

Senate Bill No. 2971, 2021 Regular Session
(Conference Report)

SECTION 1. Authorizes the issuance of state general obligation bonds for institutions of higher learning as follows:

• Alcorn State University.....	\$ 5,675,000.00
• Delta State University.....	\$ 10,800,000.00
• Jackson State University.....	\$ 6,500,000.00
• Mississippi State University.....	\$ 15,000,000.00
• Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine.....	\$ 8,000,000.00
• Mississippi University for Women.....	\$ 2,750,000.00
• Mississippi Valley State University.....	\$ 500,000.00
• University of Mississippi.....	\$ 12,000,000.00
• University of Mississippi Medical Center.....	\$ 8,000,000.00
• University of Southern Mississippi.....	\$ 10,750,000.00
• University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast Campuses.....	\$ 5,800,000.00
• IHL Education and Research Center.....	\$ 600,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 86,375,000.00

SECTION 2. \$35,000,000 for community and junior colleges according to the usual formula.

SECTION 3. \$5,250,000 for Department of Mental Health improvements.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 1, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, to revise the purposes for which proceeds of state general obligation bonds authorized to be issued for the state Institutions of Higher Learning Education and Research Center may be used.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 15, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, to increase by \$3,000,000 the amount of state general obligation bonds that may be issued to provide funds to assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in paying the costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo.

SECTIONS 6 and 7. \$5,000,000 for the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund and monies in the fund may be disbursed as grants for universities, community colleges and state agencies.

SECTIONS 8 and 9. \$3,000,000 for the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund. (MDA program)

SECTION 10. \$20,000,000 for the ACE Fund. (MDA program)

SECTIONS 11 & 12. \$10,000,000 under the Mississippi Business Investment Act for the MDA to use to make grants or loans to municipalities through an equipment and public facilities grant and loan fund to aid in infrastructure-related improvements, the purchase of equipment and in the purchase, construction or repair and renovation of public facilities. (MDA program)

SECTION 13. \$7,000,000 under the Economic Development Highway Act, and additional \$1,000,000 to be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(v). (MDA program)

SECTION 14. Amend Section 25, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, as last amended by Section 8, Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, to increase by \$36,000,000 the amount of state general obligation bonds that may be issued for the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund.

Section 15. \$300,000 to assist Lawrence County in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the N.A. Sandifer Road Bridge.

SECTION 16. \$2,000,000 to assist Marshall County in paying costs associated with building a full-time emergency response center, including ambulance service, a fire station and a sheriff's department substation, to serve the growing area in and around the Chickasaw Trail Industrial Park.

SECTION 17. Amends Section 5, Chapter 454, Laws of 2019, as amended by Section 130, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, to authorize an additional \$2,000,000 of state general obligation bonds to assist in paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and other improvements to buildings and related facilities in Batesville to house the Concourse Workforce Training Center.

SECTION 18. \$500,000 to assist the Pearl and Leaf Rivers Rails-to-Trails Recreational District with trail overlay or bridge repairs on the Longleaf Trace between Hattiesburg and Prentiss.

SECTION 19. Amends Section 106, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, to authorize an additional \$1,000,000 of state general obligation bonds to assist the East Metropolitan Corridor Commission in paying costs associated with land acquisition and implementation of the East Metro Corridor Project in Rankin County.

SECTION 20. \$1,300,000 to assist Yazoo County in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the U.S. Highway 49 Frontage Road.

SECTION 21. \$2,000,000 to assist in paying the costs associated with the preconstruction, design, engineering, land acquisition, right-of-way acquisition, construction and development of the Commerce Park Connector project from Lake Harbour Drive to Highland Colony Parkway in Madison County.

SECTION 22. \$750,000 to assist the Yellow Creek State Inland Port in paying costs associated with the construction of a medical clinic.

SECTION 23. \$650,000 to assist Prentiss County in paying costs associated with the replacement of Bridges 114 and 115 on County Road 4050 and Bridge 147 on County Road 5250.

SECTION 24. \$500,000 to assist the City of West Point in paying costs associated with the paving of city streets.

SECTION 25. Amends Section 112, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, to authorize an additional \$1,000,000 of state general obligation bonds to assist Lowndes County in paying costs associated with the extension of Manufactures Drive.

SECTION 26. \$500,000 to assist Neshoba County in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the County Road 210 bridge.

SECTION 27. \$1,000,000 to assist Oktibbeha County in paying the costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Oktoc Road.

SECTION 28. Revises provisions regarding the use of monies in the existing Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund to provide that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide a portion of the monies in the fund to Delta Health System to use for certain purposes.

SECTION 29. Exempts a project for which funding was authorized last year from the criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority to receive funding from the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund.

SECTION 30. Provides that for any incentive program for which the Department of Revenue audits, verifies or otherwise reviews information submitted by an applicant, program participant or other entity for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program, the

applicant, program participant or other entity may employ a qualified accountant to perform a third-party audit, verification or other review of such information, in lieu of the Department of Revenue doing so, for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program. The applicant, program participant or other entity will be responsible for all costs associated with such purposes, and the Department of Revenue shall accept and approve the third-party audit, verification or other review of information for the purposes of the incentive program and eligibility for any incentive under the program and shall notify the applicant, program participant or other entity of such acceptance and approval within thirty days after receipt of the third-party audit, verification or other review of information.

SECTION 31. Amends Section 27-7-22.41 to revise the definition of "eligible charitable organization" under the Children's Promise Act for the purposes of receiving an income tax credit or insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to such organizations and to provide for an ad valorem tax credit for contributions made to such organizations. The Department of Revenue shall disburse funds to the local tax collectors for the amount of the tax credits applied against ad valorem taxes. The bill increases the maximum aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated by during a calendar year.

SECTION 32. \$2,500,000 to assist in paying costs associated with construction and development of and upgrades and improvements to property, roadways, infrastructure, facilities and structures at LeFleur's Bluff State Park, in Jackson, Mississippi, for the purpose of enhancing and developing the entrance to the Mississippi Children's Museum and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, and areas and amenities related to the museums.

SECTION 33. \$500,000 to assist the City of Indianola in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the City of Indianola.

SECTION 34. \$1,000,000 to assist Alcorn County in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and replacement of roofing for the Alcorn County Courthouse.

SECTION 35. \$250,000 to provide funds to the Jacinto Foundation, Inc., to pay costs associated with capital improvements, repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, furnishing and/or equipping the Jacinto Courthouse and related facilities in Alcorn County, Mississippi.

SECTION 36. \$250,000 to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to East Corinth Elementary School to provide enhanced career technical training to Corinth students in advanced technology skills.

SECTION 37. \$700,000 to assist Tishomingo County in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades, resurfacing and improvements to County Road 961.

SECTION 38. \$850,000 to assist George County in paying costs associated with construction, reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Evanston Road at and near the main entrance to the George County Industrial Park.

SECTION 39. \$1,000,000 to assist the Town of Bruce in paying costs associated with expansion of and repairs, upgrades and improvements to the town's sewer system, sewage lagoon and related infrastructure and facilities.

SECTION 40. \$100,000 to assist the Town of Vardaman in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to town streets.

SECTION 41. \$200,000 to assist the Town of Calhoun City in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to town streets.

SECTION 42. \$500,000 to assist the City of Jackson in paying costs associated with the following purposes at the Pete Brown Golf Course in the City of Jackson:

- ▶ Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the clubhouse and related facilities;
- ▶ Upgrades and improvements to the golf course and related grounds;
- ▶ Development of and improvements to cart paths and walking paths; and
- ▶ Purchase of golf carts.

SECTION 43. \$150,000 to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Tougaloo Senior Center.

SECTION 44. \$4,400,000 to assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the Flagship District Projects.

SECTION 45. \$5,000,000 to assist in paying costs associated with right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, design and construction necessary to add a center turning lane and upgrade the roadway on State Highway 4 from Interstate 55 to the campus of Northwest Mississippi Community College.

SECTION 46. \$500,000 to assist Forrest County in paying the costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the bridge on Temple Road over Reese Creek and the repair and/or replacement of the bridge on Brooklyn-Janice Road over Chaney Branch Creek in Forrest County.

SECTION 47. \$250,000 to assist in paying costs associated with site preparation and construction of the West Lauderdale Athletic Complex in Lauderdale County.

SECTION 48. \$250,000 to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center in Jackson.

SECTION 49. \$1,000,000 to assist Wilkinson County in paying costs associated with replacement of the Jackson Point Road Bridge in Wilkinson County.

SECTION 50. \$1,500,000 to pay costs associated with construction, furnishing, and equipping of and relocation of the Jackson State University School of Public Health to the main campus of the university.

SECTION 51. \$450,000 to assist Union County in paying costs associated with repair and/or replacement of a bridge on County Road 81 in Union County.

SECTION 52. \$100,000 to assist the City of Jackson in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of facilities and infrastructure at Livingston Park in the City of Jackson.

SECTION 53. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Brookhaven in paying costs associated with reconstruction, repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Brookway Boulevard in the City of Brookhaven.

SECTION 54. \$2,000,000 to assist Lafayette County in paying the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in Lafayette County.

SECTION 55. \$250,000 to assist the City of Oxford in paying costs associated with construction and development of Oxford Square Park and related facilities in the City of Oxford.

SECTION 56. \$250,000 to assist the City of Horn Lake in paying costs associated with acquisition and installation of a pressure filtration system for the well head providing water for

the system providing water service to the Twin Lakes Subdivision area in the City of Horn Lake.

SECTION 57. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of D'Iberville in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Mallet Road in the City of D'Iberville.

SECTION 58. \$120,000 to assist in paying costs associated with acquisition of a fire truck for the 3 Mile Corner Volunteer Fire Department in Kemper County.

SECTION 59. \$150,000 to assist in paying costs associated with construction, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of facilities, equipment, grounds and infrastructure at Lake Hico Park (\$50,000) and Northgate Park (\$100,000) in Hinds County.

SECTION 60. \$500,000 to assist Clay County, in paying costs associated with the overlay of North Beasley Road and South Beasley Road in Clay County.

SECTION 61. \$300,000 to assist Monroe County in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to Chapel Grove Road and Bishop Road in Monroe County.

SECTION 62. \$2,000,000 to assist Hinds County in paying costs associated with construction and development of the Hinds County Parkway project in Hinds County.

SECTION 63. \$500,000 to assist the Town of Flora in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's water system and sewer system infrastructure.

SECTION 64. \$5,000,000 to assist Madison County in paying costs associated with making improvements to Bozeman Road beginning at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 463 and proceeding north.

SECTION 65. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Clinton in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and other

improvements and upgrades to Arrow Drive and Northside Drive in the City of Clinton.

SECTION 66. \$1,000,000 for the Mississippi Ports Improvements Fund.

SECTION 67. \$1,500,000 to assist DeSoto County in paying costs associated with five-laning the portion of Getwell Road from Lester to Pleasant Hill Road in DeSoto County.

SECTION 68. \$250,000 to assist the ASU Foundation, Inc., in paying costs associated with repairing, renovating, restoring, rehabilitating, preserving, upgrading, improving, furnishing and/or equipping the Historic Oakland Memorial Chapel, Belles Lettres Hall, the Old President's Home, and the Historic Oakland Memorial Cemetery in Claiborne County.

SECTION 69. \$750,000 to assist the City of Hazlehurst in paying costs associated with construction of a community center/emergency storm shelter and related facilities.

SECTION 70. \$300,000 to assist the City of Louisville in paying the costs associated with constructing a road and other transportation infrastructure in the City of Louisville that will provide and improve access to land owned by the city designated for an economic development project on or near the location of Winston Plywood & Veneer.

SECTION 71. \$400,000 to assist the Town of Eupora in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Eupora.

SECTION 72. \$100,000 to assist the Town of French Camp in paying costs associated with repairs and other improvements to the town's sewer system, sewer lagoon and related infrastructure.

SECTION 73. \$225,000 to assist Choctaw County in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Reform/Sturgis Road in Choctaw County.

SECTION 74. \$300,000 to assist Webster County and Choctaw County in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Chester - Tomnolen Road in Webster County and Choctaw County.

SECTION 75. \$1,000,000 to assist Grenada County in paying costs associated with preplanning, construction and development of Business/Industrial Park Road in Grenada County.

SECTION 76. \$450,000 to assist Pontotoc County in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Pontotoc County Courthouse.

SECTION 77. \$150,000 to assist Pontotoc County in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the W. A. Grist building.

SECTION 78. \$100,000 to assist Pontotoc County in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Chancery Court building and Youth Court facility.

SECTION 79. \$750,000 to assist the City of Shelby in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive in the City of Shelby.

SECTION 80. \$1,000,000 to assist Adams County in paying the costs related to the completion of the Belwood Levee in Adams County.

SECTION 81. \$1,000,000 to assist Hancock County in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, upgrades, improvements and additions to the Hancock County Fairgrounds.

SECTION 82. \$400,000 to assist the Town of Hickory Flat in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Hickory Flat.

SECTION 83. \$500,000 to assist Marshall County in paying costs associated with replacement of Bethlehem Waterford bridge in Marshall County.

SECTION 84. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Hattiesburg in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting.

SECTION 85. \$500,000 to assist Noxubee County in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a county emergency operations center and related facilities.

SECTION 86. \$150,000 to assist the City of Morton in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads around Morton High School and surrounding areas in the City of Morton.

SECTION 87. \$750,000 to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance in paying costs associated with the acquisition of approximately 150 acres of land from the United States Department of Agriculture and located in Franklin County, and related road and other infrastructure improvements, including the repayment of debt incurred by Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for such purposes before the effective date of this bill.

SECTION 88. \$500,000 to assist Pike County in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Pike County Courthouse Complex buildings and related facilities.

SECTION 89. \$500,000 to assist the City of Columbia in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads and other infrastructure improvements to and near the Marion County Courthouse Square.

SECTION 90. \$250,000 to assist in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and replacement of Walter Payton Field and related facilities at Columbia High School in the City of Columbia.

SECTION 91. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Baldwin in paying costs associated with repair and renovation and upgrades and improvements to the city's municipal buildings and related facilities.

SECTION 92. \$500,000 to assist Tate County in paying costs associated with construction and development of infrastructure improvements and recreational trails at Chromcraft Lake in Tate County.

SECTION 93. \$500,000 to assist Attala County in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Attala County Courthouse.

SECTION 94. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Kosciusko in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to Hugh Ellard Park in the City of Kosciusko.

SECTION 95. \$250,000 to assist in paying costs associated with the administration, development and operation of the Kosciusko School District Pre-Kindergarten Program.

SECTION 96. \$450,000 to assist Leake County in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to Hooper Mill Creek Road in Leake County.

SECTION 97. \$500,000 to assist Tunica County in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Battle Arena.

SECTION 98. \$1,000,000 to assist in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Itawamba County School District buildings and facilities.

SECTION 99. \$300,000 to assist Itawamba County in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping of a county 911 center.

SECTION 100. \$100,000 to assist the City of Fulton in paying costs associated with expansion of the city's natural gas system and related infrastructure.

SECTION 101. \$1,500,000 to assist in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a technology education center for the Long Beach School District.

SECTION 102. \$100,000 to assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new firehouse for the Kossuth Volunteer Fire Department in Alcorn County.

SECTION 103. \$2,000,000 to assist the City of Gautier in paying costs associated with construction of an amphitheater and a song writers' museum.

SECTION 104. \$200,000 to assist the City of Laurel in paying costs associated with construction and development of a park and walking trail.

SECTION 105. \$100,000 to assist the Town of D'Lo in paying costs associated with construction of a fire station.

SECTION 106. \$750,000 to assist Tate County in paying costs associated with parking lot reconstruction for the Tate County Courthouse.

SECTION 107. \$100,000 to assist the City of Senatobia in paying costs associated with lighting repairs at the Interstate 55/Mississippi Highway 740 interchange.

SECTION 108. \$300,000 to assist Tate County in paying costs associated with resurfacing Tate - Panola Road in Tate County.

SECTION 109. \$2,000,000 to assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with the

construction of additional lanes for U.S. Highway 51 north of Mississippi Highway 740 in Tate County.

SECTION 110. \$500,000 to assist the Greenwood Cemetery Association in paying costs associated with repairs to Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson.

SECTION 111. \$500,000 to assist the Warren County Port Commission in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the Port of Vicksburg in Warren County.

SECTION 112. \$1,000,000 to assist an enterprise owning and operating a certain project in paying costs associated with construction and equipping of one or more hydroponic facilities.

SECTION 113. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Philadelphia in paying costs associated with maintenance, repairs, upgrades and improvements to the levee system protecting the Philadelphia Utilities wastewater treatment plant and related facilities.

SECTION 114. \$250,000 to assist with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension of Ware Street and relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of Pearl.

SECTION 115. \$500,000 to assist the Town of Carrollton in paying costs associated with construction of stormwater drainage culverts and other infrastructure improvements for the purpose of improving drainage and reducing the risk of flooding in the Town of Carrollton.

SECTION 116. \$150,000 to assist Montgomery County in paying costs associated with the overlay of Fisher Road from U.S. Highway 51 to Willette Lane in Montgomery County.

SECTION 117. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Winona in paying costs associated with overlaying roads and streets in the City of Winona.

SECTION 118. \$100,000 to assist the Town of Duncan in paying costs associated with site grading, playground

improvements and acquisition of playground equipment for the town's community park.

SECTION 119. \$250,000 to assist Walthall County in paying the costs associated with the renovation of the Walthall County Courthouse.

SECTION 120. \$500,000 to assist the Town of Tylertown in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, restoration, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the former Walthall Hotel building and related facilities.

SECTION 121. \$150,000 to assist the City of Charleston in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping the City of Charleston Shade Street Health Complex.

SECTION 122. \$150,000 to assist Tallahatchie County in paying costs associated with the acquisition of a solid waste collection transfer station.

SECTION 123. \$125,000 to assist the Town of Oakland in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing, upgrades and improvements to streets and roads in the Town of Oakland.

SECTION 124. \$1,500,000 to assist the City of Starkville in paying costs associated with the extension of Stark Road and Hospital Road in the City of Starkville.

SECTION 125. \$200,000 to assist the Town of Sebastopol in paying costs associated with renovation of and upgrades and improvements to a building that will be the town's multipurpose community center.

SECTION 126. \$100,000 to assist the City of Union in paying costs associated with the acquisition of two motor vehicles and equipment for such motor vehicles, tasers and other safety equipment for the City of Union Police Department.

SECTION 127. \$300,000 to assist the Town of Seminary in paying costs associated with construction and expansion of and

upgrades and improvements to the town's water system infrastructure and/or sewer system infrastructure.

SECTION 128. \$300,000 to assist the City of Brandon in paying costs associated with repair, renovation and upgrades of and improvements to its City Hall building and related facilities and construction of additional parking and related facilities.

SECTION 129. \$500,000 to assist Tippah County in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment at the Tippah County Hospital.

SECTION 130. \$100,000 to assist the City of Ripley in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the city's fire department.

SECTION 131. \$250,000 to assist the Town of Artesia in paying costs associated with construction of and other improvements to storm water structures and facilities for the purposes of improving drainage and reducing the risk for flooding in the Town of Artesia.

SECTION 132. \$250,000 to assist in paying costs associated with a study regarding the location for the construction of a sports stadium in downtown Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 133. \$100,000 to assist the Town of Plantersville in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and park improvements.

SECTION 134. \$1,000,000 to assist the Mississippi's Toughest Kids Foundation in paying the costs associated with design, preplanning, construction, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities at Camp Kamassa in Copiah County, Mississippi; and design, preplanning, construction and development of infrastructure at Camp Kamassa.

SECTION 135. \$1,000,000 to assist the City of Ocean Springs in paying costs associated with improvements to the

city's water system and sewer system infrastructure and drainage infrastructure.

SECTION 136. Repurposes bonds authorized last year (for \$300,000.00) to assist the Town of Wesson in paying costs associated with the renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Old Wesson School Visitor Center.

SECTIONS 137 and 138. \$2,870,000 to provide matching funds for federal funds for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.