

By: Representative Read

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1644
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS
2 AND SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 TO DEFRAY THE
3 EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; MISSISSIPPI
4 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS;
5 THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY; THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE; THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT
7 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS; THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS
8 COMMISSION; AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT
9 OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
10 CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF
11 MEDICAID; AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE FISHERIES AND
12 PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** In addition to all other sums herein
15 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
16 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
17 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of paying
18 for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court
19 fees, judgments and settlement agreements, or other costs incurred
20 by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning
21 July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 216,452.00

22 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following
23 amounts are provided:



24 (a) United States Environmental Protection Agency and the
25 State of Mississippi; Chemfax Inc., Superfund Site, Gulfport,
26 Harrison County, Mississippi; Docket Number CERCLA-04-2014-3756
27\$ 21,452.00.

28 (b) Flowers v. Evans, et al; United States District Court
29 for the Northern District of Mississippi, Cause No.
30 4:21-CV-NBB-JMV\$ 195,000.00.

31 **SECTION 2.** In addition to all other sums herein
32 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
33 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
34 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of paying
35 for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court
36 fees, judgments and settlement agreements, or other costs incurred
37 by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning
38 upon passage and ending June 30, 2024.....\$ 1,112,942.00

39 Of the funds appropriated in this section, the following
40 amounts are provided:

41 (a) Olivia Y., et al v. Tate Reeves as Governor of the State
42 of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services; United States
43 District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson
44 Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L)(N).....\$ 140,000.00.

45 (b) United States v. State of Mississippi; United States
46 District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Cause No.
47 3:16-CV-00622-CWR-FKB.....\$ 272,942.00.



48 (c) Bosarge, et al. v. Daniel P. Edney, in his official
49 capacity as the State Health Officer; Lynn Fitch, in her official
50 capacity as Attorney General of Mississippi, et al.; United States
51 District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi Cause No.
52 1:22-CV-00233..... \$ 100,000.00.

53 (d) Mississippi State Conference of the National Conference
54 for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State Board of
55 Election Commissioners, et al.; United States District Court for
56 the Southern District of Mississippi Cause No. 3:22-CV-734.....
57\$ 450,000.00.

58 (e) Gowdy v. Mississippi Industries for the Blind et al.;
59 United States District Court for the Southern District of
60 Mississippi Cause No. 3:20-CV-00835.....\$ 150,000.00.

61 **SECTION 3.** In addition to all other sums herein
62 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
63 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
64 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the
65 State Department of Health for the period beginning January 1,
66 2023, and ending December 31, 2023.....\$ 1,103,950.00.

67 This additional appropriation is provided for defraying the
68 costs of legal expenses.

69 **SECTION 4.** In addition to all other sums herein
70 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
71 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
72 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the



73 Department of Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2022,
74 and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 23,865,997.00.

75 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
76 the expenses of the medical program.

77 **SECTION 5.** In addition to all other sums herein
78 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
79 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
80 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the
81 Department of Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2022,
82 and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 1,596,594.00.

83 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
84 the expenses of the Regional Facilities.

85 **SECTION 6.** In addition to all other sums herein
86 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
87 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
88 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the
89 Department of Corrections for the period beginning July 1, 2022,
90 and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 2,873,765.00.

91 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
92 the expenses of private prisons.

93 **SECTION 7.** In addition to all other sums herein
94 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
95 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
96 Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and allocated in a manner
97 as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of



98 the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the period
99 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
100\$ 6,518,942.00.

101 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of
102 reimbursing the Hazard Mitigation Fund for expenses associated
103 with the City of Jackson Water Crisis.

104 **SECTION 8.** In addition to all other sums herein
105 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
106 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
107 Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and allocated
108 in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the
109 expenses of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
110 for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023...
111\$ 400,985.00.

112 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency
113 operations.

114 **SECTION 9.** In addition to all other sums herein
115 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
116 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
117 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the
118 Supreme Court Trial Judges for the period beginning July 1, 2022,
119 and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 335,000.00.

120 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying
121 the cost of special judges.



122 **SECTION 10.** In addition to all other sums herein
123 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
124 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
125 Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the
126 Mississippi Ethics Commission for the period beginning July 1,
127 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 24,961.00.

128 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency
129 operations.

130 **SECTION 11.** In addition to all other sums herein
131 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
132 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
133 Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance and
134 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to
135 defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Banking and
136 Consumer Finance for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending
137 June 30, 2023.....\$ 1,316,969.00.

138 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency
139 operations.

140 **SECTION 12.** In addition to all other sums herein
141 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
142 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
143 Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services and allocated
144 in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the
145 expenses of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection



146 Services for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June
147 30, 2023.....\$ 12,000,000.00.

148 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency
149 operations.

150 **SECTION 13.** In addition to all other sums herein
151 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
152 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
153 Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid and allocated in a manner
154 as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of
155 the Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid for the period
156 beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023.....
157\$ 245,955,527.00.

158 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency
159 operations.

160 **SECTION 14.** In addition to all other sums herein
161 appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be
162 necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the
163 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and
164 allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to
165 defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
166 Fisheries, and Parks for the period beginning July 1, 2022, and
167 ending June 30, 2023.....\$ 10,000,000.00.

168 This additional appropriation is for the purpose of agency
169 operations.



170 **SECTION 15.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
171 and after its passage.

