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**SENATE BILL NO. 2869**

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AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.

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

**SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 ..... \$ 171,509,240.00.

**SECTION 2.** The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017 ..... \$ 1,552,541,893.00.

**SECTION 3.** With the funds appropriated and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Related Professions, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

**SECTION 4.** Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting qualified registered nurses.

**SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution

or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been paid.

**SECTION 6.** Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-103, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2018 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2017 budget request process.

**SECTION 8.** Of the funds authorized for expenditure in Section 2, Six Million Eight Hundred Eighty-eight Thousand Twenty-nine Dollars (\$6,888,029.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

**SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the sum of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars

(\$315,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 776, 2013 Regular Session.

**SECTION 11.** 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 12.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Physicians' Scholarship Program as described in House Bill 1465, 2007 Regular Session.

**SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

**SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) is hereby appropriated for a Comprehensive Tobacco Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**SECTION 15.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is provided

for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in House Bill 317, 2012 Regular Session.

**SECTION 16.** None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

**SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, One Million Four Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$1,465,000.00) shall be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the Center.

**SECTION 18.** 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 19.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-four Dollars (\$289,534.00) is provided for the administration of the Rural Physicians' Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists' Scholarship Program.

**SECTION 20.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

**SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to the funds provided from court assessments and allocated to the agency during fiscal year 2015 be allocated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, except for the Children's Safe Center Fund which is decreased by Twenty-one Thousand One Hundred Forty-three Dollars (\$21,143.00).

**SECTION 22.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of Mississippi Medical Center, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds, as authorized in SB 2847, 2015 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017....\$ 500,000.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that these funds be allocated to the Office of Physician Workforce.

**SECTION 23.** 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 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2016.

PASSED BY THE SENATE  
April 18, 2016



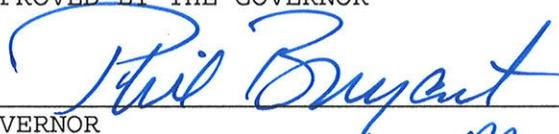
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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