonya Williams-Barnes

**Public Health and Human Services (29)**

*Sam C. Mims, V, Chairman; Missy McGee, Vice-Chairman*

Members: Shane Aguirre; Nick Bain; Christopher M. Bell; Cedric Burnett; Billy Adam  
Calvert; Bryant W. Clark; Dana Criswell; Ronnie C. Crudup; Becky Currie; Dan Eubanks;  
Kevin Felsher; Kevin Ford; John W. Hines, Sr.; Kabir Karriem; Jay McKnight; Dana  
McLean; Orlando Paden; Brent Powell; John Read; Rob Roberson; Noah Sanford;  
Donnie Scoggin; Omeria Scott; Fred Shanks; Zakiya Summers; Rickey Thompson;  
Jason White

**Public Property (15)**

*Tom Weathersby, Chairman; Gregory Holloway, Sr., Vice-Chairman*

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Hale; Lataisha Jackson; Johnathan Ray Lancaster; Ken Morgan; Gene Newman; Karl  
Oliver; Randall Patterson; John Read; Brady Williamson

**Public Utilities (23)**

*C. Scott Bounds, Chairman; Brent Anderson, Vice-Chairman*

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Michael T. Evans; Karl Gibbs; Steve Hopkins; Steve Massengill; Hester Jackson  
McCray; Jay McKnight; Carl Mickens; Solomon C. Osborne; Daryl Porter; Brent Powell;  
Tracey T. Rosebud; Fred Shanks; De'Keither A. Stamps; Percy W. Watson; Joseph L.  
Wright; Lee Yancey; Henry Zuber III

**Rules (11)**

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**De'Keither Stamps**

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**Cheikh Taylor**

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**PART X  
A. HOUSE RULES**

**THE SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

1. The Speaker, when elected, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until the next regular session of the Legislature following an election for Governor and members of the Legislature, and shall take the chair on every legislative day precisely at the hour to which the House has adjourned at the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause the roll to be called finally, and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and decorum, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose.

3. He shall have general control, except as provided by rule or law, of the Hall of the House, and of the corridors and passages and the disposal of the unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House, until further order.

4. He shall sign all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas of, or issued by order of, the House, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by permission of the House. The Speaker may require points of order in writing and may take reasonable time to examine and study same before ruling thereon, during which period consideration of that particular subject matter may be suspended without prejudice and the House proceed to the next order of business.

5. He shall rise to put a question and shall put questions in this form: "All those in favor (of the question), say 'Aye'"; and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "All those opposed, say 'No'"; if he doubts, or if a count is required by at least one-tenth (1/10) of the members present, he shall call the roll in the manner prescribed in Rule 69 or take the vote using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97.

6. He shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings, except where his vote would be decisive, or where the House is engaged in voting by ballot; and in cases of a tie vote for, question shall be decided in the negative.

7. He shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair when the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be unable to do so, but such substitution shall not extend beyond one (1) legislative day; provided, however, that in the case of illness or unavoidable absence of both the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore, he may make such appointment for a period not exceeding five (5) days, with the approval of the House at the time the same is made.

8. Upon the death of a member of the House, the Speaker or any member of the House designated by him shall incur such expenses as may be necessary for the purchase on behalf of the House a State Flag for use in connection with the funeral and burial of said member, which flag shall be presented to the family of said member.

9. No member or visitor shall visit in the Speaker's stand during the session of the House, except at the instance of the Speaker. The Speaker may call a member to preside when necessary or desirable to confer with a member or visitor.

**PART X  
HOUSE RULES**

10. All committees, except the Rules Committee and the Management Committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise specially directed by the House.

10A. (1) There is created in the House of Representatives the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives (hereinafter Speaker Pro Tempore).

(2) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected on the same day and in the same manner and method as may be designated for the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve a term of four (4) years, which term as Speaker Pro Tempore shall expire concurrently with the term being served by the Speaker Pro Tempore as a member of the House of Representatives. There is no limit on the number of times that a member may serve as Speaker Pro Tempore.

(4) Any vacancy in the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore occurring during a regular or special legislative session shall be filled by election of the House of Representatives within five (5) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring during an interim between legislative sessions shall be filled within the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session. The person so elected shall serve only the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) To serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives during the absence, illness or disability of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule;

(b) To become Speaker of the House of Representatives in the event of the death or resignation of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule. He or she shall serve as Speaker until the beginning of the next succeeding regular legislative session, at which time an election for Speaker shall be held under the same terms and conditions as a regular Speaker's election, except that the person elected as Speaker shall hold the office only for the remainder of the term. If the Speaker Pro Tempore becomes the Speaker of the House, a new Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected;

(c) To preside over the House of Representatives when the Speaker is not presiding and to preside over the House when sitting as the Committee of the Whole unless the Speaker Pro Tempore moved that the House go into the Committee of the Whole;

(d) To serve as the Chairman of the House Management Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(e) To serve as a member of the Rules Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(f) To consult with the Speaker in resolving points of order or other parliamentary matters; and

(g) Such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be conferred upon the Speaker Pro Tempore by law or legislative rule.

**RULES COMMITTEE**

11. The Rules Committee shall be composed of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other members, two (2) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, to be selected by the members from their respective congressional districts by caucus. The place of residence of a member representing such district shall determine the congressional district caucus in which he or she shall participate and for which he or she may hold membership on the Rules Committee. The Speaker shall appoint the chairman and the vice chairman from among the members of the Rules Committee, but neither the Speaker nor the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be eligible to serve as chairman or vice chairman of the Rules Committee.

The members of the Rules Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election of the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any such vacancy occurring between regular annual sessions shall be filled by caucus election during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

No member of the Rules Committee shall concurrently serve as a member of the House Management Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Management Committee as provided in Rule 11A.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

11A. (1) There is created the House of Representatives Management Committee (hereinafter Management Committee) to be composed of the Speaker Pro Tempore, who shall serve as chairman, the Speaker, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other representatives, two (2) from each congressional district of Mississippi as constituted on January 1, 2020, to be elected by caucus of the representatives from each such district. The place of residence of a representative shall determine the congressional district caucus in which the representative shall participate and from which the representative may hold membership on the Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee shall select, from among its members, a vice chairman and secretary.

The members of the Management Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

(2) No member of the Management Committee shall serve concurrently as a member of the House Rules Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Rules Committee as provided in Rule 11.

(3) Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring between regular annual legislative sessions shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

**PART X  
HOUSE RULES**

(4) The Management Committee shall meet at such times as are necessary for the proper exercise of its functions, and shall have the authority to adopt policies, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these rules, as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the committee.

(5) Action by a majority vote of the Management Committee shall control and be conclusive on any matter properly concerning the House of Representatives.

(6) The committee shall function on a year-round basis and when the Legislature is not in session, members of the committee shall be compensated as provided in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. No committee member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless authorized by vote at a meeting of the committee, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes of the committee.

(7) The Management Committee, in addition to its other responsibilities, shall perform the following duties:

(a) Conduct the business affairs of the House of Representatives;

(b) Investigate the feasibility of new and additional staff agencies and make recommendations to the House of Representatives;

(c) Assign such space in the Capitol or in such other buildings or parts thereof as may be reserved for the House of Representatives and have complete control, authority and jurisdiction over such rooms, chambers, offices and other areas. Any assignment of space shall be subject to change by the Management Committee. No other branch of the government, or a department or agency thereof, shall use any room, chamber, office or other area without specific written authorization from the Management Committee. The Management Committee is authorized to delegate its powers with regard to any such room, chamber, office or other area in connection with the maintenance, repairing, construction, reconstruction and refurbishing thereof in such a manner as it deems advisable;

(d) Staff interim committees;

(e) Staff standing committees; and

(f) Continually assess ways and means to improve the organization, procedures, facilities and working conditions of the House of Representatives.

(8) The Management Committee shall have the authority to designate a director, who may also serve as the Clerk or as the Director of the House Legislative Services Office, and who shall carry out the directives of the Management Committee and shall perform any and all duties of the Management Committee delegated to him or her. The Management Committee may employ other personnel as may be necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities. All such personnel shall serve at the pleasure of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall also have the authority to fix the salaries of all personnel employed by the House of Representatives.

All employees of the House of Representatives required to travel in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursed for actual subsistence and travel expenses incurred by them while on official business as provided by law, provided such travel has prior approval

of the Management Committee or the director under such authority as may be granted to him or her by the Management Committee.

(9) In providing for the staffing of the committees, the Management Committee shall have the responsibility for determining the necessity of any staff positions requested by the chairman of any committee. The persons to be employed for the positions that are approved by the Management Committee shall be hired by the committee with approval of the Speaker. At the beginning of each term, the Management Committee shall authorize a certain amount to be expended during each year of the term for the operation of the Speaker's Office.

(10) The Management Committee, upon request of the chairman of any standing committee of the House of Representatives, may authorize expenses, to include per diem, mileage, meals and lodging, to be paid for members attending the meeting of any standing committee or subcommittees thereof during the period in which the Legislature is not in session, which shall not exceed the compensation provided for members of the Management Committee provided for in subsection (6) of this rule. The Management Committee shall adopt rules and regulations concerning time, places and number of meetings that may be held for which members will be compensated, such rules and regulations to require prior approval of meetings in order for members to be compensated.

(11) The Management Committee shall have general administrative powers and the responsibility for the proper operation of the House Legislative Services Office.

(a) The director, subject to approval of the Management Committee, shall employ full-time professional, technical, clerical and stenographic assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(b) The House Legislative Services Office shall assist the House of Representatives, its committees, commissions and individual members of the House of Representatives as follows in:

- (i) Bill research;
- (ii) Bill drafting;
- (iii) Bill analysis;
- (iv) Preparation and writing of standing and interim committee reports; and
- (v) Such other duties as prescribed by the Management Committee.

(c) The House Legislative Services Office must be authorized, in writing, by a House member to prepare a draft before it undertakes the preparation thereof.

(d) No employee of the House Legislative Services Office shall:

- (i) Reveal to any person outside his or her office the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request;
- (ii) Urge, oppose or attempt to influence any legislation;
- (iii) Give legal advice on any subject to any person, firm or corporation, except members of the House; nor
- (iv) During his or her employment be associated or interested in the private practice of law in any matter without prior approval of the Management Committee.

A violation of any provision of this section by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal. However, this paragraph shall not be a limitation on the authority of the Management Committee to dismiss or change its employees.

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(12) No employee of the House shall reveal to any person outside his or her department the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request. A violation of this subsection by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal.

(13) The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this rule shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives Contingent Fund made by the Legislature for the purposes herein set out.

(14) At such time as there may be designated or created in the Senate of the State of Mississippi a committee with like duties and responsibilities of the House Management Committee, the House Management Committee is authorized to meet jointly with such corresponding Senate committee in order to more effectively carry out the provisions of this rule.

**DUTIES OF THE CLERK**

12. When a bill has passed, it shall be certified by the Clerk, who shall note thereon the day it passes.

13. He shall stand while reading papers to the House, he shall attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House.

14. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall keep a correct Journal of the proceedings of the House, and, on each day, shall read over the Journal of the preceding day to the House. He shall number, file and preserve in its proper order, each bill, resolution, memorial, or other paper introduced in the House, and carefully engross and enroll all bills, resolutions, memorials and other papers that may be ordered to be engrossed or enrolled; and shall promptly and faithfully discharge all the duties incident to the House, provide for control of employees of the House under Speaker, provide for pay of members, employees, and control pages and porters. (Statutory)

15. Pages shall be appointed to serve for one (1) week at a time each, under the control and direction of the Clerk of the House. Only persons over the age of thirteen (13) years shall be eligible to serve as pages.

16. The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have general supervision, under the direction of the Speaker of the House, in maintaining the decorum and security of the House. He shall attend the sittings of the House, preserve order, execute its commands and all processes issued by its authority or by a House committee's authority, and have control of the assistants to the Sergeant at Arms. He shall clear the House of all visitors one (1) hour before each session convenes and not allow visitors on the Floor of the House for ten (10) minutes after a session has recessed or adjourned. He shall see that the Hall of the House and the Committee Rooms and the Room of the Speaker of the House, the anterooms, lobbies and galleries thereof are secure during the sitting of the House, and that all necessary conveniences are supplied to the members, officers and committees.

17. Each assistant to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall be known as an Assistant Sergeant at Arms, and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Sergeant at Arms.



**DECORUM AND DEBATE**

18. When any member desires to speak, to make a motion, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise at his desk and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker" and, on being recognized, may address the House from any place on the floor and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

18A. Whenever a member is on the floor of the House while the House is in session, each male member of the House shall wear a coat and necktie, except when seated, and each female member of the House shall wear appropriate attire. No visitor or guest on the House floor shall be required to comply with this rule.

18B. Smoking shall not be permitted in any areas of the Capitol that are assigned to the House of Representatives and under the jurisdiction of the House Management Committee. As used in this rule, "smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, carry or otherwise possess any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or device of any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other smoking product. The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce the provisions of this rule.

18C. The regular floor proceedings of the House shall be telecast by high-speed wireless Internet transmission. Cameras used in making such telecasts may be allowed only to show a House member speaking at the podium and the Speaker or other officer presiding over the House while the House is convened. Reporters and technicians necessary to effectuate the telecasts may be admitted to the House chamber for this limited purpose; however, no camera, apparatus or procedure that would interfere with the proceedings of the House shall be used, and all telecasting shall be done from areas reserved or set aside for such activities by the Committee on Rules. No member or any other person shall use a phone, camera or other streaming device while in the House chamber to telecast, livestream or broadcast the regular floor proceedings of the House in any manner other than the telecast required by this rule, unless approved by the Committee on Rules.

19. No member shall call by name another member present in debate.

20. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may on point of order ask the Speaker to call the transgressor to order; and the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the House if appealed to, shall decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if against him and the case requires it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House, or such other punishment as the House may deem proper.

21. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House; but he shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the House therefor, if further debate on other business has intervened.

22. When two (2) or more members seek recognition at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.

23. No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any main question, or five (5) minutes on an amendment or any subsidiary question, without leave of the House, unless he or she is the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending, in which

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case he or she shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak has spoken. A member who has spoken once, but who has not consumed his or her whole time shall not be permitted to speak again on the same question until each member that desires to do so has spoken.

24. After the motion to lay on the table, those in opposition to the motion shall be allowed five (5) minutes for discussion.

25. While the Speaker is putting a question, or addressing the House, no member shall walk out of, or across or about the Hall or converse with another, nor when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair, or entertain private discourse. And during the session of the House, no member or other person shall remain at the Clerk's desk at any time. No member or others shall expectorate upon the floor of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms and doorkeepers are charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.

26. No member shall vote on any question in the result of which he is pecuniarily interested, nor in any other case where he was not present when the question was put.

27. Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put shall vote on one (1) side or the other unless the House shall, for special reasons, excuse him.

28. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he shall have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend. Fifteen (15) members shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members and order a call of the House.

**ON MOTIONS, THEIR PRECEDENCE, ETC.**

29. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when operating under the previous question, but a motion to adjourn being lost, shall not be renewed until some business has intervened.

30. Every motion made to the House and entertained by the Speaker shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and may be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making the motion.

31. When a motion has been made, the Speaker shall state it or (if it be in writing) cause it to be read aloud by the Clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn by unanimous consent at any time before a decision or amendment.

32. No dilatory motion shall be entertained by the Speaker.

33. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but:

- (1) To adjourn
- (2) To lay on the table
- (3) For the previous question
- (4) To lay on the table subject to call
- (5) To postpone to a day certain
- (6) To refer
- (7) To amend
- (8) To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question.

34. A motion to postpone a question beyond the time at which it can be considered is equivalent to complete disapproval and should be treated as a motion to postpone indefinitely.

The motion to postpone indefinitely is debatable and opens the main question to debate.

A majority vote of the members voting is required for the adoption of the motion to postpone indefinitely. The adoption of a motion to postpone indefinitely shall be treated as a vote on the final passage of a measure and shall be subject to reconsideration as such.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment; nor shall any amendment be adopted changing the original purpose of the bill.

36. The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendments to that section. If a measure is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be made. The Speaker shall, in recognizing members for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, endeavor to cause all amendments to Section 1 to be considered first, then all those to Section 2 and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole measure shall be open for amendment.

An amendment to strike all after the enacting or resolving clause or to strike out the enacting or resolving clause of a measure shall, if carried, be considered as equivalent to rejection of the measure by the House, and the vote thereon shall be taken by a roll-call vote. Amendments to an amendment shall be voted on before substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment is in order at one time; but as rapidly as one is disposed of by rejection or adoption, another is in order as long as any member desires to offer one. A substitute amendment may be offered to an amendment. An amendment to the substitute may be offered. No other amendment can be offered since the third degree has been reached. The vote shall be taken in the following order: the amendment to the amendment shall first be voted on; then the amendment to the substitute; then the substitute amendment and if the substitute is adopted, then the original amendment shall be regarded as automatically tabled.

An amendment to a pending question requires only a majority vote for its adoption, even though the question may require a vote greater than a majority, for adoption.

It is in order for a House bill with Senate amendments to be referred to the proper committee or committees.

On all questions, whether in committee or in the House, the last amendment, the most distant day or hour and the largest sum shall be put first.

#### **SUSPENSION OF RULES**

37. No rule shall be suspended except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

38. All motions to suspend the rules shall embrace fully the object for which they are to be suspended.

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39. A motion to suspend the rules shall be deemed a privileged motion, and shall take precedence of all other motions except the motion to adjourn, but it shall not be in order to make a motion to suspend the rules while the House is engaged in the consideration of other business.

40. On a motion to suspend the rules for reading a bill a third time, no debate shall be allowed unless the motion prevails.

41. An affirmative vote on a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up any particular bill, or resolution, shall not have the effect of precluding any motion or amendment in relation thereto which would have been in order if the bill or resolution had been brought before the House in the regular order.

42. A motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose having been decided in the negative, it shall not be in order to renew the motion for the same purpose during the same day.

**MOTION TO REFER**

43. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be referred upon original reference at the pleasure of the House by suspension of the rules; provided, however, any bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, or other paper being before the House after the original reference thereof may be referred to a standing or select committee by a majority vote of the members of the House present and voting.

44. The vote on a motion to refer to committee may not be reconsidered. A motion to recommit or commit to committee shall be considered a motion to refer.

45. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by any member who shall state briefly to the House the contents thereof; and no such bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report or other paper addressed to the House shall be read in full to the House but shall be filed with the Clerk, attention called thereto, and referred to the proper committee, unless by a majority vote of those present in the House should desire the same read.

46. Any member upon recognition by the Speaker may object to the reading of any document before the House. After such objection, the question of reading shall be determined without debate by a majority vote of the members present, upon a brief statement of its substance by the Speaker.

47. When a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report and other paper addressed to the House is offered, a motion made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:

- A standing committee
- A select committee
- Committee of the Whole

When more than one (1) standing committee is proposed, the last proposed shall be the first voted upon as an amendment to strike out and insert.

48. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House shall, upon introduction, be referred by the Speaker to the committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter, and shall be considered by the House only after having been reported by such committee.

Provided, however, it shall be in order to consider a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, and other papers under the suspension of rules.

49. When a bill or concurrent resolution is originally referred to two (2) or more committees and favorably reported by them, the chairman of the first-named committee shall have the option of handling the bill or resolution on the floor.

Local and private bills may, in the discretion of the Speaker, be referred to two (2) or more committees, if, in the discretion of the Speaker, the nature and effect of said local and private bill shall require the consideration of another committee.

General bills written in such a way as to be local and private in nature shall be referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation and/or such other committee as permitted by the rules.

#### **READING OF BILLS**

50. After a bill has been read for the first time, if there is no objection, the rules shall be considered suspended and the bill placed on its second reading.

51. After a bill has been read the second time it shall be subject to amendment, but no discussion shall be allowed, or amendment adopted, until the bill shall have been referred to a committee with the proposed amendments thereto.

52. When a bill is up for final passage, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, a motion to recommit shall be in order and have precedence over all other business. However, it shall be in order for the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House or any member of the House designated by the chairman to make a motion to recommit without two (2) or more major amendments having been adopted.

53. Special order after the reading of the Journal of the preceding day shall be:

- (1) Senate messages.
- (2) Senate bills on the first and second reading and for the proper reference to the committees.
- (3) House bills on second reading.

#### **REGULAR ORDER**

54. The regular order shall be:

- (1) Report of select committees.
- (2) Report of standing committees in their order.
- (3) Introduction of bills and constitutional amendments.
- (4) Resolutions, petitions, memorials and other papers.
- (5) Introduction of guests and visitors.
- (6) Disposition of pending business on previous day, provided that nothing shall be considered under this section except propositions actually pending before the House at the time of adjournment on the previous day.
- (7) Consideration of conference reports.

When a conference report is called up, only three (3) courses are open: (a) agree, (b) disagree, or (c) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. However, only two (2) motions for the three (3) courses are in order: (a) agree, or (b) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. If both motions are offered, the motion to recommit shall take precedence.

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A conference report must be acted on as a whole and dealt with in its entirety.

A conference report may not be amended except by a concurrent resolution.

When conference results in disagreement, conferees reporting such disagreement in writing are thereby discharged and new conferees may be appointed.

(8) Consideration of bills for concurrence.

When Senate amendments to a House bill are before the body, they shall be either concurred in or not concurred in their entirety and not separately. The motion that the House do not concur in Senate amendments but invite conference shall take precedence over the motion that the House do concur. The concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as was required for the original passage of the measure and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the Journal of the House. However, if the Senate amendments would make the House bill a revenue bill under the Joint Rules or the Mississippi Constitution if the amendments were engrossed into the bill, then the vote on concurrence in the Senate amendments shall require the same vote as required for the final passage of a revenue bill.

(9) Consideration of motions to reconsider.

(10) Consideration and passage of bills and resolutions on the general calendar.

(11) The Rules Committee may report at any time.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

55. The order of business shall not be changed except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, and all questions relating to the priority shall be decided without debate.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

56. In all cases in forming a Committee of the Whole, which shall be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, the Speaker shall leave his chair and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside. If the Speaker Pro Tempore is absent or if the Speaker Pro Tempore moved to go into the Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, have the power to cause the same to be cleared, but the member making the motion to go into Committee of the Whole shall not be called to the chair.

57. Upon a bill being referred to the Committee of the Whole, the same shall first be read through by the Clerk, unless the committee shall otherwise order, and then read and debated by sections, leaving the title to be last considered. After report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and amendment before the question of engrossing it be taken.

58. The only motions permitted in Committee of the Whole are: to limit debate; to propose amendments; to recommend; to recess committee subject to the call of the chairman; to reconsider, provided said motion to reconsider may be called up immediately or at any time during the time the House is resolved into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the matter before the committee; and to rise.

59. The rules of the procedure in the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as they may be applicable and in all committees, provided standing and

select committees may exclude from their committee procedures those House Rules not compatible, in the opinion of said committee, with the proper function of said committee.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

60. (1) The following shall be the standing committees of the House:

(a) Rules Committee, as provided for in Rule 11 of these rules;

(b) Management Committee, as provided for in Rule 11A of these rules;

(c) Ethics Committee, as provided for in Rule 63A of these rules;

(d) Committee	Number of Members
Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency	11
Agriculture	33
Apportionment and Elections	17
Appropriations	33
Banking and Financial Services	29
Conservation and Water Resources	17
Constitution	9
Corrections	17
County Affairs	19
Drug Policy	15
Education	27
Energy	27
Forestry	11
Gaming	19
Insurance	27
Interstate Cooperation	7
Judiciary A	25
Judiciary B	25
Local and Private Legislation	7
Marine Resources	11
Medicaid	19
Military Affairs	15
Municipalities	17
Ports, Harbors and Airports	11
Public Health and Human Services	29
Public Property	15
Public Utilities	23
Technology	11
Tourism	21
Transportation	29
Universities and Colleges	27
Ways and Means	33
Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks	15
Workforce Development	15
Youth and Family Affairs	8

(2) No member shall serve on both the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Appropriations. Each member who is not a member of the Committee on Ways and Means or the Committee on Appropriations shall serve on at least four (4) committees listed in this rule.

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(3) The Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Ways and Means each shall consist of thirty-three (33) members appointed by the Speaker, six (6) members from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, and nine (9) members from the state at large. Appointments from the congressional districts shall be made on the basis of seniority. For the purposes of this rule, "seniority" shall mean length of service, continuous or interrupted, in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. However, seniority among members having the same length of service shall be determined as follows: first, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House; second, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House and Senate; third, interrupted service in the House; and fourth, interrupted service in the House and Senate.

(4) In order for a member to be eligible for the rights accorded by this subsection (4), a member shall submit a list of his or her committee preferences, setting forth at least ten (10) committees in order of preference with the most preferred being first on the list, to the Clerk of the House by 5:00 p.m. on the third calendar day of the first legislative session immediately following the year in which the members of the Legislature are elected. With regard to committee appointments, the following shall be followed by the Speaker of the House in making such appointments:

(a) Each member of the House who has served in the House for less than four (4) years, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least two (2) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include Appropriations and Ways and Means; and

(b) Each member of the House who has served in the House for four (4) years or more, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of the Committee on Appropriations or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least three (3) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include Appropriations and Ways and Means.

(5) In making committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the preferences as expressed by the members on their lists as provided in subsection (4) of this rule, and to the seniority, abilities, and geographic location of the members.

61. The first member named on a committee shall be its chairman and the second member named shall be its vice chairman, except that the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee shall be elected as provided in Rule 11A. However, no member who serves as chairman or vice chairman of a standing committee shall serve as chairman or vice chairman of another standing committee, except that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, the Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee may be the chairman of another standing committee. There shall be no further rank on committees, the remaining members being listed thereon in alphabetical order. Each committee shall, after its organization, immediately determine by a majority vote what shall constitute a sufficient quorum for it to proceed to business, which quorum shall be not less than a majority of the committee, and shall report that action to the Clerk of the House.

62. Bills, resolutions and other measures, at the discretion of the Speaker, may be referred to Judiciary en banc, in which event the Judiciary A Committee and the Judiciary B Committee shall sit as one (1) committee and be presided over by the Chairman of Judiciary A.

63. The chairman of each House committee shall keep a record of meetings and attendance and shall make with his report each time a statement showing the hour his committee met and the hour it adjourned, together with the names of all the members of



the committee who were absent from the meeting, who had not been previously excused by him or by the Speaker to attend to other legislative duties.

**ETHICS COMMITTEE**

63A. As used in the context of this rule, the word "committee" shall mean the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives, and the phrase "majority of the committee" shall mean a majority of the members to which the committee is entitled.

The committee shall consist of eight (8) members, one (1) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and one (1) from each Supreme Court district, appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint from the members a chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the committee.

The chairman shall notify all members of the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the date, time and place of a meeting. Whenever the chairman shall refuse to call a meeting, a majority of the committee may vote to call a meeting by giving two (2) days' written notice to the Speaker of the House setting forth the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be posted in the office of the Clerk of the House, and if such meeting is called while the Legislature is in session the notice shall be read to the House. Thereafter, the meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in such notice.

The committee shall conduct its investigations, hearings and meetings relating to a specific investigation or a specific member, officer or employee of the House in closed session, and the fact that such investigation is being conducted or to be conducted, or that hearings or such meetings are being held or are to be held shall be confidential information, unless the person subject to investigation advises the committee in writing that he elects that such hearing shall be held publicly. In the event of such an election, the committee shall furnish such person a public hearing. All other meetings of the committee shall be open to the public.

The committee shall receive complaints from any citizen against members, officers and employees of the House alleging improper or unethical conduct. Any such complaint must be in writing signed by the person filing the complaint and acknowledged by a notary public, and must set forth in detail the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or of the Constitution violated. The person against whom the complaint has been brought shall be notified in writing and given a copy of the complaint. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the complaint, such person may file a written answer thereto with the committee. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the complaint within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the complaint is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the complaint.

A majority of the committee may, on its own, initiate a preliminary investigation of any suspected violation of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or Constitution by a member, officer or employee of the House. If it is determined by a majority of the committee that a violation

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of a rule or law may have occurred, the person in question shall be notified in writing of the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute or Constitution violated. Within fifteen (15) days, such person may file a written answer thereto. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the charges within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the charge is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the charge.

In the event that the committee desires to review the statement of economic interest or any other statement filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission by any member, officer or employee of the House, the commission shall furnish a certified copy of the statement to the committee.

In the event that the committee shall elect to proceed with a formal investigation of the conduct of any member, officer or employee of the House, the committee may, in its discretion, employ independent counsel who shall not be employed by the House for any other purpose or in any other capacity during such investigation.

Such person shall be entitled to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, face his accuser, and be represented by counsel.

The chairman may continue any hearing for reasonable cause, and upon the vote of a majority of the committee or upon the request of any person subject to investigation, the chairman shall issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relating to any matter under formal investigation by the committee.

All testimony, documents, records, data, statements or information received by the committee in the course of any investigation shall be private and confidential, except in the case of public hearings or in a report to the House. The committee may release any confidential information, including a report thereon, regarding any member, officer or employee at the request of such member, officer or employee. No report shall be made to the House unless a majority of the committee has made a finding of unethical or improper conduct on the part of the person under investigation. No finding of unethical or improper conduct shall be valid unless signed by at least a majority of the committee. Any such report may include a minority report. No action shall be taken on any finding of improper or unethical conduct nor shall such finding or report containing such finding be made public sooner than seven (7) days after a copy of the finding is sent by certified mail to the member, officer or employee under investigation.

The committee may meet with a committee of the Senate to hold investigations or hearings involving employees of the two (2) houses jointly or employees of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and any other joint committee created by the Legislature; provided, however, no action may be taken at a joint meeting unless it is approved by a majority of the committee.

In the event that a member of the committee shall be under investigation, such member shall be temporarily replaced on the committee in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

The committee, upon the written request of a member, officer or employee of the House, shall issue opinions in writing with regard to real or hypothetical situations pertaining to legislative ethics or decorum. When a request made under this paragraph has stated all the facts to govern the opinion and an opinion has been prepared and issued with reference to the request, there shall be no liability, civil or criminal, accruing to or against the person requesting the opinion who, in good faith, follows the direction of the opinion and acts in accordance with the opinion, unless a court of competent jurisdiction, after a full hearing, judicially declares that the opinion is manifestly wrong and without substantial support. No opinion shall be considered or issued if the opinion is requested after suit is filed, prosecution begun, or a complaint has been filed with the committee under this rule. All requests for opinions and all opinions issued under this paragraph shall be confidential and the committee shall not publicly disclose any opinion issued or the fact that an opinion has been requested or issued unless the person requesting the opinion gives his or her written permission to the committee. However, opinions of the committee, with such deletions and changes as are necessary to protect the identity of the person involved or seeking them, may be published and distributed to all the members of the House.

Any member of the committee breaching the confidentiality of materials and events as set forth in this rule shall, by a majority vote of the committee, be removed immediately from the committee and replaced by another member of the House in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

Any officer or employee of the House shall be subject to the same restriction of confidentiality as a member of the committee, and a breach of this restriction shall be grounds for dismissal of any officer or employee.

The committee may adopt rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of its affairs, investigations, hearings and meetings, which rules are not inconsistent with this rule.

The committee shall continue to exist and have authority and power to function after the sine die adjournment of the Legislature, and shall so continue until the expiration of the then current term of office of the members of the committee.

#### **CODE OF ETHICS**

63B. In addition to the other rules of the House of Representatives, and in supplement thereto, the following Code of Ethics is established as a standard of conduct for members.

(1) No member, officer or employee of the House shall:

(a) Accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him to disclose confidential information which he has gained by reason of his official position or authority;

(b) Improperly disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties nor use such information to further his personal interests;

(c) Use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others;

(d) Use for private gain any information not available to the public at large and acquired by him solely by virtue of his position, and no information described in this subsection shall be disclosed by a member to others for purposes of their use for private gain.

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(2) Each member of the House shall file the statement of economic interest or any other statement required to be filed by the Mississippi Ethics Commission which shall be signed under oath as to the accuracy and completeness of the information set forth to the best knowledge of the person submitting such statement.

Required statements hereunder shall be filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission with such information as is required by law. In the event of any substantial change occurring after the time required for filing as to matters covered in this section, a supplemental statement shall be filed within thirty (30) days thereafter reflecting such new information.

(3) Any member who shall undertake to represent or to intervene for any person for compensation before any state agency shall file a statement with the Ethics Committee within thirty (30) days after undertaking that representation. Such statement shall identify the person represented and the nature of the business involved; however, this provision shall not apply: (a) where such representation involves only the uncontested or routine actions of administrative officers or employees of the state in issuing or renewing a license, charter, certificate or similar document, and (b) where such representation is before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission.

(4) In addition to the filings required herein, copies of the statements required to be filed under this rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Such statements shall be open to the general public and shall be filed at the same time as filings required hereinabove.

64. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence over all other business and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

65. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills to examine all engrossed and enrolled bills, correct all mistakes therein, and report the bills to the House and this report shall be in order at any time.

**THE PREVIOUS QUESTION**

66. There shall be a motion for the previous question, which being ordered by a majority of members voting, if a quorum be present, shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring the House to a direct vote upon the immediate question, or questions, on which it has been asked and ordered, except that each side shall be allowed ten (10) minutes on the main question and five (5) minutes on any subsidiary question for debate, the affirmative closing the debate. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions allowable under the rules, or an amendment or amendments, or may be made to embrace all authorized motions or amendments and include the bill to its recommitment, passage or rejection. It shall be in order after the previous question shall have been ordered on its passage, for the Speaker to entertain and submit a motion without debate to recommit, with or without instruction, to a standing or select committee. Provided, however, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby an amendment has been adopted or rejected shall not be in order after the previous question has been ordered.

67. If the previous question is lost, the motion may not be renewed until a subsequent vote has been taken on any matter.

68. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether an appeal or otherwise, without debate.

**ON CALLS OF THE ROLL**

69. Upon every roll call where the vote is not taken using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname, except when two (2) or more have the same surname, in which case the name of the county shall be added; and if there are two (2) such members from the same county, the name and initials shall be called, and after the roll has been once called, the Clerk shall call in their alphabetical order the names of those not voting; and thereafter the Speaker shall not entertain a request to record a vote or announce a pair; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

**ABSENCE OF QUORUM**

70. In the absence of a quorum, fifteen (15) members, including the Speaker, if there is one, shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, and in all calls of the House the doors shall be closed, the names of the members shall be called by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; and those for whom no sufficient excuse is made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent for and arrested, wherever they may be found, by officers appointed by the Sergeant at Arms for that purpose, and their attendance secured and retained; and the House shall determine upon what condition they shall be discharged. Members who voluntarily appear shall, unless the House otherwise direct, be immediately admitted to the Hall of the House, and they shall report their names to the Clerk to be entered upon the Journal as present.

71. On the demand of any member, or at the suggestion of the Speaker, the names of members sufficient to make a quorum in the Hall of the House who do not vote shall be noted by the Clerk and recorded in the Journal, and reported to the Speaker with the names of the members voting and be counted and announced in determining the presence of a quorum to do business.

72. Whenever a quorum fails to vote on any question and a quorum is not present and objection is made for that cause, unless the House shall adjourn there shall be a call of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms shall forthwith proceed to bring absent members, and the yeas and nays on the pending question shall at the same time be considered as ordered.

The Clerk shall call the roll, and each member as he answers to his name may vote on the pending question, and, after the roll call is completed, each member arrested shall be brought by the Sergeant at Arms before the House, whereupon he shall be noted as present, discharged from arrest, and given an opportunity to vote and his vote shall be recorded. If those voting on the question and those who are present and decline to vote shall together make a majority of the House, the Speaker shall declare that a quorum is constituted, and the pending question shall be decided as the majority of those voting shall appear; and thereupon further proceedings under the call shall be considered as dispensed with. At any time after the roll call has been completed, the Speaker may entertain a motion to adjourn, if seconded by a majority of those present, to be ascertained by actual count by the Speaker; and if the House adjourns, all proceedings under this section shall be vacated.

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**DIVISION OF QUESTION**

73. On demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided if it include propositions so distinct in substance, that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain.

74. (1) Questions of privilege shall be:

First, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity and the integrity of its proceedings.

Second, the rights, reputation and conduct of members individually in their representative capacity only.

(2) No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any question of privilege.

**HOURS OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT**

75. Two o'clock in the afternoon on each legislative day shall be the standing hour to which the House adjourns, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members present and voting.

76. The hour at which every motion to adjourn is made shall be entered on the Journal.

77. It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to prescribe a schedule for regular meetings of standing committees.

78. Every bill or resolution, when favorably reported by the proper committee, shall be made available for viewing on the members' computers and shall be reproduced with sufficient copies so that copies thereof may be placed on the desk of every member who requests to have a copy, before any such bill or resolution is placed on final passage. No bill or resolution shall be considered by the House unless it is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy of the bill or resolution have been furnished copies thereof, except by unanimous consent. When a bill or resolution is being considered by the House, all amendments offered have been disposed of, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, any member may move that the bill be engrossed. If such motion is adopted by a majority of those present and voting, further consideration of such bill or resolution shall be suspended until the bill or resolution has been engrossed and the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members present who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution. When the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution, the bill or resolution shall then become pending business of the House as soon as the main question then under consideration has been disposed of. The committee or any member proposing a substitute or an amendment which is, in effect, a substitute for an entire bill or resolution, shall provide the substitute or amendment to the Clerk to make it available for viewing on the members' computers and provide copies of the substitute or amendment to all members who request a copy before the same shall be voted on for consideration or adoption, except on suspension of the rules.

79. When a bill, memorial or resolution has been finally rejected in the House, it shall not again be introduced or considered during the same session without notice of three (3) days and leave of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, and a bill so offered

for reintroduction shall be regarded as the same, if it deals substantially with the same subject matter.

**SPECIAL ORDER**

80. Special orders of the day not disposed of on the day assigned, shall stand for every succeeding day, until disposed of.

81. (1) A motion to postpone to a day certain shall require a majority of those present and voting for its adoption, but a motion to postpone to a time certain shall be deemed, and treated as, a motion to set as a special order. (2) A motion to set a special order may be amended as to time. It is debatable only as to the question of setting the special order and does not open up the main question to debate. (3) A motion to set a special order shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting. (4) When special orders that have been made at different times come into conflict, the one that was first made takes precedence over all special orders made afterwards, although the latter were made for an earlier hour.

**CALENDARS**

82. Bills reported by committees shall be given a serial number by the Clerk and shall be placed on the calendar in the order in which reported by the committee and shall be called for consideration in that order. Bills on the calendar may only be called up by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman. When a bill is called for consideration in the order in which placed on the calendar and is not considered by the House, it shall go to the heel of the calendar, unless a majority of the members present allow the bill to retain its place on the calendar. Separate calendars shall be kept for the bills reported by the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Rules, and Local and Private Legislation.

83. Any committee or individual member of the House may apply to the Committee on Rules to set a time for the taking up, ahead of its regular place on the calendar, of any measure favorably reported by the committee to which the measure has been referred. The Committee on Rules may grant such request by a majority vote. The Committee on Rules may designate a day of each legislative week as a noncontroversial bill day. When such a day be designated, all bills appearing on the calendar shall be considered in their regular order provided, however, that should ten percent (10%) of the membership object to any measure on the noncontroversial calendar stating that it is of a controversial nature, that measure shall go to the heel of the General House Calendar.

84. The calendar shall be made up from day to day.

**MINORITY REPORT**

85. Bills adversely reported by the committees shall not be placed on the calendar at all unless accompanied by a minority report signed by one or more members who were present at the committee meeting at which the bill was reported. Minority reports must be filed within three (3) legislative days after the bill has been reported by the committee; a minority report shall be placed on the calendar at the heel of favorably reported bills and shall not be considered until all favorably reported bills are disposed of, except on a suspension of the rules on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected to the House and on roll call, whereupon, the House may proceed immediately to the consideration thereof.

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86. Matters affecting the public interest and regarded as of immediate necessity may be advanced on the calendar by the Rules Committee, and such matters may also be advanced on the calendar by a vote of a majority of the members elected to the House of Representatives.

**RULES**

87. The permanent Rules of the House may not be changed or amended except by three (3) days' notice by a motion entered in writing and placed on the Journal and by a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of those present and voting, except that no rule shall be changed or amended unless at least a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives vote for said change or amendment.

Provided, however, the rules, or a rule, may be amended or changed by a resolution referred to the Rules Committee, reported favorably, and adopted by a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives, and such resolutions, once reported, shall not be amended except by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the elected members of the House of Representatives.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a rule has been adopted or failed shall not be in order at any time.

88. The current Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the foregoing rules, the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

89. No person shall be entitled to enter upon the Floor of the House except: Members, their spouses, former members of the Legislature, unless said former member is a registered lobbyist, officers and employees of the House; members, officers and employees of the Senate; members of the news media who have proper credentials issued by the Rules Committee; ministers invited by the Speaker or the Clerk; and such others as the Committee on Rules may designate.

Doors between the lobby and the cloak room, and the door between the lobby and the Hall of the House shall be kept closed. Visitors invited and personally accompanied by members are permitted in the lobby. The Speaker is charged with the enforcement of this rule, and it shall be the duty of any member, officer or employee of the House to inform the Speaker of any violation of this rule. This rule is applicable from one (1) hour before the House convenes each day until the House adjourns each day.

90. Privilege of reports from Committee on Rules, and limitations thereon.

It shall always be in order to call up for consideration a report from the Committee on Rules and, pending the consideration thereof, the Speaker may entertain one (1) motion that the House adjourn; but after the result is announced, he shall not entertain any other dilatory motion until the report has been fully disposed of.

91. No committee, except the Committee on Rules, shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

92. Each member, who desires to introduce a bill shall place same in box in front of the Clerk's desk at any hour to suit his convenience, and the Clerk is instructed to take these out at each session when the order for introduction of bills and constitutional



amendments is reached, and read their titles, and after the expiration of not less than one (1) legislative day, the Speaker shall refer them to the proper committees; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the immediate references of said bills or constitutional amendments under a suspension of the rules.

93. All bills and resolutions must be typewritten or printed. Bills and resolutions must be introduced in original form (not carbon, photocopy or facsimile) and should be free from interlineations, corrections and strikeouts, whether with ink, pencil or typewriter. Amendments proposed by members or by committees must not be written into a bill or resolution until such amendments shall be adopted by the House.

94. In addition to any other time provided by law or by rule, members of the House may file bills or resolutions with the Clerk of the House at any time during the period between sessions of the Legislature. Such prefiled bills shall be numbered by the Clerk of the House and referred by the Speaker to the appropriate standing committee of the House for study. Such prefiled bills shall be introduced in the order filed on the first day of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, or special session if included within the Governor's call, and referred to committee in the regular order of business of the House.

#### **WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE**

95. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, every House bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation by the twenty-seventh day of a ninety-day session and by the sixty-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and every Senate bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom by the fifty-fifth day of a ninety-day session and by the ninetieth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, may be withdrawn from the committee on a motion made in writing, which motion must be read by the Clerk immediately upon its introduction, setting forth the reasons why the bill should be withdrawn from the committee, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting. It may then be taken up and considered by the Committee of the Whole House in accordance with the procedure set forth in House Rule 56, or, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting it may be recommitted to a standing committee. During extraordinary or special sessions of the Legislature, any bill, including an appropriation or revenue bill, may be withdrawn from committee after three (3) days from the date of reference. A motion to withdraw a bill from a committee shall not be voted upon by the House on the day which the motion is made, except upon suspension of the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

(2) Any House appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the fiftieth day of a ninety-day session and by the eighty-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

(3) Any Senate appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the seventieth day of a ninety-day session and by the one-hundred-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

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(4) Any House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the twenty-ninth day of a ninety-day session or after the sixty-fourth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the fifty-seventh day of a ninety-day session or after the ninety-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

(5) For the purposes of this rule, the term "revenue bill" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for the purposes of this rule.

(6) If the Legislature shortens a ninety-day regular session or a one-hundred-twenty-five-day regular session by moving the deadlines for processing legislation that are set forth in Joint Rule 40 to dates earlier than the dates otherwise set for those sessions, the dates set forth in this subsection (6) shall apply to the motion for withdrawing a bill from committee. A general bill, resolution or measure that has not been reported from the committee to which it has been referred may be withdrawn from the committee after the second day before the deadline for the committee to report the bill, resolution or measure. An appropriation or revenue bill that has not been reported from the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee, as the case may be, within ten (10) legislative days after referral, may be withdrawn from the applicable committee if the motion for withdrawal is made by the day before the deadline for original House floor action on the bill. A House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the deadline for committees to report House general bills, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the deadline for House committees to report Senate general bills, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule. All other provisions of this rule regarding the procedure to follow and the associated vote requirements for withdrawing bills from committee shall apply.

**BILLS SHALL LIE ON TABLE ONE DAY**

96. Every bill or resolution requiring the signature of the Governor, all resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution, and all reports of committees except the report of the Committee on Rules, shall lie on the table one (1) day before being considered except by suspension of the rules.

**ROLL CALLS**

97. When taking the yeas and nays on any question to be voted upon, the electrical roll-call system may be used, and, when so used, shall have the same force and effect as a roll call taken as otherwise provided in the Rules of the House.

When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call and the vote is to be taken by the electrical roll-call system, the Speaker shall announce:

"The question is on the passage of (designating the matter to be voted upon). All those in favor (of such question) vote 'Aye'; all those opposed vote 'No.' The House will now vote."

When sufficient time has been allowed the members to vote, the Speaker shall announce one or more times: "Have all voted?" And after a short pause, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to lock the machine and record the vote.

The Clerk shall immediately start the vote-recording equipment and, when the vote is completely recorded, shall advise the Speaker of the result, and the Speaker shall announce the result to the House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the Rules of the House.

After the voting machine has been locked, but prior to the display of the tabulated vote on the electric voting board of the result of a roll call, any member may request to (1) change his or her vote, or (2) vote. After the vote has been tabulated and displayed on the electric voting board, a member with unanimous consent may change his or her vote on the measure, except that no such change of vote shall be permitted where such vote would alter the final vote on the measure.

No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may be punished in such a manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or attempt to vote for any member, he or she shall be barred from the Floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be punished further in such manner as the House may deem proper, in addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law.

98. Neither the Speaker nor the House exercises jurisdiction over pairs, and the only cognizance of them taken by the rules is the provision for the announcement and publication.

99. No member shall be permitted to give an oral explanation of his vote but may reduce his explanation to writing in not more than one hundred (100) words, and upon filing with the Clerk, this explanation shall be spread on the Journal.

#### **MOTION TO RECONSIDER**

100. Any member voting on any measure, shall be privileged to enter a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the measure is disposed of, at any time within the period prescribed by the rules of this House.

101. A motion to reconsider having been properly made and entered in the Journal shall become the property of the House and may be called up only by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the measure was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman.

When a measure requires more than a majority vote for passage, it may still be reconsidered by a majority vote.

102. When a bill is read the third time in regular order, and not under suspension of the rules, it shall be considered engrossed and the House on the next or any succeeding legislative day may proceed to a vote on its final passage in the same manner as if the rules had been suspended for its consideration.

#### **PASSAGE OVER VETO**

103. (1) Upon return of a bill without the approval of the Governor accompanied by the Governor's objections to the bill, the House shall proceed to reconsider the bill by

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either an immediate vote on the motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, or by referral to the committee which originally recommended the bill. The manner of reconsideration shall be determined, upon proper motion, by majority vote of those present. If the bill is reconsidered by referral to the committee of origin, the committee shall report, with written recommendations, to the full House not more than three (3) legislative days from the referral of the bill in question; however, in the first year of a term, the committee shall report to the full House not more than three (3) legislative days from the date that the members of the committee are appointed. At the time of the report of such committee, only two (2) courses shall be open:

- (a) Allow Governor's veto to stand.
- (b) Override Governor's veto.

The motion for the first course is a motion to allow the Governor's veto to stand, and the motion for the second course is a motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding. Such a motion, while not mandatory, shall be in order at any time on the same legislative day that the report of the committee is made, but shall not be in order thereafter. However, if the committee does not report to the full House by the end of the third legislative day from the referral of the bill to committee, or by the end of the third legislative day from the date that the members of the committee are appointed in the first year of a term, then it shall be in order for any member of the House to make a motion for either of the two (2) courses on the fourth legislative day from referral or the appointment of the committee members, as the case may be, but not thereafter.

(2) Upon calling up a bill for reconsideration and passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, the question before the House is not of reconsideration but that of overriding the Governor's veto.

(3) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, a quorum being present, is required to pass a bill over a Governor's veto.

(4) A motion to reconsider the vote by which a vetoed bill is passed or rejected is not in order.

104. The Rules Committee shall set aside space to accommodate representatives of the press, radio and television media wishing to report proceedings and such representatives shall be admitted to such area under such regulations as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe. The supervision of such portion of the floor shall be fixed in the Committee on Rules.

(a) The correspondents shall abide by such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Rules Committee.

(b) The press table allotted to representatives of the news media shall be for their exclusive use and persons not holding correspondents' cards shall not be entitled to admission thereto.

**OPEN MEETINGS**

104A. All official meetings of any standing, interim or special committee of the House of Representatives, but not including conference committees, unless otherwise provided by this rule or the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi, are declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at all times unless declared an executive session as provided herein. Any such House committee may enter into executive session for the transaction of public business; provided, however, all meetings

of any such committee shall commence as an open meeting, and an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present shall be required to declare an executive session. The procedure to be followed by such committee in declaring an executive session shall be as follows: Any member shall have the right to require a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. Such member, by motion, shall require the meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for executive session. No other business shall be transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter requiring executive session has been completed and a vote taken on the issue. The total vote on the question of entering into an executive session shall be recorded and spread upon the minutes of such committee. Any such vote whereby executive session is declared shall be applicable only to that particular meeting.

Any such House committee may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of persons attending its meetings.

Minutes shall be kept of all House committees, in open or executive session, and shall consist of a written record of attendance and final actions taken at such meetings. Such minutes shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours within a reasonable time after adjournment.

During a regular or special session of the Legislature, notice of meetings of all House committees, other than conference committees, shall be given by announcement on the loudspeaker during sessions of the House or by posting on a bulletin board provided for that purpose.

When not in session, the meeting times and places of all House committees shall be kept by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall be available at all times during regular working hours to the public and news media.

#### **ELECTION CONTEST**

104B. The procedure for handling the contest of the election, other than a primary election, of a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives shall be as follows:

(1) Anyone desiring to contest the election, other than a primary election, of a member returned as elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives shall file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, within thirty (30) days after a regular general election or ten (10) days after a special election to fill a vacancy, a sworn petition stating particularly the grounds upon which the election is contested. A copy of the petition shall be served on the member whose election is being contested. Any allegations concerning the election, or any grounds for the contest contained in the petition, shall be stated and averred in the same manner in which circumstances constituting fraud are required to be stated with particularity when pleading special matters under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(2) Upon the timely filing of the petition, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a special committee to resolve the election contest. Any special committee appointed by the Speaker under this subsection (2) shall be composed of the chairman, who shall be appointed from the state at large, and one (1) member of the House of Representatives from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2020. In making the committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the seniority, abilities and geographic location of the members. Within fifteen (15) days after the Speaker's appointment of the special committee, the committee shall meet to organize and review the petition.

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(3) (a) Either party to such an election contest may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the particular grounds stated in the petition or any response thereto, and he may use any method of discovery that is authorized under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Either party shall have the right of full examination of ballot boxes in accordance with Section 23-15-911, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(c) All forms of discovery shall be completed within twenty (20) days before the convening of a regular session on the Tuesday after the first Monday in January, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, discovery shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the special election.

(d) The special committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the determination of whether the filing of the petition and discovery related thereto have been timely made. If the filing of the petition or the discovery related thereto is not made timely, the election contest shall be void, and the contest and any rights related thereto shall expire by operation of law.

(4) On the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, the person who was certified by the appropriate election officials as the duly elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives from the district in question shall be administered the oath of office by the Secretary of State as required by the Constitution, along with all other members present, and he shall not be requested to stand aside if he has been so certified. In the case of a special election contest, the oath shall be administered by the Speaker as in the case of administering the oath after any special election in which no contest has been filed. The seating and swearing in of a member who has been certified by the appropriate election officials before the special committee has concluded its deliberations shall be conditional and not permanent. The conditional seating and swearing in of the member shall vest in the member all the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the office, but without prejudice to the contest filed by the petitioner.

(5) The special committee appointed by the Speaker shall meet on the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, the special committee shall meet within five (5) days of the completion of discovery. The work of the special committee shall be a matter of the highest priority for the House, and any conflicts in scheduling meetings of the committee shall be resolved in favor of expediting the committee's work. The special committee shall have the power to investigate all facts concerning the election or qualifications of any member or petitioner, but shall not place itself in the position of investigating matters not alleged in the petition or any response thereto. It also shall have the power to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such documents or papers as may be required. The special committee shall have the authority to enforce any subpoena issued by the committee and to enforce compliance with the time limitations set forth in this rule, with the assistance of the State Attorney General or his designee.

(6) After the committee concludes its deliberations, it shall report a resolution recommending one (1) of the following courses of action to the House: (a) to seat permanently the House member who was certified and sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule, failure of which shall vacate the seat for the House district in question held by that person; (b) to seat permanently the petitioner in the election contest, passage of which will vacate the seat for that House district and the petitioner shall be sworn in for that seat; or (c) to declare the office of representative for that House district as vacant. The House shall consider the recommendation of the committee, and it shall adopt one

(1) of the courses of action specified in this subsection (6), which must be adopted by a majority vote of House members present and voting.

(7) For purposes of this rule, "day" means a calendar day and includes any legal holiday.

(8) Section 55, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, which requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present to expel a seated member, shall not apply to any votes taken with regard to an election contest of a member of the House of Representatives.

(9) If the House determines that the person conditionally sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule is not qualified as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, any vote cast in the interim shall stand and any compensation and expenses paid shall be retained by that person. If the petitioner prevails on the merits of his contest, he shall receive the regular compensation and expenses of a member of the House, retroactive to the beginning of the session, or in the case of a special election, retroactive to the date upon which the House member conditionally sworn in was seated.

(10) Under the inherent authority of the House to create procedures and rules for the governing of its internal affairs, if any provision of this rule conflicts with any provision of Sections 23-15-955 and 23-15-957, Mississippi Code of 1972, the provisions of this rule shall prevail.

#### **CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS**

105. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting. (Art. 4, Sec. 57, Constitution).

106. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length. (Art. 4, Sec. 61, Constitution).

107. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury. (Art. 4, Sec. 63, Constitution).

108. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 65, Constitution).

109. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 67, Constitution).

110. No law granting a gratuity or donation in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use. (Art. 4, Sec. 66, Constitution).

111. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the

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conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid. (Art. 4, Sec. 69, Constitution).

112. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessments of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting. (Art. 4, Sec. 70, Constitution).



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113. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill, and this, too, whether the recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass. (Art. 4, Sec. 71, Constitution).

114. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing. (Art. 4, Sec. 74, Constitution).

115. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. (Art. 4, Sec. 64, Constitution).

116. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) Representatives, and the Senate committee of five (5) Senators. No local or private bill shall be passed in either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof, and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by a general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as are prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special, or private nature, refuse to enforce it. (Art. 4, Sec. 89, Constitution).

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**JOINT CONVENTION**

1. The Senate and the House may meet in joint convention by concurrent resolution duly adopted by both houses. Such resolution shall state the day, hour and location of such joint convention and the order of business for which it is called.

2. All joint conventions of the two (2) houses shall be in the hall of the House of Representatives, unless another location is specified in the concurrent resolution, and in elections the members shall vote viva voce, and in all cases a majority of the votes of those present and voting shall be requisite to constitute an election.

Only senators and members of the House of Representatives shall be permitted on the floor of the House during joint meetings except for the newspaper, radio, and television reporters and necessary Senate and House personnel and others as may be directed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively. During joint meetings, preference to gallery seats shall be given to elected state officials and families of the legislators.

3. When the two (2) houses have met in joint convention, the Speaker of the House shall call the joint convention to order and shall then turn the gavel over to the President of the Senate who shall preside, and all questions of order shall be decided by the latter, subject to an appeal to the joint convention as one (1) body. In the absence of the

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President of the Senate, the Speaker shall preside and perform all the duties herein provided for.

4. A call of either house may be had in joint convention by majority vote of the House for which the call is desired.

5. In a joint convention a member shall not speak longer than five (5) minutes. Any extension of time shall be specific.

6. A motion to adjourn, or to postpone the business of a joint convention shall be decided on a majority vote of those present and voting, acting as one (1) body. Upon demand of one-tenth (1/10) of the combined membership, the yeas and nays shall be taken on any matter under consideration by the joint convention, and such yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journals of both houses.

7. Upon questions arising during a joint convention, requiring the separate decision of either or both houses, the decision of the House shall be first made, then the decision of the Senate. A question for call of either house shall not come within the scope of this rule.

8. On all questions of order or parliamentary procedure not in conflict with these joint rules, the rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, insofar as applicable, shall be the authority.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

9. The style of all laws shall be: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:" which shall be typed immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill. No other enacting word, such as "Be it further enacted," shall be used in any bill.

9A. (1) In a bill or other measure proposing an amendment to a code section or other provision of law, or in a resolution proposing an amendment to a constitutional provision, a change to an existing code section, other provision of law or constitutional provision shall be indicated as follows:

(a) New language that is being added shall be underlined.

(b) Existing language that is being deleted shall be denoted by the insertion of three (3) asterisk symbols; however, the text of the deleted language shall be available on the official website of the Mississippi State Legislature, by means of displaying all of the deleted language within a document pursuant to the selection of that display option by the user.

(2) The provisions of this rule shall not apply to handwritten amendments that are proposed or adopted by members while the bill, measure or resolution is under consideration by either house.

10. While bills, resolutions and messages are on their passage between the two (2) houses, they shall be under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk, respectively, as the case may be.

11. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed one (1) house has been postponed to a day so distant that it will not be taken up again at the current session, indefinitely postponed, or rejected, by a vote of the other house, information thereof shall be given by message immediately to the house in which the same shall have passed.

12. When a bill or resolution, which has passed one (1) house is rejected in the other, by a vote of that house, it shall not again be introduced during the same session, except

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on three (3) days' notice and on two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting in the house in which it was rejected.

13. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution may be founded.

14. Each house shall have the liberty of ordering the printing of bills, messages and reports, without the consent of the other.

15. Bills or resolutions transmitted to either the Senate or House by the other before the constitutional time has expired for entering a motion to reconsider may be recalled by message upon proper entering of a motion to reconsider.

16. Whenever any message, bill, resolution, report or document shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House, for use of both houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, immediately to report the fact of the passage of that order to the other branch of the Legislature together with the number so ordered to be printed. Payment thereof shall be made from the contingent funds of each house in the proportion ordered by each house.

17. No new bill shall be introduced into either house during the last three (3) days of the session.

18. All general bills modifying, adding, deleting or repealing language, or a repealer on language, providing for the levying of taxes, borrowing of money, issuing bonds, notes, or other evidence of debt, providing for fees or imposing the issuance of licenses, of whatever kind by the state or any subdivisions thereof, or the exemption of property from state taxes or taxes of any subdivisions thereof, shall be considered as revenue bills, and no revenue bills, or conference committee report thereon, or concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall be passed or adopted by either the Senate or the House except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Senate and House, respectively, present and voting.

19. Appropriation and revenue bills shall have precedence in each house, over all other business, and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of a regular session.

20. Every bill and concurrent resolution, the purpose or effect of which is to expend any state funds or enable the spending of any state funds or to increase or decrease the revenue of the state, either directly or indirectly, shall have attached to it at the time of its being reported by any committee of either house of the Legislature a brief explanatory statement or note which shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated change in state expenditures or revenues under its provisions. These statements or notes shall be known as fiscal notes. They shall be attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution but shall be separate therefrom, shall be clearly designated as a fiscal note, and shall not constitute a part of the law proposed by the bill or resolution.

The author of each bill or any committee considering same shall present a copy of the bill or resolution, with his or her request for a fiscal note, to either the Legislative Budget Office, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Revenue, the State Auditor, the state agency with which the bill or resolution is concerned, the state agency having jurisdiction over the subject of the bill or resolution, the Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, or the Legislative Reference Bureau. The fiscal note shall be prepared by the commission or agency and furnished to the author of the bill or committee considering same within seven (7) days after the request is made. If the author of, or committee considering, the bill disagrees with the findings of

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the agency or agencies, then the author or committee may also attach and furnish a fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief which shall then be incorporated in and become a part of the fiscal note. If the appropriate agency does not furnish a fiscal note, after seven (7) days' request, then the author or committee may furnish the fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with regard to the merit, or lack thereof, of the measure for which the note is prepared.

Whenever the author of any measure or the committee considering same is of the opinion that no fiscal note is necessary and the measure is considered by either house of the Legislature without a fiscal note, any member of either house may thereafter request a fiscal note be obtained, and in such case the matter shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting in the house of which he or she is a member.

This rule shall not apply to general appropriation bills, conference reports and local and private bills.

20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

(a) "State support funds" means funds in the State General Fund and all state support special funds, which are funds in the Budget Contingency Fund, the Education Enhancement Fund, the Health Care Expendable Fund, the Tobacco Control Program Fund, and any other special funds that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) determines to be state support special funds.

(b) "House" means either house of the Legislature, unless it is clear from the context that it is referring to the House of Representatives.

(2) (a) When an amendment is offered to an appropriation bill on the floor of either house that would increase the amount of state support funds authorized for expenditure by the state agency, official or program being funded in that appropriation bill, the amendment must also include a reduction in the amount of state support funds for one (1) or more other state agencies, officials or programs by a total amount that equals the amount of the increase in the amendment.

(b) The other appropriation bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made do not have to be designated by bill number or line numbers in the amendment if they are described sufficiently enough to be identified, but the amounts by which they are to be reduced must be specific for each bill in which the reduction is to be made.

(c) The reductions required to be made by this rule must be made in an appropriation bill or bills that are still in the house or in an appropriation bill or bills from the other house that will be considered in the house later in the session. After a bill has passed in the house and been released to the other house, none of the reductions required by this rule may be made in that bill.

(3) If such an amendment is adopted, the amendment shall be considered to be an amendment to the other bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made as well as to the bill in which the increase is made. Therefore, no additional vote shall be required on the amendment making the reductions in the bill or bills when that bill or bills are under consideration by the house. The manner by which the reduction is made shall be a separate amendment to the bill that is designated as an amendment by the house, rather than an amendment by the Appropriations Committee or by an individual member.

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(4) (a) When a bill in which the reduction is to be made comes before the house for consideration, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is voted on by the house.

(b) If a bill in which the reduction is to be made has already been considered by the house, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is released to the other house.

(5) No appropriation bill that authorizes the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year may be released to the other house until all of the appropriation bills originating in the house or all of the appropriation bills originating in the other house, as the case may be, that authorize the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year have been passed by the house.

(6) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

**CONFERENCE**

21. When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or resolution originated declined to concur in the amendments, a conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message in which shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting house. Upon receipt of such message, the other house may, in like manner, grant such conference notifying the requesting house by message and stating the names of the conferees.

22. A conference committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House and three (3) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively.

23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2) houses, seeking to resolve such differences. The conference committee shall report in writing. Such report shall be signed by a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the House and a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the Senate. The report shall be submitted to both houses, and six (6) copies of each report shall be prepared.

23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be open to the public at all times, unless declared an executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) The chairman of each Senate and House committee to which such a measure is first referred shall designate one (1), two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the conference committees pertaining to such measures shall be held. For the first session of a new term, the designation of the rooms shall be announced within three (3) legislative days after adoption of these joint rules. For all other sessions, the designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of the place of the official meetings of conference committees, and notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other than a

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designated room, a written notice giving the location of the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

(3) Proper decorum during any official meeting of a conference committee requires that the committee's deliberation be directly related to the committee's primary purpose of resolving the differences between the two (2) houses that pertain to a specific measure. Therefore, the following shall not be allowed during any official meeting of a conference committee:

(a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is being conducted;

(b) Any oral, written or electronic communication between a conferee and another person who is not a legislator or legislative staff member, except that a conferee may request that any person at the meeting meet with the conferee outside the room, and any conferee may request a person who is not a member of the conference committee, upon approval of a majority of the members of the committee present, to address the committee in the room.

(4) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

24. Only matters in disagreement between the two (2) houses are subject to consideration by conference committee. However, when one (1) house strikes out of a bill all after the enacting clause and inserts new text as an amendment thereto, the conferees may disregard the text of the original bill and of the amendment and may exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane new text.

25. When a conference report is considered by the house of origin and it contains an amendment by the other house which adds code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to conference.

When a conference report is considered and it contains code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin or in an amendment by the other house, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained in either house and the bill shall be returned to conference.

26. In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the conference report, or to concur in amendments, the bill or resolution under such consideration shall be lost.

27. All conference reports, and concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as is required for the passage of the bill, resolution or measure under consideration, and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the journal of the house voting thereon.

28. No bill making an appropriation from, or authorizing the expenditure of money from, any special fund in the State Treasury shall be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature.

29. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a conference report is adopted or rejected is in order in either house from the time of such adoption or rejection in one (1) house until the end of the session of the next legislative day after notice of disposition by rejection, recommittal to the same conference committee or appointment of a new conference

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committee by the other house. The provisions of this rule shall supersede any Senate or House rule which may be in conflict herewith.

**ENROLLED BILLS**

30. When a bill or resolution shall have passed both houses it shall be enrolled, and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall certify on the margin of the enrolled bill the fact that it originated in his or her house. The enrolled bill may be examined by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, and carefully compared by the committee with the engrossed bill and all typographical errors, if any, corrected; and the committee shall forthwith report in writing to each house, and the report shall be entered in the journals of both houses. The reports shall be signed by the chairman or acting chairman of the Enrolled Bills Committee on the part of each house.

31. After the Committee on Enrolled Bills has reported a bill or resolution duly enrolled, it shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate during the legislative session in which the bill or resolution was passed.

32. After a bill shall have been signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, it shall be presented by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to the Governor for his or her approval. The Secretary or Clerk shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall be carefully entered on the journals of each house.

33. All Senate and House concurrent resolutions and memorials, which are not to be presented to the Governor, shall be enrolled, signed and delivered to the Secretary of State.

**JOINT COMMITTEES**

34. The following joint committees shall be appointed:

(a) Committee on Executive Contingent Fund, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(b) Committee on State Library, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(c) Committee on Enrolled Bills, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(d) Committee to Investigate State Offices or Departments, nine (9) on the part of the Senate and nine (9) on the part of the House; the committee shall meet and apportion the labor of such investigation amongst subcommittees and shall report the result of each investigation to the two (2) houses.

(e) A chairman and vice chairman for the Senate members on each of the above committees shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and a chairman and vice chairman for the House members on each committee shall be appointed by the Speaker. A chairman and vice chairman for each of the above committees shall be elected by the respective committees in joint session; however, both the chairman and the vice chairman shall not come from the same house.

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**MESSAGES**

35. When a message shall be sent from one (1) house to the other, such message shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, respectively, as the case may be. A receipt shall be signed for each message so delivered.

**LIQUOR AND FIREARMS PROHIBITED**

36. No spirituous or malt liquors, or wines, shall be offered for sale, exhibited, or kept within the Capitol building, or in any room connected therewith, or on the public grounds adjacent thereto. It shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms under the supervision of the respective presiding officers to enforce the foregoing provisions; and any officer, or employee of either house, who shall in any manner violate or connive at the violation of this rule, shall be dismissed from office and service.

37. No member of the Senate or the House or other person, except an official duly authorized by law, shall carry or have on his or her person, concealed in whole or in part, any firearm while in the Capitol, except upon permission granted by a majority vote of the Senate or the House. Any member of the Senate or the House or other person violating this rule shall be subject to such penalty as may be imposed by the Senate or the House, as the case may be, first taking jurisdiction thereof.

**LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION**

38. In addition to observing the injunctions and prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local and private Senate and House bills:

(a) Require that local and private bills, originating in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any governing authority to perform any official act shall be accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes of that authority. In the event more than one (1) official authority is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be made for each of them.

(b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule. Such order or resolution shall state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are pledged for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for which there is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

(c) Require that any such bills providing for the payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule, setting out the name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for justification of the claim and that with proper authority such claim would be paid.

(d) Require that there shall accompany any bill proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any limitation now imposed by law.

**JOINT MEETING OF APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES**

39. When the chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees consider it desirable and possible, their subcommittees may meet jointly to hear testimony and



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question the heads of a department or agency on their budgetary needs for the next fiscal year.

**40. TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION**

90-day Session	2022 Regular Session	
9th day	1/12	Deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.**
14th day	1/17	Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments.*
29th day	2/01	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*+
38th day	2/10	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
39th day	2/11	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
42nd day	2/14	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
51st day	2/23	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
52nd day	2/24	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
53rd day	2/25	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
57th day	3/01	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*+
65th day	3/09	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
66th day	3/10	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
67th day	3/11	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
71st day	3/15	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
72nd day	3/16	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
73rd day	3/17	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.

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74th day	3/18	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to appropriation and revenue bills, and for introduction of local and private bills that are revenue bills.
77th day	3/21	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider concurrence or nonconcurrence in appropriation and revenue bills.
80th day	3/24	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to general bills and constitutional amendments.
81st day	3/25	Deadline for introduction of local and private bills that are not revenue bills.
82nd day	3/26	Deadline for conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills to be filed.**+
84th day	3/28	Deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed.**+
85th day	3/29	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills.
86th day	3/30	Deadline for first consideration of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
87th day	3/31	Deadline for filing conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments that had been recommitted for further conference.+
88th day	4/01	Deadline for adoption of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments after recommittal.
89th day	4/02	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
90th day	4/03	Sine die.

\*Appropriation, revenue, and local and private bills, and bills to restore suffrage are excluded from these deadlines. For purposes of the deadlines herein set forth, the term "revenue bills" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for deadline purposes. The deletion from a bill of the features which made it a revenue bill shall render the bill a general bill for deadline purposes.

\*\*Conference reports on all bills must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than the time of adjournment on the day prior to being called up and considered. Appropriation bills which actually appropriate money and are recommitted for further conference are excluded from the requirement that the subsequent conference report be filed and lay on table one (1) day before being considered; however, original action must be taken on all appropriation conference reports by 2:00 p.m. on the 84th/112th# day and subsequent reports must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m.

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\*\*\*Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 9th/37th day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the case may be, may authorize any member of its respective house to make requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for making such drafting requests but before the deadline for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.

+Committee reports and conference reports that are subject to being filed on these deadlines must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m.

#When the Speaker of the House and the Lieutenant Governor have jointly set a date and time to reconvene the Legislature as provided in this resolution, these deadlines shall be adjusted to later dates in seven-day periods which shall be counted in a manner to ensure that each of the deadlines occurs on the same day of the week as the original date for the deadline, with the first deadline occurring no more than fourteen (14) days from the date and time that the Legislature reconvenes.

Whenever the word "day" appears in this rule, it shall mean calendar day.

The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the House and Senate present and voting.

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**C. CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS  
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**RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Section 54. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each shall provide.

Section 55. Each house may determine rules of its own proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, expel a member; but no member, unless expelled for theft, bribery or corruption, shall be expelled the second time for the same offense. Both houses shall, from time to time, publish journals of their proceedings, except such parts as may, in their opinion, require secrecy; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

Section 56. The style of the laws of the State shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi."

Section 57. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting.

Section 58. The doors of each house, when in session, or in Committee of the Whole, shall be kept open, except in cases which may require secrecy; and each house may punish, by fine and imprisonment any person not a member, who shall be guilty of disrespect to the house by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, or who shall in any way disturb its deliberations during the session; but such imprisonment shall not extend beyond the final adjournment of that session.

Section 59. Bills may originate in either house, and be amended or rejected in the other, and every bill shall be read by its title on three (3) different days in each house, unless two-thirds (2/3) of the house where the same is pending shall dispense with the rules; and every bill shall be read in full immediately before the vote on its final passage upon the demand of any member; and every bill, having passed both houses, shall be signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives during the legislative session.

Section 60. No bill shall be so amended in its passage through either house as to change its original purpose; and no law shall be passed except by bill; but orders, votes, and resolutions of both houses, affecting the prerogatives and duties thereof, or relating to adjournment, to amendments to the Constitution, to the investigation of public officers, and the like, shall not require the signature of the Governor; and such resolutions, orders and votes may empower legislative committees to administer oaths, to send for persons and papers, and generally make legislative investigations effective.

Section 61. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length.

Section 62. No amendment to bills by one (1) house shall be concurred in by the other, except by a vote of the majority thereof, taken by yeas and nays and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the journals; and reports of committees of conference shall in like manner be adopted in each house.

Section 63. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury.

Section 64. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all members elected to each house of the Legislature.

Section 65. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session.

Section 66. No law granting a donation or gratuity in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use.

Section 67. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session.

Section 68. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence in both houses over all other business, and no such bills shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

Section 69. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid.

Section 70. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessment of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting.

Section 71. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject-matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill and this, too, whether recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass.

Section 72. Every bill which shall pass both houses shall be presented to the Governor of the state. If he shall approve, he shall sign it; but if he does not approve, he shall return it, with his objections, to the house in which it originated, which shall enter the objections at large upon its Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of that house shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other house, by which, likewise, it shall be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of that house, it shall become a law; but in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the Journal of each house respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after it has been presented to him, it shall become law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature, by adjournment, prevented its return, in which case such bill shall be a law unless the Governor shall veto it within fifteen (15) days (Sundays excepted) after it is presented to him, and such bill shall be returned to the Legislature, with his objections, within three (3) days after the beginning of the next session of the Legislature.

Section 73. The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law.

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Section 74. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing.

Section 75. No law of a general nature, unless therein otherwise provided, shall be enforced until sixty (60) days after its passage.

Section 76. In all elections by the Legislature, members shall vote viva voce, and the votes shall be entered on the journals.

Section 77. The Governor shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies as may occur in either house of the Legislature, and the persons thereupon chosen shall hold their seats for the unexpired term.

Section 129. The Lieutenant Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be President of the Senate. In Committee of the Whole he may debate all questions, and where there is an equal division in the Senate, or on a joint vote of both houses, he shall give the casting vote.

Section 139. The Legislature may empower the Governor to remove and appoint officers, in any county or counties or municipal corporations, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage to any person disqualified by reason of crime; but the reasons therefor shall be spread upon the journals, and the vote shall be by yeas and nays.

**INJUNCTIONS**

Section 78. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to regulate by law the cases in which deductions shall be made from salaries of public officers for neglect of official duty, and the amount of said deductions.

Section 79. The Legislature shall provide by law for the sale of all delinquent tax lands. The courts shall apply the same liberal principles in favor of such titles as in sale by execution. The right of redemption from all sales of real estate, for the nonpayment of taxes or special assessments, of any and every character whatsoever, shall exist, on conditions to be prescribed by law, in favor of owners and persons interested in such real estate, for a period of not less than two (2) years.

Section 80. Provisions shall be made by general laws to prevent the abuse by cities, towns, and other municipal corporations of their powers of assessment, taxation, borrowing money, and contracting debts.

Section 81. The Legislature shall never authorize the permanent obstruction of any of the navigable waters of the state, but may provide for the removal of such obstructions as now exist, whenever the public welfare demands. This section shall not prevent the construction, under proper authority, of drawbridges for railroads, or other roads nor the construction of booms and chutes for logs, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities incident to the exploration, production or transportation of oil, gas or other minerals, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of bridges and causeways in such manner as not to prevent the safe passage of vessels or logs under regulations to be provided by law.

Section 82. The Legislature shall fix the amount of the penalty of all official bonds, and may, as far as practicable, provide that the whole or a part of the security required for the faithful discharge of official duty shall be made by some guaranty company or companies.

Section 83. The Legislature shall enact laws to secure the safety of persons from fires in hotels, theatres, and other public places of resort.

Section 84. The Legislature shall enact laws to limit, restrict, or prevent the acquiring and holding of land in the state by nonresident aliens, and may limit or restrict the acquiring or holding of lands by corporations.

Section 85. The Legislature shall provide by general law for the working of public roads by contract or by county prisoners, or both. Such law may be put in operation only by a vote of the board of supervisors in those counties where it may be desirable.

Section 86. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law for the treatment and care of the insane; and the Legislature may provide for the care of the indigent sick in hospitals in the state.

#### **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

Section 87. No special or local law shall be enacted for the benefit of individuals or corporations, in cases which are or can be provided for by the general law, or where the relief sought can be given by any court of this state; nor shall the operation of any general law be suspended by the Legislature for the benefit of any individual or private corporation or association, and in all cases where a general law can be made applicable, and would be advantageous, no special law shall be enacted.

Section 88. The Legislature shall pass general laws, under which local and private interests shall be provided for and protected, and under which cities and towns may be chartered and their charters amended, and under which corporations may be created, organized, and their acts of incorporation altered; and all such laws shall be subject to repeal or amendment.

Section 89. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) representatives and the Senate committee of five (5) senators. No local or private bill shall be passed by either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted for by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special or private nature refuse to enforce it.

Section 90. The Legislature shall not pass local, private or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases, but such matters shall be provided for only by general laws, viz:

- (a) Granting divorces;
- (b) Changing the names of persons, places or corporations;
- (c) Providing for change of venue in civil and criminal cases;
- (d) Regulating the rate of interest on money;

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(e) Concerning the settlement or administration of any estate, or the sale or mortgage of any property, of any infant, or of a person of unsound mind, or of any deceased person;

(f) The removal of the disability of infancy;

(g) Granting to any person, corporation or association the right to have any ferry, bridge, road or fish-trap;

(h) Exemption of property from taxation or from levy or sale;

(i) Providing for the adoption or legitimation of children;

(j) Changing the law of descent and distribution;

(k) Exempting any person from jury, road or other civil duty (and no person shall be exempted therefrom by force of any local or private law);

(l) Laying out, opening, altering and working roads and highways;

(m) Vacating any road or highway, town plat, alley or public grounds;

(n) Selecting, drawing, summoning, or empaneling grand or petit juries;

(o) Creating, increasing or decreasing the fees, salary or emoluments of any public officer;

(p) Providing for the management or support of any private or common school, incorporating the same or granting such school any privileges;

(q) Relating to stock laws, water-courses and fences;

(r) Conferring the power to exercise the right of eminent domain, or granting to any person, corporation, or association the right to lay down railroad tracks or street car tracks in any other manner than that prescribed by general law;

(s) Regulating the practice in courts of justice;

(t) Providing for the creation of districts for the election of justices of the peace and constables; and

(u) Granting any lands under control of the state to any person or corporation.

**CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITIONS**

Section 91. The Legislature shall not enact any law for one or more counties, not applicable to all the counties in the state, increasing the uniform charge for the registration of deeds, or regulating costs and charges and fees of officers.

Section 92. The Legislature shall not authorize payment to any person of the salary of a deceased officer beyond the date of his death.

Section 93. The Legislature shall not retire any officer on pay, or part pay, or make any grant to such retiring officer.

Section 94. The Legislature shall never create by law any distinction between the rights of men and women to acquire, own, enjoy and dispose of property of all kinds, or their power to contract in reference thereto. Married women are hereby fully emancipated from



all disability on account of coverture. But this shall not prevent the Legislature from regulating contracts between husband and wife; nor shall the Legislature be prevented from regulating the sale of homesteads.

Section 95. Lands belonging to, or under the control of the state, shall never be donated directly or indirectly, to private corporations or individuals, or to railroad companies. Nor shall such land be sold to corporations or associations for a less price than that for which it is subject to sale to individuals. This, however, shall not prevent the Legislature from granting a right-of-way, not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in width, as a mere easement to railroads across state lands, and the Legislature shall never dispose of the land covered by said right-of-way so long as such easement exists.

Section 96. The Legislature shall never grant extra compensation, fees or allowances to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor, after service rendered or contract made, nor authorize payment, or part payment of any claim, under any contract not authorized by law; but appropriations may be made for expenditures in repelling invasion, preventing or suppressing insurrections.

Section 97. The Legislature shall have no power to revive any remedy which may have become barred by lapse of time, or by any statute of limitation of this state.

Section 99. The Legislature shall not elect any other than its own officers and State Librarian.

Section 100. No obligation or liability of any person, association or corporation held or owned by this state, or levee board, or any county, city or town thereof, shall ever be remitted, released or postponed, or in any way diminished by the Legislature, nor shall such liability or obligation be extinguished except by payment thereof into the proper treasury; nor shall such liability or obligation be exchanged or transferred except upon payment of its face value; but this shall not be construed to prevent the Legislature from providing by general law for compromise of doubtful claims.

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