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**SENATE BILL NO. 2899**

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI FAIR COMMISSION, THE MISSISSIPPI LIVESTOCK COLISEUM, AND THE INDUSTRIAL SHOWCASE AND TRADE MART BUILDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015.

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

**SECTION 1.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Fair Commission for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said Mississippi Fair Commission, the Mississippi Livestock Coliseum, the Industrial Showcase, the Trade Mart Building and for the purpose of paying any indebtedness which may accrue for the period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 . . . . . \$ 4,529,263.00.

**SECTION 2.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent:	Full Time . . . . .	16
	Part Time . . . . .	42

Time-Limited: Full Time .....	0
Part Time .....	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal Services" for Fiscal Year 2016 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2015 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2015 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that no single personnel action increases this projected annual cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2015 appropriations for "Personal Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds. If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency has taken an action which would cause the agency to exceed this projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2015 "Personal Services" appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions which reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

Funds are provided herein for a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) salary increase for full-time employees, or pro-rated for part-time employees, which shall be awarded to each employee that has not received a salary increase since July 1, 2010, and that is making an annual salary of less than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) as of June 30, 2014.

The State Personnel Board shall not approve or process personnel action for any employee unless the employee has not received a salary increase since July 1, 2010, and for such an employee the increased amount shall not exceed Five Percent (5%); however, the following conditions are to be exempted: the award of teacher salary increments; the advancement of a trainee/cadet to the next level of a bona fide career ladder; the award of an educational benchmark for the attainment of a Certified Public Accountant License or higher level professional certification; the immediate replacement of a departing employee with an employee from within state service at a salary level of the departing employee or the FY 2015 promotional formula, whichever is less; the emergency appointment of nurses, pharmacists or other health care and child protection professionals at a salary to be determined by the State Personnel Board or any other requested action of the agency that has been specifically authorized by the Legislature.

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

allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

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

**SECTION 3.** No operation, maintenance or service contracts, agreements or obligations for commodities, concessions, or catering services, shall be entered into or renewed by this agency for a period of more than three (3) years nor unless said contracts, agreements or obligations have been made in accordance with Sections 31-7-11, 31-7-13, 31-7-55 and 31-7-57, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 4.** It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to

the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

**SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Fair Commission shall have the authority to escalate its budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

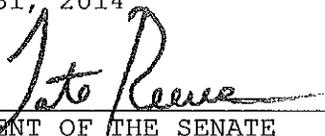
**SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Fair Commission shall have the authority to advertise, bid and enter into multiyear contracts for the purpose of renting or leasing to such entity the right to place a sign on such property under the commission's domain, in accordance with any such rules and regulations of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. All proceeds generated from these activities shall remain with the commission and shall be deposited into the proper special fund for the purpose of marketing and the support of youth livestock shows. Further, such funds shall be escalated in accordance with procedures for federal fund escalations as established in Section 27-104-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, and expended for the purposes of performing such duties as set forth by law in accordance with applicable rules and regulations of the State Fiscal Officer.

**SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

**SECTION 8.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

**SECTION 9.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2014.

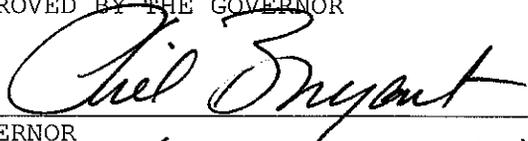
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