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**MTAG+:**

# **A PROPOSAL TO REDESIGN MISSISSIPPI'S STATE FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**



**IMPROVE COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY TO STRENGTHEN MISSISSIPPI'S  
WORKFORCE TALENT PIPELINE**

# 2022 Redesign Proposal: MTAG Works!

## Continue MESG for High Achievers

- > Maintain eligibility requirements
- > Maintain award amounts:
  - All years - \$2,500

## Reform HELP as "2+2"

- > Maintain eligibility requirements
- > Change award amounts:
  - F/S - Avg. CJC tuition
  - J/S - Avg. IHL tuition

## Redesign MTAG as MTAG Works!

- > Remove eligibility requirements
- > Remove Pell exclusion/add cap
- > Allow part-time
- > High-value bonus
- > Double awards:
  - F/S-\$1,000; J/S-\$2,000

# 2022 Redesign Proposal: Cost & Impact

Program	Current		2022 Redesign		Impact & Cost	
	Recipients	Cost	Recipients	Cost	Additional Recipients	Additional Cost
MESG	3,500	\$8M	3,500	\$8M	0	\$0
HELP	4,500	\$30M	4,500	\$24M	0	-\$6M
MTAG	17,800	\$10M	34,000	\$38M	17,000	\$28M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>\$48M</b>	<b>41,800</b>	<b>\$70M</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>\$22M</b>

# 2022 Redesign Proposal: Obstacles & Objections

## Communication

- Late start
- Legislative leadership
- Media

## HELP: “2+2”

- Decreased F/S awards for estimated 1,100 students

## MTAG: Income Cap

- Discontinuing “promised” aid to voters
- Income cap too low

## MTAG: High-value Pathways

- No definition
- How/when designated

# 2023 Redesign Proposal #1

- No changes to HELP or MESG
- Focused on expanding MTAG:
  - Part-time students (min. 6 hours/semester)
  - Eliminate HS GPA and ACT requirement
  - Remove Pell Exclusion
  - Maintain NO income cap
  - Create 3 levels of MTAG based on income
    - \$500/\$750/\$1000 (F/S)
    - \$1,000/\$1,500/\$2,000 (J/S)

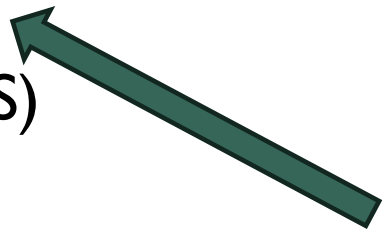
MTAG+ 2023 Proposal		
	Freshman/ Sophomore	Junior/ Senior
0 - 50% Median Income	\$1,000	\$2,000
51-100% Median Income	\$750	\$1,500
101%+ Median Income	\$500	\$1,000

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HELP	4,500	\$30M	4,500	\$30M	0	\$0
MTAG+	17,800	\$10M	55,600	\$41.5M	37,800	\$31.5M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>\$48M</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>\$79.5M</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>\$31.5M</b>

# 2023 Redesign Proposal #2

- No changes to HELP or MESG
- Focused on expanding MTAG:
  - Part-time students (min. 6 hours/semester)
  - Eliminate HS GPA and ACT requirement
  - Remove Pell Exclusion
  - Maintain NO income cap
  - Create 3 levels of MTAG based on income
    - \$500/\$1000/\$1500 (F/S)
    - \$1,000/\$2,000/\$3,000 (J/S)



MTAG+ 2023 Proposal		
	Freshman/ Sophomore	Junior/ Senior
0 - 50% Median Income	\$1,500	\$3,000
51-100% Median Income	\$1,000	\$2,000
101%+ Median Income	\$500	\$1,000

Increase for both the 0-50% MI & 51-100% MI

# 2023 Redesign Proposal #2: Cost & Impact

Program	Current		2023 Redesign		Impact & Cost	
	Recipients	Cost	Recipients	Cost	Additional Recipients	Additional Cost
MESG	3,500	\$8M	3,500	\$8M	0	\$0
HELP	4,500	\$30M	4,500	\$30M	0	\$0
MTAG+	17,800	\$10M	55,600	\$54M	37,800	\$44M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,800</b>	<b>\$48M</b>	<b>63,600</b>	<b>\$92M</b>	<b>37,800</b>	<b>\$44M</b>