

## 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. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

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:

9           **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money not otherwise  
11 appropriated, to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and  
12 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to  
13 the Department of Mental Health for the purpose of entering into a  
14 subgrant with Canopy Children's Solutions for the construction and  
15 renovation of the CARES Center, including the children and youth  
16 Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Trauma Recovery for  
17 the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June  
18 30, 2025.....\$ 20,000,000.00.

19           **SECTION 2.** As a condition of expending the funds  
20 appropriated under Section 1 of this act, the Department of Mental  
21 Health shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with Canopy



22 Children's Solutions governing the operation of the CARES Center  
23 that requires Canopy Children's Solutions to:

24 (a) Designate a minimum of thirty-three (33) beds for  
25 first preference and priority admission for individuals who meet  
26 admission criteria and are under the care of the Department of  
27 Mental Health and Child Protection Services;

28 (b) Agree to provide and maintain such beds in a  
29 condition to satisfy the regulatory standards of the Department of  
30 Health by a date to be determined by the Department of Mental  
31 Health;

32 (c) Execute a promissory note and a deed of trust  
33 between Canopy Children's Solutions and the Department of Mental  
34 Health evidencing a security interest in the CARES Center for a  
35 sum equal to the amount of state funds expended to construct or  
36 renovate the CARES Center;

37 (d) Consistent with the terms of the promissory note,  
38 reimburse a sum equal to the amount of state funds expended to  
39 construct or renovate the CARES Center to the Department of Mental  
40 Health upon the substantial breach of the memorandum of agreement  
41 required by this section;

42 (e) Authorize the Department of Mental Health to assert  
43 or maintain a claim in any proceeding instituted in the First  
44 Judicial District of Hinds County Chancery Court, to recoup a sum  
45 equal to the amount of state funds expended to construct and



46 renovate the CARES Center upon the substantial breach of the  
47 memorandum of agreement required by this section; and

48 (f) Release the Department of Mental Health, the state,  
49 and any of its political subdivisions from any obligation to  
50 maintain the CARES Center or any designated state beds.

51 For purposes of this section, a substantial breach of the  
52 memorandum of agreement shall include the failure to maintain the  
53 designated state beds in a condition to satisfy the regulatory  
54 standards required by this section for a period of three (3)  
55 consecutive months, the dissolution of Canopy Children's  
56 Solutions, a filing for bankruptcy by Canopy Children's Solutions,  
57 or the permanent cessation of operation of the CARES Center.

58 **SECTION 3.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall  
59 be used to pay employee premium payments.

60 **SECTION 4.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid  
61 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Capital Expense  
62 Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State  
63 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or  
64 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,  
65 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

66 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
67 and after its passage.

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



1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL  
2 EXPENSE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
3 ENTERING INTO A SUBGRANT WITH CANOPY CHILDREN'S SOLUTIONS FOR THE  
4 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE CARES CENTER, INCLUDING THE  
5 CHILDREN AND YOUTH PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY FOR  
6 TRAUMA RECOVERY, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS  
7 ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

X (SIGNED)  
Hopson

X (SIGNED)  
Polk

X (SIGNED)  
Frazier

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

X (SIGNED)  
Read

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Oliver

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