

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
7 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
8 defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community
9 College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
10 ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 6,281,400.00.

11 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be
12 necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State
13 Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community College Board,
14 for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the
15 Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning
16 July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....\$ 120,202,884.00.

17 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
18 act, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00) shall



19 be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds
20 deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi
21 Code of 1972.

22 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of
23 this act, the following positions are authorized:

24 AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

25 Permanent: 46

26 Time-Limited: 0

27 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
28 the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

29 No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be
30 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are
31 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
32 act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

33 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
34 act, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine
35 Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community
36 College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the
37 Greenville Higher Education Center.

38 **SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this
39 act, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars
40 (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

41 **SECTION 7.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
42 act, Five Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-six
43 Dollars (\$574,386.00) shall be derived from the out of any money



44 in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on
45 Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of
46 defraying expenses incurred in the regulation and administration
47 of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law
48 and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College
49 Board.

50 **SECTION 8.** Of the funds appropriated herein, up to One
51 Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work
52 Force Carryover Fund as created in Section 37-153-31, Mississippi
53 Code of 1972.

54 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of
55 this act, Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight
56 Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) is appropriated for the
57 Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding
58 obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for
59 industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in
60 this section. All industrial training program commitments made in
61 Fiscal Year 2025 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon
62 funds available in this section, and any proposed commitments
63 shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi
64 Community College Board or the Executive Director's designee prior
65 to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program
66 commitments shall be made and based only upon training services
67 provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures
68 of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations



69 made July 1, 2024, or after, and shall not be expended for
70 obligations made prior to this date.

71 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
72 act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from
73 unemployment compensation contributions deposited into the
74 Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall be
75 utilized exclusively by the Mississippi Community College Board
76 for workforce training in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2027,
77 2010 Regular Session. It is the intention of the Legislature that
78 the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall have not less than
79 Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside as a carry-forward
80 to begin the Fiscal Year 2026 Workforce Education Program.

81 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
82 act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00)
83 shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online
84 Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College
85 and funds in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Forty-four
86 Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,444,914.00) shall be
87 transferred from the Community and Junior College Education
88 Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the
89 Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online
90 Training Program and the administrative expenses of the
91 Mississippi Community College Board.

92 **SECTION 12.** Of the funds appropriated in of Section 2 of
93 this act, One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00)



94 shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate
95 transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency
96 Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of
97 administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the
98 Mississippi Community College Board, pursuant to Section 37-35-9,
99 Mississippi Code of 1972.

100 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
101 act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from
102 the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from
103 the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi
104 Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day
105 operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

106 **SECTION 14.** It is the intention of the Legislature that an
107 amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot
108 shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the Board of
109 Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to defray
110 utility costs.

111 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
112 budget requests for administrative expenses of the Mississippi
113 Community College Board for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to
114 the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of
115 detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided
116 during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

117 **SECTION 16.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
118 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the



119 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
120 stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,
121 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
122 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
123 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
124 made without competitive bids.

125 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this
126 act, Twenty-six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
127 (\$26,500,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived
128 out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the
129 Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75
130 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be expended by
131 the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of
132 construction (including land acquisition) and/or repair, equipment
133 upgrades and renovation projects associated with Career &
134 Technical Education (CTE) Centers and Workforce development
135 centers in the following school districts and Community Colleges:

136	Rankin County School District.....	\$ 1,200,000.00.
137	Long Beach School District.....	\$ 500,000.00.
138	Lowndes County Public School District.....	\$ 500,000.00.
139	Greene County School District.....	\$ 1,000,000.00.
140	George County School District.....	\$ 500,000.00.
141	Itawamba County School District.....	\$ 800,000.00.
142	Scott County School District.....	\$ 1,500,000.00.
143	Newton County School District.....	\$ 1,500,000.00.



144 Ocean Springs School District.....\$ 1,000,000.00.
145 Grenada County School District.....\$ 5,000,000.00.
146 Prentiss County School District for Prentiss
147 County Career and Technical Center.....\$ 500,000.00.
148 Baldwin Separate School District for Career
149 Technical Center.....\$ 250,000.00.
150 Prentiss County School District for Wheeler
151 High School Career Technical Center.....\$ 250,000.00.
152 East Central Community College for the
153 construction of a workforce development
154 center owned by the Leake County Economic
155 Development in the Leake County Business
156 Park.....\$ 12,000,000.00.

157 **SECTION 18.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
158 funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with
159 Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency
160 shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their
161 appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally
162 or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for
163 actions contrary to this provision.

164 **SECTION 19.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by
165 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the
166 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon
167 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal



168 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the
169 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

170 **SECTION 20.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
171 and after July 1, 2024.

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

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING
2 THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3 BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

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