

MISSISSIPPI POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD



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3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

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Teleconference
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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board held a teleconference meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Members of the media and public were invited to attend the meeting in Room 212 of the Education and Research Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39211.

The following members participated via teleconference:

- Ben Burnett, MAICU appointee
- Lee Bush, MCCB appointee
- Mack Grubbs, Lt. Governor's appointee
- Mark Keenum, IHL Institutional appointee
- Ann Lamar, IHL Board appointee
- Louanne Langston, MCCB Institutional appointee
- Sharon Ross, Governor's appointee
- Jim Turcotte, Governor's appointee and Chairman

The following member did not participate:

- Cynthia Melvin, MAICU appointee

Also in attendance were:

- Stephanie Ganucheau, Special Assistant Attorney General Universities Division (teleconference)
- Meg Harris, Assistant Director of Operations, Student Financial Aid
- Jennifer Rogers, Director of Student Financial Aid and Postsecondary Director
- Apryll Washington, Assistant Director Policy and Planning, Student Financial Aid

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Turcotte.

MINUTES

The minutes of the board meeting held on September 17, 2018 as originally drafted were unanimously amended on motion by Mr. Grubbs and seconded by Ms. Lamar to strike the third bullet under Information Agenda Item #6. On motion by Dr. Keenum and seconded by Ms. Langston, the amended minutes were approved by all Board Members legally present and participating.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Rogers presented the 2018 Annual Report of the State-Supported Student Financial Aid Programs for review and approval for submission to the Mississippi Legislature. On motion by Dr. Burnett, seconded by Dr. Keenum, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Annual Report for submission to the Legislature.

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Review and approve the 2018 Annual Report of the State-Supported Student Financial Aid Programs for submission to the Mississippi Legislature

Appropriation/Budget/Expenses/Funding Disparity (pp. 10-11):

- \$37.66 million appropriated in General Funds (down \$1.09 million or 2.81%)
- \$2.89 million appropriated in Spending Authority
- \$40.55 million original appropriation and operating budget
- \$37.94 million expended on awards
- \$1.16 million expended on admin (represents 2.9% of budget); breakdown includes about \$672K salaries/benefits; \$200K to IHL; \$5.5K travel; remainder to ECSI and misc.
- \$39.1 million total expended
- \$1.45 million unspent, \$60K from prior year and \$1.39 from *current year* collections
- Funding disparity of \$5.16 million

Awards (p. 7):

- 24,694 state-supported awards (down 14.02%), totaling \$37,938,733 (down 2.6%) p.7
- Decrease in no. of awards due to stacking change; decrease in dollars due to not awarding many loans
- Average award amount \$1536, up \$180 from prior year due to growth of HELP

Recipients (p. 8-9):

- 24,187 individual recipients (down 1.54%)
- Every county represented
- 90% Dependent; 10% Independent
- 41% Male; 59% Female
- 97% aged 17-24
- 19% self-identify as African-American; 72% as Caucasian
- 34% earn below \$48K; 51% earn below \$75K; 49% earn over \$75K

Breakdown of Awards by Institution and Type (Exec. Summary; pp. 6-7; and pp. 12-13):

- 74% to 4-yr publics; 15% to 2-yr publics; 10% to privates; 1% out of state and loan servicers
- 96% Grants; 4% Loans
- 97% Undergraduate; 3% Graduate

Loan Repayment (pp. 18-24)

- 3,660 accounts under management (12% accounts in school/grace; 9% service; 13% money; 48% in default)
- \$1.39 million collected
- Overall default rate is 10%, up a little from last year, but down from 16% in 2011.

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INFORMATION AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Rogers presented the dates for the 2019 Postsecondary Board meetings. The dates were selected through a Doodle Poll. The April meeting date was not determined. Ms. Rogers and Dr. Turcotte will agree upon a date and notify the Board.

Dates for 2019 Postsecondary Board Meetings:

- Thursday, April 11, 2019 (4) or Monday, April 15, 2019 (3)
- Wednesday, June 12, 2019
- Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- Monday, December 16, 2019

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS IF NECESSARY

The Board did not consider any additional agenda items.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

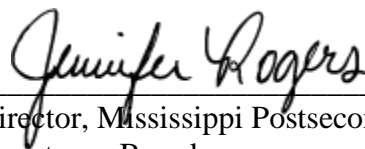
The Board did not consider any other business or make any announcements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF DETERMINED NECESSARY

The Board did not determine a need to enter Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Turcotte declared the meeting adjourned.



Director, Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
Assistance Board

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1. Presentation of Update to the FY 2019 Appropriation and Allocation

Summary:

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid presents an updated appropriation and appropriation allocation for Fiscal Year 2019 due to receipt of deficit spending authority during the 2019 Legislative Session. The 2019 Mississippi Legislature passed HB 1667, Appropriation; additional for various state agencies for Fiscal Year 2019. The original FY 2019 appropriation, shown below, was \$42.3 million. The deficit appropriation provides an additional \$1,500,000 in Spending Authority for Student Financial Aid. The funds will be allocated to support the Higher Education Legislative Plan (HELP) Grant. The language in the appropriation bill allows for the use of the additional funds through June 30, 2020, so any unspent funds will be carried forward.

FY 2019 Appropriation			
Source	Original Appropriation	Deficit HB 1667	Final Appropriation
General Funds	\$ 39,661,874		\$ 39,661,874
Spending Authority	\$ 2,609,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 4,109,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 42,270,874	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 43,770,874

Recommendation: No action is required.

2. Presentation of FY 2020 Appropriation and Approval of Appropriation Allocation

Summary:

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid presents the Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriation and requests approval of the appropriation allocation for the 2019-20 aid year.

The 2019 Mississippi Legislature passed SB 3007, Appropriation; IHL – Student Financial Aid. The FY 2020 appropriation is \$43.06 million, which is \$8.05 million or 15.8% below the amount requested in the Mississippi Budget Request (MBR) developed by the Office and approved by the Postsecondary Board in June 2018.

FY 2020 Appropriation			
Source	Amount Requested (MBR)	Appropriation SB 3007	Difference
General Funds	\$ 49,775,161	\$ 41,721,546	(\$ 8,053,615)
Spending Authority	\$ 1,336,000	\$ 1,336,000	\$ 0
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 51,111,161	\$ 43,057,546	(\$ 8,053,615)

-15.8%

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Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-14 (2) requires the Board to award grants first and limit loans to renewal applicants only on a first-come, first-served basis with preference for renewals. If grants are fully funded, the budget still faces a deficit. Therefore, no loans may be awarded, except in the programs that receive specific appropriation through the appropriation bill. In some specific appropriation cases, the appropriation bill *requires* funding, and in other cases, the appropriation bill *allows* funding. In the two most recent years, the Board has elected to fund renewal applicants only in the programs for which funding is allowed but not required. The appropriation bill provides specific appropriation for certain programs as follows:

- Required funding - SREB Regional Contract Program (SREB):
Section 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that...the Board...shall expend...an amount not exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified applicants, for nine (9) new entering optometry students and the number of returning optometry students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year.
- Allowed funding - Speech-Language Pathologist Forgivable Loan (SLPL):
Section 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is provided for the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness Program....
- Allowed funding - Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES):
Section 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is provided for the Teacher Education Scholars Program....
- Allowed funding – William Winter Teacher/Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loans (WWAR/WWTS) and Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment (MTLR):
Section 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) is provided for the William F. Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan Program. Note: All programs are authorized by the same code section due to HB 150 (2019 Legislative Session).

Exhibit 1 on page 8 shows the FY 2020 Proposed Allocation. The MBR Awards and Amounts are the original budget created for the MBR in June 2018. The Projected Awards and Amounts are the projections revised during the 2019 Legislative session to better reflect the projected need. The AOB Amount is the proposed allocation based on the appropriation, and the final column represents the deficit appropriation needed.

Exhibit 2 on page 9 shows the Allocation Comparisons. The table shows a comparison of the proposed award budget for 2018-19, the actual awards made during 2018-19, and the proposed award budget for 2019-20.

Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

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Exhibit 1						
FY 2020 Allocation						
Allocation	MBR Awards	MBR Amount	Projected Awards	Projected Amount	AOB Amount	Def. Approp. Needed
Salaries, Wages and Fringes		\$ 748,206		\$ 748,206	\$ 746,287	\$ -
Travel		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -
Contractual Service		\$ 550,000		\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ -
Commodities		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Equipment		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Total Administration		\$ 1,326,206		\$ 1,326,206	\$ 1,324,287	\$ -
MTAG	18,666	\$ 10,826,280	18,937	\$ 10,888,692	\$ 9,554,827	\$ 1,333,865
MESG	3,075	\$ 7,380,000	3,119	\$ 7,330,026	\$ 6,432,098	\$ 897,928
HELP	4,135	\$ 26,484,675	4,323	\$ 27,670,658	\$ 24,316,533	\$ 3,354,125
Total MTAG/MESG and HELP	25,876	\$44,690,955	26,379	\$45,889,376	\$40,303,458	\$ 5,585,918
Teacher Programs:						
WWTS	190	\$ 760,000	74	\$ 294,000	\$ 294,000	\$ -
WWAR	2	\$ 8,000	1	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -
MTLR	200	\$ 600,000	84	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000	\$ -
TES	50	\$ 750,000	2	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ -
GTS (Graduate)	60	\$ 120,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CSA (Graduate)	18	\$ 43,200	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CNDT (Graduate)	40	\$ 200,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nursing Programs:						
NELB	190	\$ 760,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NELR	52	\$ 208,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NELM (Graduate)	80	\$ 320,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NELP (Graduate)	18	\$ 90,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NERM (Graduate)	12	\$ 48,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NTSP (Graduate)	18	\$ 198,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Health-Related Programs:						
SLPL (Graduate)	8	\$ 70,000	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SREB (Graduate)	34	\$ 652,800	34	\$ 652,800	\$ 652,800	\$ -
Total Loan/Repayment Programs	972	\$ 4,828,000	195	\$ 1,232,800	\$ 1,232,800	\$ -
LAW	20	\$ 230,000	14	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ -
Nissan	4	\$ 36,000	4	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000	\$ -
Total Other	24	\$ 266,000	18	\$ 197,000	\$ 197,000	\$ -
Total Loans, Schols & Grants	26,872	\$49,784,955	26,592	\$47,319,176	\$41,733,258	\$ 5,585,918
TOTAL SFA ALLOCATION	26,872	\$51,111,161	26,592	\$48,645,382	\$43,057,545	\$ 5,585,918
Total General Funds		\$49,775,161		\$47,309,382	\$41,721,546	\$ 4,285,918
Total Special Funds		\$ 1,336,000		\$ 1,336,000	\$ 1,336,000	\$ 1,300,000
TOTAL SFA APPROPRIATION		\$51,111,161		\$48,645,382	\$43,057,546	\$ 5,585,918

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Exhibit 2								
FY Allocation Comparisons								
Allocation	Projected Awards 2018-19	Projected Budget 2018-19	Actual Awards 2018-19	Actual Budget 2018-19	Projected Awards 2019-20	Projected Budget 2019-20	Projected CY to Actual PY Awards	Projected CY to Actual PY Budget
Salaries, Wages & Fringes		\$ 699,972		\$ 699,972		\$ 748,206		\$ 48,234
Travel		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000		\$ -
Contractual Service		\$ 700,000		\$ 700,000		\$ 550,000		\$ (150,000)
Commodities		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ -
Equipment		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ -
Total Administration		\$ 1,427,972		\$ 1,427,972		\$ 1,326,206		\$ (101,766)
MTAG	18,300	\$ 10,607,452	18,657	\$ 10,460,366	18,937	\$ 10,888,692	280	\$ 428,326
MESG	3,000	\$ 7,032,000	3,058	\$ 6,860,361	3,119	\$ 7,330,026	61	\$ 469,665
HELP	<u>3,635</u>	<u>\$ 22,173,500</u>	<u>3,923</u>	<u>\$ 23,915,521</u>	<u>4,323</u>	<u>\$ 27,670,658</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>\$ 3,755,138</u>
Total MTAG, MESG & HELP	24,935	\$39,812,952	25,638	\$41,236,248	26,379	\$45,889,376	741	\$ 4,653,129
Teacher Programs:								
WWTS	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	74	\$ 294,000	74	\$ 294,000
WWAR	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 4,000	1	\$ 4,000
MTLR	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	84	\$ 252,000	84	\$ 252,000
TES	8	\$ 120,000	6	\$ 88,316	2	\$ 30,000	-4	\$ (58,316)
GTS (Graduate)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
CSA (Graduate)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
CNDT (Graduate)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Nursing Programs:							0	\$ -
NELB	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
NELR	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
NELM (Graduate)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
NELP (Graduate)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
NERM (Graduate)	1	\$ 1,500	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
NTSP (Graduate)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Health-Related Programs:							0	\$ -
SLPL (Graduate)	1	\$ 8,750	1	\$ 12,825	0	\$ -	-1	\$ (12,825)
SREB (Graduate)	<u>36</u>	<u>\$ 691,200</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>\$ 672,000</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>\$ 652,800</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>\$ (19,200)</u>
Total Loan/Repayment	46	\$ 821,450	42	\$ 773,141	195	\$ 1,232,800	153	\$ 459,659
LAW	15	\$ 169,500	11	\$ 114,536	14	\$ 161,000	3	\$ 46,464
GEAR UP	3	\$ 12,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Nissan	<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 27,000</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>\$ 27,424</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>\$ 36,000</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 8,576</u>
Total Other	21	\$ 208,500	14	\$ 141,960	18	\$ 197,000	4	\$ 55,040
Total Loans, Schols & Grants	25,002	\$40,842,902	25,694	\$42,151,349	26,592	\$47,319,176	898	\$ 5,167,828
TOTAL SFA ALLOCATION	25,002	\$42,270,874	25,694	\$43,579,321	26,592	\$48,645,382	898	\$ 5,066,062

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3. **Approval of Updates to APA Part 653: Nursing Education Forgivable Loan (NELB/NELR/NELM/NERM/NELP) to Change Service Options**

Summary:

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid requests approval of changes to APA Part 653: Nursing Education Forgivable Loan (NELB/NELR/NELM/NERM/NELP) Rules and Regulations to update the service options. Currently, a recipient of the Nursing Education Forgivable Loan – MSN or PhD/DNP (NELM or NELP) may also receive the Nursing Teacher Stipend (NTSP) at the same time. Students who take advantage of both programs must teach in a Mississippi School of Nursing. Recipients of NTSP are currently allowed to teach part-time to fulfill the service obligation, but part-time teaching is not accepted for recipients of NELM or NELP. The requested change would align the service requirements for the three programs. The Board previously approved changes to APA Part 653 in April 2017.

V. REPAYMENT

B. Cancellation through Nursing Service

1. An NELB, NELR, NELM, NERM, and NELP forgivable loan recipient must meet all of the following criteria to qualify for debt cancellation through nursing service:
 - a) Have the appropriate nursing license, as determined by the Mississippi Board of Nursing.
 - b) Work in professional nursing in Mississippi by either teaching nursing ~~full-time~~ at an accredited School of Nursing, or by performing other work in professional nursing in the interest of public health on a full-time or part-time basis. “Full-time” is understood by the parties to mean that the nurse or instructor shall maintain the normal full-time work schedule where the nurse or instructor is employed. “Part-time/adjunct” is understood by the parties to mean that the professional nurse shall maintain a work schedule of no fewer than 20 hours per week, and the nurse instructor shall be classified as less than a 1.0 FTE at an individual institution. Less than 1.0 FTEs can be added together if an individual is teaching at more than one accredited Schools of Nursing in Mississippi.
 - c) ~~Work in professional nursing in Mississippi.~~ *NOTE: It is fully understood that it is the responsibility of the forgivable loan recipient to seek and secure employment. The Board assumes no obligation to perform that function.*

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2. For NELB, NELR, NELM, NERM, and NELP recipients working full-time, the forgivable loan debt shall be cancelled on the basis of one year's service for one year of forgivable loan received. For NELB, NELR, NELM, NERM, and NELP recipients working part-time, the forgivable loan debt shall be cancelled on the basis of two years' service for one year of forgivable loan received. For all NELB, NELR, NELM, NERM, and NELP recipients, such service shall never be less than twelve (12) consecutive months for full-time public health work, twenty-four (24) consecutive months for part-time public health work, one (1) year of 1.0 FTE for full-time teaching, two (2) years of .50 FTE for part-time/adjunct teaching, or four (4) years of 0.25 FTE for part-time/adjunct teaching ~~or one (1) academic year for teaching~~, regardless of the length of study provided under this forgivable loan.

Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

4. Approval of Updates to APA Part 667: Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Forgivable Loan (CNDT) to Change Service Options

Summary:

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid requests approval of changes to APA Part 667: Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Forgivable Loan (CNDT) Rules and Regulations to update the service options. CNDT was created in 2012 to encourage teachers to pursue a master's degree in dyslexia therapy to earn a 203 educator's license designation. The program previously required recipients to serve as full-time dyslexia therapists in a Mississippi public or charter school to fulfill the service obligation, but many schools and districts do not have the funds to support such positions full-time. Therefore, many CNDT loan recipients have been unable to find appropriate employment. The 2019 Mississippi Legislature passed HB 150, Mississippi Dyslexia Forgivable Loan Program; clarify type of service committee to qualify for. The legislation allows CNDT recipients who complete the program and earn the 203 license designation to work full-time in a public or charter school as a teacher or therapist. The requested changes reflect the altered legislation. The Board previously approved changes to APA Part 667 in September 2016.

V. REPAYMENT

B. Cancellation through Service

1. A CNDT forgivable loan recipient must meet all of the following criteria to qualify for debt cancellation through service:

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- a) Obtain a “AA” Mississippi Educator License with a 203 Dyslexia Therapy designation.
 - b) Serve full-time, as defined by the State Board of Education, as a teacher, Dyslexia Therapist, or other position that combines instruction with the clinical provision of therapy for dyslexia. Invalid positions include, but are not limited to, the following: assistant teacher, full-time substitute, high school counselor, curriculum specialist or administrator.
 - c) Provide instruction and/or dyslexia therapy for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) in a Mississippi public school/district or public charter school. *NOTE: It is fully understood that it is the responsibility of the forgivable loan recipient to seek and secure appropriate employment-as a Dyslexia Therapist in an appropriate school/district. Neither the Board nor the State Board of Education assumes the obligation to perform that function. Prospective teachers may contact the Mississippi Teacher Center for placement assistance at www.mde.k12.ms.us/mtc.*
2. A CNDT forgivable loan debt shall be cancelled on the basis of one year’s service for one annual forgivable loan award received. For all CNDT recipients, such service shall never be less than one (1) year regardless of the length of study provided under this forgivable loan.

Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

5. Approval of Updates to Rules and Regulations to Change Legislative Code References

Summary:

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid requests approval of changes to APA Part 601: Authority and Responsibilities and APA Part 681: Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment (MTLR) Rules and Regulations to update the legislative code references. In 2014, the Legislature discontinued the Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan Program, authorized in Section 37-106-55. The Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment program (MTLR) was originally authorized as part of the Critical Needs program. The Legislature recognized the value of MTLR and did not wish to discontinue it, so the MTLR authorizing language was inserted into the code section for the Teacher Education Scholars Alternate Route Certification Forgivable Loan program (TESA) in Section 37-106-79, but TESA requires specific appropriation and has never been funded. Therefore,

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MTLR could no longer be funded. The 2019 Mississippi Legislature passed HB 150, Mississippi Dyslexia Forgivable Loan Program; clarify type of service committee to qualify for. The bill was amended to move the MTLR code section into the authorizing chapter for the William Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan program to ensure that MTLR is funded when all other forgivable loans are funded. The requested changes reflect the altered legislation. The Board previously approved changes to APA Part 601 in April 2018 and to APA Part 681 in March 2015.

A. APA Part 601: Authority and Responsibilities Rules and Regulations

APA Part 601: Authority and Responsibilities Rules and Regulations
Chapter 3: Authority of the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board

Rule 3.1 Authority of the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board. The Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board is granted authority by the State of Mississippi for administration of various state student financial assistance programs. Authority is granted by the legal statutes authorizing such programs as follows:

Program Name	Authorizing Code Section
Undergraduate Grant and Scholarship Programs (Parts 610-619)	
Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-29
Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-31
Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-75
Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship Program (LAW)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-39
Southwest Asia Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Scholarship Program (POW) – <i>Inactive</i>	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-41
Nissan Scholarship (NISS)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-11
Graduate Grant and Scholarship Programs (Parts 620-629)	
Mississippi Public Management Graduate Intern Program (PMGT)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-43
Undergraduate Forgivable Loan Programs (Parts 630-649)	
Critical Needs Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan (CNAR)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-55
Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan (CNTF)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-55
Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-37
William Winter Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWAR)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-57
William Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWTS)	<i>Miss. Code Ann.</i> § 37-106-57

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Mississippi Teaching Fellows Forgivable Loan	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-77</i>
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Undergraduate and Graduate Forgivable Loan Programs (Parts 650-659)	
Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan (HCP)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-67</i>
Nursing Education Forgivable Loan, BSN (NELB); RN to BSN (NELR); MSN (NELM); RN to MSN (NERM); and Ph.D./DNP (NELP)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-59</i>
Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan (SWOR)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-69</i>
Graduate Forgivable Loan Programs (Parts 660-679)	
Counselor and School Administrator Forgivable Loan (CSA)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-47</i>
Graduate Teacher Forgivable Loan (GTS)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-47</i>
Southern Region Education Board Doctoral Scholars Forgivable Loan (SDSP)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-47</i>
Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Teacher Forgivable Loan (CNDT)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-71</i>
Nursing Teacher Stipend (NTSP)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-59</i>
State Dental Education Forgivable Loan (DENT)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-63</i>
State Medical Education Forgivable Loan (MED)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-61</i>
Southern Regional Education Board Regional Contract Forgivable Loan (SREB)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-47</i>
Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan (STSC)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-65</i>
Veterinary Medicine Minority Forgivable Loan (VMMP)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-47</i>
Speech-Language Pathologists Forgivable Loan (SLPL)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-73</i>
Loan Repayment and Other Programs (Parts 680-689)	
Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-557</i>
Teacher Education Alternate Route Certification Scholars Forgivable Loan (TESA)	<i>Miss. Code Ann. § 37-106-79</i>

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B. APA Part 681: Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR) Rules and Regulations

APA Part 681: Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR) Rules and Regulations

Chapter 1: Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR) Rules and Regulations

Rule 1.1. Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR) Rules and Regulations

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 37-106-~~5755~~.

Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item.

6. Approval of First Read of Updates to Rules for Active Programs to Change Application Deadlines:

Summary:

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid requests approval to change the application deadline to May 1 and the supporting document deadline to June 1 for most active programs, beginning with the 2020-2021 application cycle, which opens October 1, 2019. The change would simplify the aid application process by having one set of deadlines instead of multiple sets of deadlines for different programs. The change would also prioritize the Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students Grant (HELP) by providing more time for low- and lower-middle-income students to apply for need-based aid. The change would also provide more time for students to apply for loans and would encourage other grant applicants to apply earlier. While this change would likely increase the cost of the HELP grant by providing students one additional month to apply, it would also decrease the cost of the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) by shortening the application period from one year to about eight months.

The following rules will be changed to move the application deadline from September 15 to May 1 and the supporting document deadline from October 15 to June 1:

A. APA Part 611: Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) Rules and Regulations

B. APA Part 613: Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) Rules and Regulations

The following rules will be changed to move the application deadline from March 31 to May 1 and the supporting document deadline from April 30 to June 1:

C. APA Part 615: Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students Grant (HELP) Rules and Regulations

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- D. APA Part 635: Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES) Rules and Regulations**
- E. APA Part 637: William Winter Alternate Route Forgivable Loan (WWAR) Rules and Regulations**
- F. APA Part 639: William Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWTS) Rules and Regulations**
- G. APA Part 653: Nursing Education Forgivable Loan (NELB/NELR/NELM/NERM/NELP) Rules and Regulations**
- H. APA Part 661: Counselor and School Administrator Forgivable Loan (CSA) Rules and Regulations**
- I. APA Part 663: Graduate Teacher Forgivable Loan (GTS) Rules and Regulations**
- J. APA Part 667: Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Forgivable Loan (CNDT) Rules and Regulations**
- K. APA Part 669: Nursing Teacher Stipend Forgivable Loan (NTSP) Rules and Regulations**
- L. APA Part 674: SREB Regional Contract Forgivable Loan (SREB) Rules and Regulations**
- M. APA Part 677: Veterinary Medicine for Minorities Forgivable Loan (VMMP) Rules and Regulations**
- N. APA Part 679: Speech-Language Pathologist Forgivable Loan (SLPL) Rules and Regulations**
- O. APA Part 681: Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment (MTLR) Rules and Regulations**

Recommendation: Board staff recommends approval of this item for final reading and approval.

7. Presentation of Progress on Application Rewrite

Summary:

About 15 months ago, the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid entered into a two-phase agreement with Mississippi State University's National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center (NSPARC) to 1) move the administration and maintenance of the existing state aid application from the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) to NSPARC; and 2) rewrite the state aid application and create a user-friendly student account dashboard. Phase 1 was completed on schedule in time for the 'old' application to open as scheduled on October 1, 2018. Phase 2 is scheduled for completion this summer.

New and improved features of the Mississippi Aid Application (MAAPP) include:

- Application name and logo
- Overall look and feel
- Login process
- Multiple user roles

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- Dashboard style
- Available information
- Message repository
- Streamlined application

Recommendation: No action is required.