

Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning 2015 Legislative Session Report

May 4, 2015

The 2015 Legislative Session ended on April 2, after Legislators completed work on general legislation and appropriation and revenue bills.

During each Legislative Session, the IHL priorities are the nine appropriation bills that fund the System and the capital improvements bond bill. This year, IHL tracked 239 measures that would have affected the university system. This includes four measures requested by IHL to make changes in general law, the nine appropriation bills and the bond bill, which included \$77.7 million for capital improvements on university campuses.

This report provides a summary of all measures followed by IHL in 2015 and their final resolution. The full text of legislation introduced this session can be accessed through the links in this report or the Mississippi Legislature's website, www.legislature.ms.gov.

The next regular session of the Mississippi Legislature will convene on January 5, 2016.

Appropriations – Approved by the Governor:

The nine IHL appropriation bills were approved by Governor Bryant. A detailed summary of appropriations by institution is attached at the end of this report.

SB2844	Appropriation; IHL - General support. 04/20 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2845	Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. 04/20 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2846	Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. 04/19 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2847	Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. 04/20 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2848	Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. 04/18 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2849	Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. 04/09 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2850	Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. 04/13 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2851	Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. 04/13 Approved by Governor	Clarke
SB2852	Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. 04/19 Approved by Governor	Clarke

Capital Improvement Bond Legislation – Approved by the Governor:

In the 2015 Session, the Legislature provided the third year of bond funding promised in the DFA 3-year plan adopted in 2013. The following is a summary of the projects included in SB 2906. A summary of capital improvements bonds received by the System from 2013-2015 is included at the end of this report.

Institution	Project	Amount
ASU	Phase II of construction, furnishing and equipping of a new Academic Technology Building and related facilities.	\$ 7,100,000
JSU	Phase I of repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping and expansion of and additions to campus buildings and facilities.	\$ 8,500,000
MUW	Repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping and expansion of and additions to campus buildings and facilities; preplanning of renovation of the Demonstration School Building; preplanning of new Culinary Arts Building; and continuation and completion of previously authorized projects.	\$ 6,500,000
MSU	Construction, furnishing, and equipping of a new Engineering Science Complex	\$ 13,000,000
MSU-DAFVM	Phase I of construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the Departments of Animal and Dairy Science and Poultry Science.	\$ 12,100,000
MVSU	Repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping and expansion of the Academic Skills Building and continuation and completion of previously authorized projects.	\$ 6,000,000
UM	Repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of Johnson Commons East (\$7,600,000) and additions to and repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of Garland, Hedleston and Mayes Halls (\$2,400,000).	\$ 10,000,000
UMMC	Expansion of Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital.	\$ 6,000,000
USM	Repair and renovation of campus buildings and facilities, repair, renovation, replacement and improvement of campus infrastructure, completion of previously authorized campus buildings and purchase furniture and equipment.	\$ 5,000,000
USM-Gulf Park	Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new replacement facility for the Joe Earl Holloway Complex and College of Business Building.	\$ 3,500,000
	Total	\$ 77,700,000

System Legislation – Approved by the Governor:

- [HB 661](#)** Universities; revise laws regarding enforcement officers of. [03/23 Approved by Governor](#) [Mettetal](#)
HB 661 authorizes university police departments to exercise jurisdiction within 500 feet of university property. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB 951](#)** Commission on College Accreditation; authorize to enter into certain interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education. [03/23 Approved by Governor](#) [Mettetal](#)
HB 951 authorizes the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation (MCCA) to enter into interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education. MCCA will serve as the portal agency for the State of Mississippi in managing interstate reciprocity agreements. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB1028](#)** Motor vehicles; allow a person with a valid driver's license from any state to operate owned by a state institution of higher learning. [03/13 Approved by Governor](#) [Hood](#)
HB 1028 allows a person with a valid driver's license of the appropriate classification from any state to drive university-owned vehicles. Effective upon passage.
- [SB2154](#)** Mississippi University Research Authority Act; extend eligibility for an exemption to certain university officers or employees. [03/09 Approved by Governor](#) [Polk](#)
SB 2154 allows university employees other than the person who made a discovery to participate in a MURA company so that researchers can draw on the expertise of university employees in various disciplines to commercialize research. Effective July 1, 2015.

Other legislation affecting the IHL System – Approved by the Governor:

- [HB 464](#)** Education Commission of the States; authorize the entrance of the State of Mississippi into the Compact for Education. [03/13 Approved by Governor](#) [Moore](#)
HB 464 authorizes the state to re-join the Education Commission of the States. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB 488](#)** MS Dyslexia Forgivable Loan Program; revise post education employment requirements for recipients of. [03/31 Approved by Governor](#) [Moore](#)
HB 488 authorizes up to five students to repay the Dyslexia Therapy Forgivable Loan Program with service in an approved non-public school. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB 583](#)** Health care facility; exempt from CON law for repair or rebuilding when significantly damaged in natural disaster. [04/23 Approved by Governor](#) [Hood](#)
HB 583 authorizes an exemption from the State Department of Health Certificate of Need requirements for the construction of a clinical research facility at UMMC. Effective upon passage.
- [HB 589](#)** Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement; regulate. [03/28 Approved by Governor](#) [Gipson](#)
HB 589 creates new requirements for assertions of patent infringement to prevent actions of patent trolls. Institutions of higher learning and affiliated entities are exempt from the new requirements. Effective July 1, 2015.

- [HB 831](#)** **Mississippi Fines Accountability and Transparency Task Force; create.** [Barker](#)
[04/22 Approved by Governor](#)
HB 831 creates new requirements for reporting fees and fines collected by state agencies. This information must be included in the FY 2017 budget submission. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB 836](#)** **Persons with disabilities; require state agencies to enhance employment opportunities for.** [Crawford](#)
[04/20 Approved by Governor](#)
HB 836 requires state agencies who provide services to disabled persons or who provide employment services to enhance opportunities for disabled persons to obtain competitive employment. It further requires all state agencies to cooperate and provide information if requested by the Disability Resource Commission. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB 839](#)** **Nonnative plant species; prohibit cultivation of potentially invasive species without special permit from Dept. of Agriculture & Commerce.** [Boyd](#)
[03/12 Approved by Governor](#)
HB 839 regulates planting of invasive plant species without a permit from the Department of Agriculture and Commerce. It also involves MSU in reviewing permit applications. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB 873](#)** **State Health Insurance Management Board; prohibit from imposing premium surcharge based on use of tobacco products.** [Moore](#)
[03/23 Approved by Governor](#)
HB 873 prohibits the State Employees Health Insurance plan from requiring a surcharge from employees who use tobacco. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB1214](#)** **Engineers and architects; increase amount needed for exemption of public works services from certain requirements and include municipalities.** [Busby](#)
[03/13 Approved by Governor](#)
HB 1214 increases the maximum amount of expenditures on public work construction contracts for which the services of a registered engineer or architect are required from \$75,000 to \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [HB1251](#)** **Motor scooters; provide for operation of without motorcycle endorsement under certain circumstances.** [Reynolds](#)
[04/20 Approved by Governor](#)
HB 1251 authorizes use of motor scooters in communities where universities are located by drivers without a motorcycle endorsement on their driver's license. It also authorizes the Board of Trustees to prohibit use of scooters in areas of campus if needed. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [SB2127](#)** **In-state tuition; provide for nonresident students entitled to federal Veterans' Educational Assistance.** [Lee](#)
[03/17 Approved by Governor](#)
SB 2127 requires that students entitled to veterans' education benefits under Title 38 of the U.S. Code be charged the resident rate for tuition. Effective upon passage.
- [SB2282](#)** **State employees; clarify administrative leave policy during extreme weather conditions, disasters or emergencies.** [Hill](#)
[03/17 Approved by Governor](#)
SB 2282 clarifies that an employee who was on previously-approved leave when administrative leave is granted to employees due to weather, disasters or other emergencies shall be eligible for administrative leave instead of

- being charged for the previously-approved leave. Effective July 1, 2015.*
- [SB2400](#) Government purchasing; place restrictions on emergency and single source purchases. [04/23 Approved by Governor](#) [Collins](#)**
SB 2400 changes procedures for emergency purchases, unless a delay would cause harm. This measure adds additional documentation requirements after sole-source purchases. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [SB2407](#) Community hospitals; revise provisions concerning transparency. [04/22 Approved by Governor](#) [Wiggins](#)**
SB 2407 Requires the governing board meetings of public hospitals to be open to the public. It also revises the topics that can be discussed in executive session and the types of documents that are considered public. Effective January 1, 2016.
- [SB2656](#) Sales tax; exempt sales to UMC Research Development Foundation. [04/13 Approved by Governor](#) [Burton](#)**
SB 2656 exempts purchases made by the UMMC Research Foundation from sales tax. Effective July 1, 2015.
- [SB2837](#) Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for fiscal year 2015. [04/20 Approved by Governor](#) [Clarke](#)**
SB 2837 includes an appropriation of additional spending authority for Student Financial Aid in FY 2015. Effective upon passage.

Other tracked legislation – Approved by the Governor:

The following are measures tracked by IHL during the 2015 Legislative Session that were approved by the Governor.

- [HB 257](#) Crimes of violence; require DNA testing for arrests and HIV testing for sex crimes against minors. [03/13 Approved by Governor](#) [Formby](#)**
- [HB 825](#) Personal Service Contract Review Board; revise composition, exemptions, expenditures and method for reviewing single source contracts. [03/31 Approved by Governor](#) [Turner](#)**
- [SB2021](#) Children's Justice Center; change name to Children's Safe Center. [04/20 Approved by Governor](#) [Hopson](#)**
- [SB2394](#) Concealed weapons law; decrease certain fees for licensees. [04/09 Approved by Governor](#) [Burton](#)**
- [SB2508](#) State Board of Contractors; revise regulatory laws for commercial and residential builders. [03/23 Approved by Governor](#) [Massey](#)**
- [SB2619](#) Concealed-carry permit; revised enhanced. [04/09 Approved by Governor](#) [Montgomery](#)**

Tracked legislation that died:

HB 3	Internal audit law; remove condition for specific appropriations to fund, and delay implementation date.	Brown (66th)
HB 6	State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in.	Evans (91st)
HB 9	State employees; provide for increase in annual compensation for those with annual salary under \$50,000.00.	Lane
HB 30	Income tax; state agencies and political subdivisions may collect debt by a setoff against the debtor's refund.	DeLano
HB 31	Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS.	Haney
HB 36	Appropriations; IHL to fund Plan of Action to Address the Prevention of Unintended Pregnancies.	Lane
HB 51	Income tax; authorize an adjustment to gross income for higher education tuition, fees and other costs.	Moak
HB 55	University of Mississippi Medical Center - ACT Center Fund; require annual transfer of funds from State General Fund to.	Moak
HB 69	Mississippi English Language Learners Scholarship Program; create under the Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program.	Miles
HB 75	Income tax; authorize a credit for taxpayers pursuing associate degree or baccalaureate degree.	Dickson
HB 76	Early Graduation Achievement Act of 2015; create to provide scholarship incentive for early high school graduates.	Dickson
HB 78	Graduate degree teacher incentive loans; establish for teachers agreeing to teach in public schools or IHLs.	Evans (91st)
HB 100	Health insurance policies; payment and reimbursement to state's academic medical center shall be at a comparable rate.	Chism
HB 108	Income tax; authorize a deduction for contributions to qualified tuition programs.	Brown (66th)
HB 109	State Personnel Board; require to create process for state employees to suggest improvement for state agency operations.	Moak
HB 130	School attendance; authorize exemptions from vaccinations for medical reasons or conscientious beliefs for.	Formby
HB 174	"Mississippi Postsecondary Textbook Pricing and Access Act of 2015"; enact.	Evans (91st)
HB 196	Undocumented students; allow to attend college at in-state tuition rates subject to certain conditions.	Dickson
HB 212	Mississippi B-On-Time Student Loan Program; create.	Dickson
HB 226	Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system.	Rushing
HB 232	Patent infringements; penalize bad faith assertions of. <i>(HB 589 approved by Governor)</i>	Moak
HB 286	Nursing schools and programs; make eligible for funding to increase faculty if	Scott

	increase enrollment proportionately.	
HB 290	Open meetings law; create civil penalty for disclosing information from executive session of public body.	Scott
HB 291	Socially and economically disadvantaged small business concerns; establish program to encourage participation in state contracts.	Scott
HB 307	Nursing education; require community colleges to offer online program for LPNs to obtain associate degree in.	Scott
HB 309	College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create.	Scott
HB 312	Universities; require to place 33% of bowl game revenue in escrow account to distribute to graduating athletes.	Scott
HB 324	Teacher education program; require instruction in the teaching of phonics.	Martinson
HB 329	Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training.	Scott
HB 338	Employees of state institutions of higher learning; increase salaries in FY16 and FY17.	Stringer
HB 351	Firearms license; authorize special licenses for honorably retired law enforcement and corrections officers.	Reynolds
HB 367	Tax exemption; authorize for retail sale of certain electronic devices and school related supplies.	Scott
HB 378	Engineering studies scholarship program; establish.	Scott
HB 382	Children's services and programs; require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature.	Scott
HB 385	Statewide testing program; require contract with single entity for comprehensive assessment system linked to college and career readiness.	Gunn
HB 394	The Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; create to establish ESAs for certain students. <i>(SB 2695 approved by Governor)</i>	Crawford
HB 417	Mississippi Patient Protection Act of 2015; create.	Currie
HB 423	Remedial education; provide to high school students before graduation as a dual-enrollment option under certain conditions.	Dixon
HB 430	Legislature; authorize to appropriate up to 100% of general fund revenue estimate when rainy day fund will be full at beginning of fiscal year.	Snowden
HB 431	Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2015; create.	Gunn
HB 441	CON; exempt construction of clinical research unit at UMMC & repair of health care facilities damaged in natural disasters. <i>(HB 583 approved by Governor)</i>	Gunn
HB 450	Council on Education Technology; reestablish and define responsibilities.	Moore
HB 510	Mississippi Commission on College and Career Readiness; establish to recommend new standards to replace Common Core.	Moore
HB 578	In-state tuition; provide for nonresident students entitled to federal Veterans' Educational Assistance. <i>(SB 2127 approved by Governor)</i>	Mettetal

HB 580	Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant; revise certain eligibility requirements.	Frierson
HB 634	Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program; authorize recipients to continue enrollment in successor programs on same terms as original program.	Reynolds
HB 637	MS Tuition Subsidy Forgivable Loan; create.	Young
HB 650	MS Resident Tuition Assistance Grant Program; revise to add both Tulane University MS campuses to eligible institutions.	Anderson
HB 652	Universities & colleges; revise criteria for eligibility for in-state tuition.	Dickson
HB 659	Teacher's Assistant Education Certification Scholars Program; create to provide assistance to individuals pursuing teacher licensure.	Boyd
HB 660	Mississippi College Tuition Rebate Incentive Act; create.	Dickson
HB 666	MS Community College Distance Learning for Single, Working Parents Scholarship Grant.	Arnold
HB 676	Community hospitals; revise Open Meetings and Public Records Acts provisions regarding and revise qualifications to be trustees of.	Barton
HB 694	Public officials; require to file report with the Secretary of State for certain gifts received.	Brown (66th)
HB 699	Contractors; provide method to receive payment when services have been terminated.	Huddleston (30th)
HB 758	Public Facility Alternative Energy Task Force; create.	Brown (66th)
HB 761	Gaming; create state lottery to fund higher education scholarship program.	Clarke
HB 766	Mississippi River Delta Promise Zone Act of 2015; create and divert portion of state gaming revenue to assist in carrying out purposes of.	Hines
HB 793	Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create as advisory board on industry standards.	Clark
HB 801	Gaming; create state lottery to fund specific education needs of the state.	Evans (70th)
HB 804	Gaming; clarify that courses related to the service industry may be taught only in counties where gaming is legal.	Clark
HB 805	Gaming; create state lottery to fund higher education after statewide election approves lottery.	Clarke
HB 809	MS First Response Assistance, Safety and Training(FAST)Programs; establish.	Huddleston (15th)
HB 816	Low-Income Student Scholarship Tax Credit Act; create.	Dixon
HB 851	College religious student groups; prohibit universities and community colleges from discriminating against.	Lamar
HB 853	MS IHL Distance Learning for Single, Working Parents Scholarship Grant; create.	Arnold
HB 856	Dyslexia education; require instruction at collegiate level for licensure and prescribe required standards.	Byrd
HB 871	Public retirement systems, certain; require to disclose certain information to public and participants.	Zuber
HB 893	Nursing; advanced practice RNs are not required to have collaborative/consultative relationship with physician or dentist.	DeBar

HB 911	Employment Security Law; create the Mississippi Works Fund to provide strategic workforce training needs.	Smith (39th)
HB 948	Commission on Proprietary Sch. and College Registration; authorize to enter interstate reciprocity agreements for distance education. <i>(HB 951 approved by Governor)</i>	Mettetal
HB 950	MS Works Scholarship Pilot Program to assist Career and Technical Education (CTE) students at community colleges; create.	Mettetal
HB1032	MS University Research Authority Act; revise. <i>(SB 2154 approved by Governor)</i>	Mayo
HB1047	Tort Claims Act; include MS Charter School Authorize Board and Personal Service Contract Review Board.	Baker
HB1048	Contracts; authorize retainage to be withheld in interest bearing accounts.	Baker
HB1067	Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS.	Mayo
HB1077	Optional Retirement Program; authorize to join PERS under certain circumstances.	Perkins
HB1078	Deferred Compensation Plan; revise various provisions of.	Frierson
HB1080	Retirement; allow purchase of creditable service in PERS for service as junior/community college trustee.	Smith (39th)
HB1084	Retirement; all members of PERS vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members.	Frierson
HB1085	Optional retirement program; authorize participants to join PERS under certain circumstances.	Frierson
HB1086	Public Employees' Retirement System; revise certain provisions regarding the administration of the system.	Frierson
HB1087	Retirement; COLA shall be paid to members of PERS and MHPRS who retire on or after July 1, 2018, in 12 equal monthly installments.	Frierson
HB1088	Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made.	Kinkade
HB1120	State agencies; prohibit use of public funds to send greeting cards.	Brown (66th)
HB1133	Mississippi River Delta Promise Zone Act of 2015; create.	Hines
HB1135	State agency advertising procurements; Personal Services Contract Review Board must preapprove.	Baria
HB1136	Services contracts; require submission to Personal Service Contract Review Board and posted to website for those over \$10,000.00. <i>(HB 825 approved by Governor)</i>	Eaton
HB1137	Single source emergency purchases contracts; place restrictions on. <i>(SB 2400 approved by Governor)</i>	Turner
HB1138	Personal Service Contract Review Board; revise composition of and expenditure amount and remove exemption of certain contracts from board review. <i>(HB 825 approved by Governor)</i>	Turner
HB1139	Purchasing; UMMC must follow DFA's bid guidelines for construction projects funded by private or self-generated funds.	Martinson
HB1140	State employees; employers shall pay for 2 years accumulated comp time of	Calhoun

	upon termination or death of.	
HB1143	Capital Expense Fund; increase amount that may be transferred to provide funds for emergency repairs on state-owned buildings.	Frierson
HB1154	Income tax; public and private hospitals may collect certain debts by a setoff against the debtor's refund.	Smith (39th)
HB1159	Special distinctive license tags; authorize issuance of out-of-state university with letters and numbers selected by owner.	Zuber
HB1185	Contracts; require to be written in large print.	Banks
HB1208	Public works contracts; include any public work, increase amount needed for exemption of public works contracts, and include municipalities. <i>(HB 1214 approved by Governor)</i>	Baker
HB1219	Local government contracts; revise requirements for bidding and publication for single source contracts.	Moak
HB1220	State agency contracts; revise requirements for bidding and publication for single source contracts.	Moak
HB1221	Government contracts; create the "Mississippi Stop Corruption Act" to revise requirements for single source contracts.	Moak
HB1224	Gun permit for disabled veterans; clarify how exemption from fee applies.	Hood
HB1231	Arbitration clause; considered nonbinding in certain contracts.	Banks
HB1233	State Board of Contractors; revise regulatory laws for commercial and residential builders.	White
HB1272	Mississippi Second Amendment Task Force; create.	Currie
HB1275	Habitual offenders; revise provision to include age requirements.	Horan
HB1314	Concealed carry permit; revise qualifications for enhanced.	Jennings
HB1339	Administrative Procedures Law of 2015; consolidate administrative procedures, public records and open meetings laws into single act.	Smith (39th)
HB1440	Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jackson State University with Endowed Professorship Challenge Grant Program.	Banks
HB1441	Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds to assist JSU with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program.	Banks
HB1442	Bonds; authorize issuance for certain lighting improvements to Rose E. McCoy Auditorium at Jackson State University.	Banks
HB1443	Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of building for School of Public Health at Jackson State University.	Banks
HB1444	Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of College of Education and Human Development at Jackson State University.	Banks
HB1466	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University Agriculture Programs for establishing a meat processing facility.	Holloway
HB1467	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University for making modifications to buildings to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act.	Holloway
HB1468	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs to restore funding to FY 2001 level of funding.	Holloway

HB1469	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University for improving campus safety and security.	Holloway
HB1470	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University for expansion of research and production of shiitake mushrooms.	Holloway
HB1471	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University for design and planning of construction of new student union complex.	Holloway
HB1472	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University for renovating the Whitney Health and P.E. Complex or constructing a new academic convocation center.	Holloway
HB1473	Appropriation; IHL for Alcorn State University for construction of Rudolph E. Waters Academic Technology Classroom Building.	Holloway
HB1474	Appropriations; IHL for Alcorn State University Agricultural Programs for renovation and repair of aquaculture facility.	Holloway
HB1482	Appropriation; IHL Board for planning, designing, constructing and equipping a clinical research unit at UMMC	Gunn
HB1494	Appropriation; IHL for MS Valley State University for lowering tuition rate for 2015-2016 academic year.	Perkins
HB1495	Appropriation; IHL for establishing an accredited School of Public Health at Jackson State University.	Cockerham
HB1501	Appropriation; IHL for funding the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness Program.	Mettetal
HB1502	Appropriation; community colleges support at one-half mid-level funding commitment.	Mettetal
HB1509	Appropriation; DFA for making various repairs and renovations at state-owned facilities for FY 15 & FY 16.	Weathersby
HB1566	Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of state-owned buildings and facilities.	Weathersby
HB1586	Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to the Univ. of MS Medical Center Research Development Foundation. <i>(SB 2656 approved by Governor)</i>	Gunn
HB1629	Income tax; phase out for individuals.	Mayo
HB1631	Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at the state-owned shipyard in Jackson county.	Busby
HB1632	Bonds; authorize issuance to repair, renovate and refurbish Margaret Martin Performing Arts Center.	Johnson
HB1639	Bonds; authorize issuance for IHL and state agencies capital improvements.	Smith (39th)
HC 106	Suspend deadlines for introduction; Study commission established to study governance structure of Mississippi IHL.	Mayo
SB2061	Tuition-free attendance at any state IHL or community college; authorize for Mississippi residents age 65 or older.	Butler (38th)
SB208	Gaming; create statewide lottery to fund Hope College Scholarship Program.	Butler (38th)
SB2080	Tuition-free attendance at any state IHL or community college; authorize for students with at least 3.0 GPA.	Butler (38th)

SB2081	SREB contract program at out-of-state college of optometry; students not required to practice in Mississippi.	Wilemon
SB2088	Mississippi Nursing Practice Act; make technical amendments to.	Burton
SB2096	Nursing; delete requirement that advanced practice nurses must practice within collaborative relationship with a physician.	Burton
SB2101	Certified nurse practitioners; no physician supervision required if over 3,600 hours of clinical practice.	Burton
SB2102	Civil commitment; include nurse practitioners as authorized evaluators.	Burton
SB2103	Nurse practitioners; define scope of practice and revise certification and collaboration requirements.	Burton
SB2137	Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system.	Tollison
SB2139	Income tax; public and private hospitals may collect certain debts by a set off against the debtor's refund.	Fillingane
SB2155	University law enforcement officers; revise jurisdiction to enforce traffic and criminal laws. <i>(HB 661 approved by Governor)</i>	Polk
SB 2161	MS Commission on College and Career Readiness; establish to recommend new standards to replace Common Core.	Carmichael
SB2174	Legislative Internship Program; authorize IHL to administer under certain conditions.	Butler (38th)
SB2189	Teaching Fellows Program under the State Board of Education; make technical revisions.	Tollison
SB2195	Public purchasing; state and local entities shall use life-cycle costs to determine lowest and best bid for vehicle purchases.	Burton
SB2204	State Employees Health Insurance Plan; extend repealer on provision providing for the payment of premiums.	Carmichael
SB2206	Public works; increase to \$100,000.00 the amount exempt from supervision by engineers and architects. <i>(HB 1214 approved by Governor)</i>	Fillingane
SB2226	Concealed-carry permit; revise fees.	Parker
SB2249	Mississippi Commission on College and Career Readiness; establish to recommend new standards to replace Common Core.	Tollison
SB2251	Computer and electronic waste; require management plan for recycling and disposal.	Dawkins
SB2276	Public construction contracts; revise requirement for performance or payment bond.	Fillingane
SB2277	Government Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan Law; clarify investment options.	Fillingane
SB2296	Dyslexia therapy services; authorize SDE to provide funding to public schools for placement of dyslexia therapists.	Parker
SB2302	Salary supplement for National Board Certified teachers who teach in critical teacher shortage areas; authorize.	Tollison
SB2352	Open Meetings Act; revise definitions.	Chassaniol

SB2382	Public Employees' Retirement System; revise certain provisions regarding the administration of the system.	Fillingane
SB2383	Retirement; all members of PERS vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members.	Fillingane
SB2387	State Superintendent of Education and Commissioner of Higher Education; establish maximum salary for.	Hill
SB2393	Legislative Budget Office; shall publish on its website budget requests submitted by state agencies. <i>(HB 831 approved by Governor)</i>	Longwitz
SB2398	Optional retirement program; authorize participants to join PERS under certain circumstances.	Fillingane
SB2399	Retirement; COLA shall be paid to members of PERS and MHPRS who retire on or after July 1, 2018, in 12 equal monthly installments.	Fillingane *
SB2401	State agencies; prohibit certain publications except those required by law.	Sojourner
SB2402	State funds; prohibit expenditure on membership in professional associations for state employees.	Sojourner
SB2424	Contractors; require interest-bearing accounts for retainage withheld.	Longwitz
SB2451	Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program; earmark minimum number of awards for teachers of advanced placement courses.	Dawkins
SB2452	MS Works Scholarship Pilot Program to assist Career and Technical Education (CTE) students at community colleges; create.	Harkins
SB2453	Interstate reciprocity agreements; to be administered by Commission on College Accreditation. <i>(HB 951 approved by Governor)</i>	Polk
SB2457	Employment Security Law; create the Mississippi Works Fund to fund strategic workforce training needs.	Fillingane
SB2462	Income tax; exempt income of certain physicians, physician assistants and nurses practicing in critical physician shortage areas.	Hopson
SB2463	Uniform Management of Public Employee Retirement Systems Act; create.	Wiggins
SB2471	Advanced Placement teacher recertification requirement; clarify.	Longwitz
SB2489	Open Meetings Act; revise definitions.	Chassaniol
SB2498	In-state tuition; authorize for certain undocumented students who reside in the state.	Frazier
SB2506	State budgets; require all state agencies to report sources for all fees, fines and taxes assessed and publish budget requests. <i>(HB 831 approved by Governor)</i>	Clarke
SB2510	Government purchasing; revise the authority and procedure for sole source procurements. <i>(SB 2400 approved by Governor)</i>	Blount
SB2540	Sole source and emergency purchasing laws; revise. <i>(SB 2400 approved by Governor)</i>	Lee
SB2552	Personal Service Contract Review Board; revise membership and remove exemptions. <i>(HB 825 approved by Governor)</i>	Burton
SB2553	Personal Service Contract Review Board; revise membership, eliminate certain exceptions, require additional reporting and recordkeeping. <i>(HB 825 approved by Governor)</i>	Collins

SB2576	Dept. of Finance & Administration; authorize to use construction manager at-risk method during construction of certain museums.	Horhn
SB2590	Appropriations FY2016; IHL and community colleges for Clery Act/Violence Against Women prevention programs.	Blount
SB2598	Elections; Secretary of State shall conduct study on the feasibility of allowing students to vote via the Internet.	Butler (38th)
SB2618	Concealed weapon; authorize carrying of.	Hill
SB2631	Take the construction manager at-risk program out from under the bid laws.	Horhn
SB2638	Public works construction; performance bond not required if contract is less than \$50,000 and paid in two equal installments.	Horhn
SB2657	IT system tag and title processing fee; authorize Department of Finance and Administration to charge.	Burton
SB2660	"Mississippi Postsecondary Textbook Pricing and Access Act of 2015"; enact.	Sojourner
SB2678	Personal Service Contract Review Board; revise composition, exemptions, expenditures and method for reviewing single source contracts. <i>(HB 825 approved by Governor)</i>	Wilemon
SB2692	Council on Education Technology; reestablish and define responsibilities.	Tollison
SB2696	Mississippi First Responder Assistance Safety and Training (FAST) Program; establish at UMC.	Burton
SB2701	Public benefits; agencies administering programs for must verify lawful presence in U.S. of applicants for.	McDaniel
SB2720	Mississippi Volunteer Firefighter Tuition Assistance Program; establish.	Hill
SB2732	Appropriation FY16; University of Mississippi School of Education grant funds for AP teachers on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.	Dawkins
SB2748	Appropriation FY16; Alcorn State University, establish meat processing facility at DeKalb, MS.	Simmons (13th)
SB2750	State agencies; prohibit radio and TV advertising to promote agency programs except in certain instances.	Sojourner
SB2759	State Agency Accountability and Transparency website; to include 5 oldest Public Records Act requests for each agency.	Dawkins
SB2803	Health insurance payments to University Medical Center; equal to other Mississippi hospitals.	Burton
SC 654	Suspend rules for drafting, etc.; amend Constitution to provide for a State University System and local Boards of Trustees.	Tollison
SC 655	Suspend rules for drafting, etc.; provide for a State University System and local Boards of Trustees.	Tollison

**Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
Allocation of FY 2016 Appropriations**

	FY 2015 Operating Appropriations			FY 2016 Operating Appropriations			Capital Appropriations			
	Line Items	Unrestricted	Total	Line Items	Unrestricted	Total	FY 2015	FY 2016	Difference	Percent
ASU	474,776	20,112,727	20,587,503	153,075	20,820,500	20,973,575	553,126	722,623	169,497	30.6%
DSU	1,487,184	20,493,389	21,980,573	1,615,483	21,169,278	22,784,761	615,840	408,099	(207,741)	-33.7%
JSU	1,367,243	38,053,883	39,421,126	1,232,121	39,745,645	40,977,766	7,000,000	2,000,000	(5,000,000)	-71.4%
MSU	1,641,773	92,958,799	94,600,572	2,551,581	97,031,000	99,582,581	2,806,426	2,229,296	(577,130)	-20.6%
MUW	422,035	16,314,496	16,736,531	303,853	16,813,244	17,117,097	422,981	333,997	(88,984)	-21.0%
MVSU	262,183	14,047,911	14,310,094	140,482	14,559,385	14,699,867	495,605	2,700,000	2,204,395	444.8%
UM	1,309,610	82,605,520	83,915,130	1,150,022	87,132,596	88,282,618	3,134,744	2,605,985	(528,759)	-16.9%
USM	910,628	80,056,342	80,966,970	778,815	83,139,320	83,918,135	1,971,278	-	(1,971,278)	-100.0%
Charter School Authorizer Board	-	-	-	250,000	-	250,000	-	-	-	0.0%
	7,875,432	364,643,067	372,518,499	8,175,432	380,410,968	388,586,400	17,000,000	11,000,000	(6,000,000)	-35.3%
SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION										
Executive Office			7,339,627			7,357,892		2,000,000	2,000,000	100.0%
Student Financial Aid			37,855,077			37,855,077				
ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY										
Agricultural Units			6,110,066			6,600,066		185,000	185,000	100.0%
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY										
Urban Research Center			500,044			490,247				
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY										
Advanced Vehicular Studies			3,928,126			4,937,134				
State Chemical Laboratory			1,795,576			1,888,583				
Water Resources Research Institute			240,531			240,531				
Stennis Institute			893,962			864,834				
Agricultural & Forestry Experiment Station			23,782,873			24,972,017				
Mississippi Cooperative Extension			30,596,360			32,126,178				
Forest & Wildlife Research Center (2)			6,271,514			6,585,090				
College of Veterinary Medicine			18,155,832			19,063,623				
Alcohol Safety Education Program (S. F.)			1,393,827			2,122,179				
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI										
Center for Manufacturing Excellence			1,910,311			2,631,959				
Law Research Institute			783,851			814,734				
Mineral Resources Institute			377,763			387,601				
Research Inst. of Pharmaceutical Sciences			3,291,779			3,456,225				
Supercomputer			695,804			705,091				
Small Business Center			284,131			300,973				
University Medical Center (1)			187,918,612			188,754,483				
State Court Education Program (S. F.)			1,491,288			1,823,758				
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI										
Mississippi Polymer Institute			675,847			660,226				
Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (3)			3,758,498			8,835,039		1,000,000	1,000,000	100.0%
Stennis Center			390,551			346,310				
Ayers Program Funding			13,467,000			13,467,000				
Ayers Endowment			5,000,000			5,000,000				
Ayers Summer Program Funding			750,000			-				
Ayers Reappropriations			476,483			337,875				
Total State Appropriation Ayers	-	-	19,693,483	-	-	18,804,875				
Ayers Interest (S.F.)			-			-				
TOTAL AYERS FUNDING:	-	-	19,693,483	-	-	18,804,875				
Total Including Special Fund Agencies	7,875,432	364,643,067	732,653,832	8,175,432	380,410,968	761,211,125	17,000,000	14,185,000	(2,815,000)	-16.6%
State Appropriation-EXCLUDING S.F. Agencies	7,875,432	364,643,067	729,768,717	8,175,432	380,410,968	757,265,188	17,000,000	14,185,000	(2,815,000)	-16.6%

**3-YEAR BOND FUNDS RECEIVED FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
(2013-2015 Legislative Sessions)**

Institution	Anticipated Project Title	2013 Legislative Session	2014 Legislative Session	2015 Legislative Session	Grand Total
Alcorn State University	Preplan Acad. Tech. Bldg.	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000.00
	PH I - Acad. Tech. Bldg.	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ 9,000,000.00
	PH II - Acad. Tech. Bldg.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,100,000.00	\$ 7,100,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 400,000.00	\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 7,100,000.00	\$ 16,500,000.00
Delta State University	PH II - Central Mechanical	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000.00
	Campus Renewal Phase I	\$ -	\$ 14,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 14,500,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 14,500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 16,500,000.00
Jackson State University	PH II - Alexander Ctr. Renovation	\$ 8,500,000.00			\$ 8,500,000.00
	Capital Renewal - PH I		\$ 3,000,000.00		\$ 3,000,000.00
	Capital Renewal - PH II			\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 8,500,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 20,000,000.00
Mississippi State University	YMCA	\$ 9,800,000.00			\$ 9,800,000.00
	PrePlan Library Expansion	\$ 200,000.00			\$ 200,000.00
	Library Expansion		\$ 7,000,000.00		\$ 7,000,000.00
	Civil & Environmental Eng. Complex			\$ 13,000,000.00	\$ 13,000,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 7,000,000.00	\$ 13,000,000.00	\$ 30,000,000.00
Mississippi State University -DAFVM	Meat Processing Facility	\$ 7,500,000.00			\$ 7,500,000.00
	ADS/Food Science Complex Pre-Plan		\$ 400,000.00		\$ 400,000.00
	ADS/Food Science Complex Phase I			\$ 12,100,000.00	\$ 12,100,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 7,500,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 12,100,000.00	\$ 20,000,000.00
Mississippi University for Women	PH II - Fant Library	\$ 5,100,000.00			\$ 5,100,000.00
	PH III - Fant Library		\$ 4,900,000.00		\$ 4,900,000.00
	Construction of New Physical Plant Warehouse			\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
	Capital Renewal - PH I			\$ 5,500,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 4,900,000.00	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ 16,500,000.00
Mississippi Valley State University	PH II - Harrison Complex Renov.	\$ 6,000,000.00			\$ 6,000,000.00
	College Hall I Renovation		\$ 4,500,000.00		\$ 4,500,000.00
	Academic Skills Renovation			\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 4,500,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 16,500,000.00
University of Mississippi	Music Hall & Meek Hall Renov.	\$ 6,000,000.00			\$ 6,000,000.00
	Garland Hedleston Mayes Renov.		\$ 14,000,000.00	\$ 2,400,000.00	\$ 14,000,000.00
	Johnson Commons East			\$ 7,600,000.00	\$ 7,600,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 14,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 30,000,000.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center	PH I - School of Medicine (Shell)	\$ 31,000,000.00			\$ 31,000,000.00
	PH II - School of Medicine (TI)		\$ 30,500,000.00		\$ 30,500,000.00
	Expansion of Blair. E. Batson Children's Hospital		\$ -	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 31,000,000.00	\$ 30,500,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 67,500,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi	School of Nursing	\$ 20,000,000.00			\$ 20,000,000.00
	Capital Renewal - PH I		\$ 5,000,000.00		\$ 5,000,000.00
	Capital Renewal - PH II			\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00
	Gulf Coast Research Lab Repair and Renovation		\$ 1,000,000.00		\$ 1,000,000.00
	Construction of Gulf Coast Campus College of Business Building			\$ 3,500,000.00	\$ 3,500,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 20,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 8,500,000.00	\$ 34,500,000.00
System Total		\$ 96,500,000.00	\$ 93,800,000.00	\$ 77,700,000.00	\$ 268,000,000.00

Note: This summary includeds funding for (3) additional projects that were not in the original DFA 3-year plan for bond funds: UMMC - Expansion of Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital (\$6,000,000) [2015]; USM -Gulf Coast Research Lab Repair and Renovation, (\$1,000,000) [2014]; and USM -Construction of Gulf Coast College of Business Building (\$3,500,000) [2015].