

MISSISSIPPI POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BOARD



IHL Executive Offices, Room 432
3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

June 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board held a teleconference meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 10:00 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:

- Lee Bush, MCCB appointee
- Jim Gibson, MCCB Institutional appointee
- Mack Grubbs, Lt. Governor's appointee
- Al Rankins, IHL Institutional appointee
- Sharon Ross, Governor's appointee
- C.D. Smith, IHL Board appointee and Chairman
- Jim Turcotte, Governor's appointee

The following Board members were not in attendance:

- Ben Burnett, MAICU appointee
- Cynthia Melvin, MAICU appointee

Also in attendance were:

- Jeff Amy, Associated Press
- Erika Berry, Office of the Lt. Governor
- Kim Gallaspy, IHL Director of Legislative Services
- Stephanie Ganuchau, Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Universities and Colleges Division
- Meg Harris, Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid
- Senator Josh Harkins, Chairman, Senate Universities and Colleges Committee and Advisory Board Member
- Jennifer Rogers, Director of Student Financial Aid and Postsecondary Director

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Mr. C.D. Smith, Chairman.

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On motion by Sen. Harkins, seconded by Mr. Grubbs, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on March 20, 2017.

INTRODUCTIONS

No guests were introduced.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

On motion by Mr. Grubbs, seconded by Mr. Gibson, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve Regular Agenda Item #1.

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1. Approval of FY 2018 Award Budget

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid requests approval of a scaled award budget for the 2017-18 academic year, due to insufficient funds to award all students on all programs. The 2017 Mississippi Legislature passed SB 2956, Appropriation; IHL – Student Financial Aid. The FY 2018 appropriation is \$10.9 million or 21.2% below the amount requested in the Mississippi Budget Request (MBR), which was developed by the Office and approved by the Postsecondary Board in June 2016.

FY 2018 Appropriation			
Source	Amount Requested (MBR)	SB 2956	Difference
General Funds	\$ 49,541,174	\$ 37,661,346	-\$ 11,879,828
Spending Authority - Collections	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$1,000,000
Spending Authority from Special Source	\$ 389,000	\$ 389,000	\$ 0
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$ 51,430,174	\$ 40,550,346	-\$ 10,879,828

A. Exhibit 1 (Page 14) - FY 2018 Proposed Award Budget

- The blue column shows the original budget created for the MBR.
- The red column shows projections revised during the Legislative session. As actual applicant counts became available during the spring of 2017, the Office reduced the projected need by \$1,929,998, to \$49,500,176.
- The green column shows the proposed award budget.

-21.2%

B. Exhibit 2 (Page 15) - Measures to Reduce Shortfall

1. Per SB 2956, eliminate “stacking” of undergraduate grant aid.
2. Per SB 2956, check for the required GPA every term.
3. Per SB 2956, award no new awards on the following programs: Public Management Graduate Internship Program (PMGT), State Medical and State Dental Education Forgivable Loan Programs (MED and DENT), Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan Program (STSC), Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan Program (HCP), and Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan Program (SWOR).
4. Per SB 2956, reduce the number of cohort seats in the SREB Regional Contract Forgivable Loan Program for Optometry (SREB) from 11 to 9.
5. Per *Miss. Code Ann.* § 37-106-14 (2), limit loans to renewal applicants only.

C. Exhibit 3 (Page 16)- Award Budget Comparisons

Exhibit 3 shows a comparison of the proposed award budget for 2016-17, the actual awards made during 2016-17, and the proposed award budget for 2017-18.

Recommendation:

The proposed award budget has been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General. Board approval is recommended.

Regular Agenda Items #2 and #3 were considered together. On motion by Mr. Bush, seconded by Mr. Gibson, all Board Members legally present and participating voted unanimously to approve Regular Agenda Items #2 and #3.

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2. **Approval of Updates to Rules and Regulations to Restrict Aid “Stacking” Per Legislative Direction**

In the past, state aid recipients have been allowed to receive aid through multiple state-supported programs at one time, a practice referred to as “stacking”. Students could receive undergraduate grant aid in the following combinations: MTAG and LAW with any other grant; MESG with any other grant, except HELP; and HELP with any other grant except MESG. Per Senate Bill 2956 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Mississippi Legislature, the Office must award aid through the single program with the largest award amount. The Office is requesting authority to update program Rules and Regulations to comply with legislation.

A. APA Part 601 – Authority and Responsibilities, Chapter 9, Rule 9.2, Section IV, B.

Rule 9.2 Program Funding.

- IV. If funding is not sufficient to award all eligible applicants, funds will be disbursed, according to the following priorities set forth by the Mississippi Legislature.
 - A. It is the intent of the Legislature to first fund grant awards to eligible students.
 - B. Grant awards will be offered to individual applicants through the single undergraduate grant program that offers the applicant the largest award.
 - C. If funds are insufficient to fully fund grant awards to eligible students, grant awards shall be prorated among all eligible students.
 - D. After grant awards are made, it is the intent of the Legislature to fund forgivable loan awards to eligible renewal students.
 - E. Lastly, forgivable loans will be awarded to eligible new students on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Board previously approved APA Part 601 in September 2016.

B. APA Part 611 – Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section III, G.

III. LENGTH AND AMOUNT OF AWARD

- G. ~~A student may receive MTAG in addition to the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG), unless the institution determines that receipt of both awards will cause the student’s financial aid package to exceed the institution’s established Cost of Attendance for the student. In such cases, the institution should reduce the MTAG award by an amount equal to the overage or cancel the MTAG award if the overage exceeds the amount of the MTAG award.~~ Undergraduate grant awards will be offered to individual applicants through the single undergraduate grant program that offers the applicant the largest award.

The Board previously approved APA Part 611 in September 2016.

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C. APA Part 613 – Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section III, D.

III. LENGTH AND AMOUNT OF AWARD

- D. A student may receive MESG ~~in addition to the Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)~~, unless receipt of ~~both the~~ awards will cause the student's financial aid package to exceed the institution's established Cost of Attendance for the student. In such cases, the institution should reduce or cancel ~~either or both the~~ awards to ensure the student receives the maximum award without exceeding the Cost of Attendance. Undergraduate grant awards will be offered to individual applicants through the single undergraduate grant program that offers the applicant the largest award.

The Board previously approved APA Part 613 in September 2016.

D. APA Part 615 – Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students Grant (HELP) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section III, E and F.

III. LENGTH AND AMOUNT OF AWARD

- E. The applicant must not be receiving a tuition and required fees waiver or tuition and required fees award from another state financial aid source including, but not limited to, ~~the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant, the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship Program, the Southeast Asia POW/MIA Scholarship Program, the Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan, or the~~ Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan.
- F. All awards are dependent upon the availability of funds. All eligible students shall receive a Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP) award; however, the amount of each award depends upon the availability of funds as authorized by the State Legislature. Undergraduate grant awards will be offered to individual applicants through the single undergraduate grant program that offers the applicant the largest award.

The Board previously approved APA Part 615 in September 2016.

E. APA Part 617 – Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship (LAW) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section III, G.

III. LENGTH AND AMOUNT OF AWARD

- G. Undergraduate grant awards will be offered to individual applicants through the single undergraduate grant program that offers the applicant the largest award.

The Board previously approved APA Part 617 in March 2017.

Recommendation:

The recommended changes have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General. Board approval is recommended, contingent upon completion of the Administrative Procedures Act process

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3. **Approval of Updates to Program Rules and Regulations to Monitor Cumulative Grades Every Term.**

Per Senate Bill 2956 of the Regular Session of the 2017 Mississippi Legislature, the Office must evaluate continuing grade eligibility for all students in all programs every term. The Office is requesting authority to update program Rules and Regulations to comply with legislation.

A. **APA Part 615 – Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students Grant (HELP) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section III, B, 4.**

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

B. Renewal applicants must:

4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as certified by the registrar, based on that institution's calculation, at the end of each semester, trimester, or term of the regular academic year.

The Board previously approved APA Part 615 in September 2016.

B. **APA Part 617 – Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship (LAW) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section II, B, 2.**

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

B. Renewal applicants must:

2. Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, as certified by the registrar, based on that institution's calculation, at the end of each semester, trimester, or term of the regular academic year.

The Board previously approved APA Part 617 in March 2017.

C. **APA Part 635 – Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section I, C. and II, B, 2.**

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- C. The first-time-in-college applicant must have a 3.5 high school grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility and ~~earn~~ maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each semester, trimester, or term of the regular academic year for continued eligibility. The continuing college applicant must have a 3.5 college grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility and ~~earn~~ maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each semester, trimester, or term of the regular academic year for continued eligibility. All award recipients must maintain continuous full-time enrollment and make satisfactory academic progress in the approved program of study in accordance with the attending institution's policy.

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II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FORGIVABLE LOAN APPLICANT

B. Renewal applicants must:

2. Maintain a 3.0 cumulative college GPA on a 4.0 scale each semester, trimester, or term of the regular academic year, maintain continuous full-time enrollment status for each period of enrollment, and remain in a program of study leading to a Class “A” standard teacher educator license, making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the attending institution’s policy. Evidence of continuing academic eligibility will be automatically provided to the Board by the attending institution, unless specifically requested from the applicant.

The Board previously approved APA Part 635 in September 2016.

D. **APA Part 637 – William Winter Teacher Alternate Route Education Forgivable Loan (WWAR) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section I, C. and II, B, 2.**

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- C. The recipient must have a cumulative 3.0 college grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility, ~~earn-maintain~~ a cumulative 3.0 GPA each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester) for continued eligibility, and maintain satisfactory academic progress in the approved program of study in accordance with the attending institution’s policy.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FORGIVABLE LOAN APPLICANT

B. Renewal applicants must:

2. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 college GPA on a 4.0 scale per period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester), maintain full-time enrollment status for each period of enrollment, and remain in a program of study leading to an Alternate Route teacher educator license, making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the attending institution’s policy. Evidence of continuing academic eligibility will be automatically provided to the Board by the attending institution, unless specifically requested from the applicant.

The Board previously approved APA Part 637 in June 2016.

E. **APA Part 639 – William Winter Teacher Education Forgivable Loan (WWTs) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section I, C. and II, B, 2.**

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- C. The recipient must have a cumulative 3.0 college grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility, ~~earn-maintain~~ a cumulative 3.0 GPA each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester) for continued eligibility, and maintain satisfactory academic progress in the

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approved program of study in accordance with the attending institution's policy.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FORGIVABLE LOAN APPLICANT

B. Renewal applicants must:

1. Maintain a cumulative 3.0 college GPA on a 4.0 scale per period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester), maintain full-time enrollment status for each period of enrollment, and remain in a program of study leading to a Class "A" standard teacher educator license, making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the attending institution's policy. Evidence of continuing academic eligibility will be automatically provided to the Board by the attending institution, unless specifically requested from the applicant.

The Board previously approved APA Part 639 in September 2016.

F. **APA Part 653 – Nursing Education Forgivable Loan - BSN (NELB), RN to BSN (NELR), MSN (NELM), RN to MSN (NERM), Ph.D./DNP (NELP) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section I, D. and II, B, 2.**

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- D. The undergraduate recipient must have a cumulative 2.5 college grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility, ~~earn~~ maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester) for continued eligibility and maintain satisfactory academic progress in the approved program of study in accordance with the attending institution's policy. The graduate recipient must have a cumulative 3.0 college grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility, ~~earn~~ maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester) for continued eligibility and maintain satisfactory academic progress in the approved program of study in accordance with the attending institution's policy

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FORGIVABLE LOAN APPLICANT

B. Renewal applicants must:

2. If an undergraduate student, maintain a ~~college-cumulative~~ GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester), be enrolled part-time or full-time in an approved program of study, and be making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the attending institution's policy; if a graduate student, maintain a ~~college~~ cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester), be enrolled part-time or full-time in an approved program of study, and be making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the attending institution's policy. Evidence of academic eligibility will be automatically provided to the Board by the attending institution, unless specifically requested from the applicant.

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The Board previously approved APA Part 653 in March 2015.

G. APA Part 669 – Nursing Teacher Stipend Forgivable Loan (NTSP) Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1, Section I, F. and II, B, 2.

I. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- F. The applicant must have a cumulative 3.0 college grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale to establish eligibility, ~~and~~ maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester) for continued eligibility, and maintain satisfactory academic progress in the approved program of study in accordance with the attending institution's policy.

II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FORGIVABLE LOAN APPLICANT

B. Renewal applicants must:

2. Maintain a cumulative college GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale each period of enrollment (i.e. semester or trimester), be enrolled full-time in an approved program of study, and be making satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the attending institution's policy. Evidence of academic eligibility will be automatically provided to the Board by the attending institution, unless specifically requested from the applicant.

The Board previously approved APA Part 669 in March 2015.

Recommendation:

The recommended changes have been reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General. Board approval is recommended, contingent upon completion of the Administrative Procedures Act process

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Exhibit 1						
FY 2018 Projections	Projected Applicants for MBR	Projected Budget for MBR	Revised for Legislative Session	Revised for Legislative Session	AOB	AOB
GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS						
Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)	24,383	\$ 14,628,600	23,498	\$ 13,981,310	23,498	\$ 12,443,684
Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)	2,504	\$ 6,050,900	2,700	\$ 6,480,000	2,700	\$ 5,751,460
Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP)	3,280	\$ 19,988,300	3,280	\$ 19,516,000	3,280	\$ 18,135,368
Subtotal MTAG, MESG, and HELP	30,167	\$ 40,667,800	29,478	\$ 39,977,310	29,478	\$ 36,330,512
MS Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship (LAW)	21	\$ 226,800	21	\$ 226,800	21	\$ 226,800
Subtotal Other Undergraduate Grant Programs	21	\$ 226,800	21	\$ 226,800	21	\$ 226,800
TOTAL GRANTS	30,188	\$ 40,894,600	29,499	\$ 40,204,110	29,499	\$ 36,557,312
MS Teacher Loan Repayment (MTLR)	200	\$ 600,000	200	\$ 600,000	100	\$ 300,000
Subtotal Loan Repayment Programs	200	\$ 600,000	200	\$ 600,000	100	\$ 300,000
Teacher Education Scholars (TES)	50	\$ 750,000	50	\$ 750,000	22	\$ 330,000
William Winter Teacher Education Program (WWTs)	277	\$ 1,108,000	277	\$ 1,108,000	26	\$ 104,000
William Winter Teacher Ed. Alternate Route Program (WWAR)	3	\$ 12,000	3	\$ 12,000	0	\$ -
MS Teaching Fellows Program	100	\$ 800,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Undergraduate Teacher Loan Programs	430	\$ 2,670,000	330	\$ 1,870,000	48	\$ 434,000
Nursing Education - Bachelor's (NELB)	284	\$ 1,136,000	284	\$ 1,136,000	22	\$ 88,000
Nursing Education - RN to BSN (NELR)	75	\$ 300,000	75	\$ 300,000	11	\$ 44,000
Health Care Professions (HCP-UG)	11	\$ 30,000	11	\$ 30,000	1	\$ 3,000
Family Protection Specialist Social Worker (SWOR)	1	\$ 10,000	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Undergraduate Health Care Loan Programs	371	\$ 1,476,000	370	\$ 1,466,000	34	\$ 135,000
Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy (CNDT)	40	\$ 200,000	40	\$ 200,000	20	\$ 100,000
Counseling and School Administration (CSA)	25	\$ 75,000	25	\$ 75,000	0	\$ -
Graduate Teacher (GTS)	88	\$ 204,000	88	\$ 204,000	2	\$ 3,000
Speech-Language Pathologist (SLPL)	8	\$ 70,000	8	\$ 70,000	8	\$ 70,000
SREB Doctoral Scholars (SDSP)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Graduate Teacher Loan Programs	161	\$ 549,000	161	\$ 549,000	30	\$ 173,000
Nursing Education - Masters (NELM)	119	\$ 476,000	119	\$ 476,000	11	\$ 44,000
Nursing Education - Ph.D. (NELP)	26	\$ 130,000	26	\$ 130,000	7	\$ 35,000
Nursing Education - RN to MSN (NERM)	17	\$ 68,000	17	\$ 68,000	0	\$ -
Nursing Teaching Stipend (NTSP)	25	\$ 275,000	25	\$ 275,000	6	\$ 60,000
Health Care Professions (HCP-GR)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
State Dental Education (DENT)	32	\$ 909,100	32	\$ 909,100	12	\$ 340,896
State Medical Education (MED)	25	\$ 710,800	25	\$ 710,800	12	\$ 341,172
SREB Regional Contract Program (SREB)	44	\$ 822,800	35	\$ 654,500	33	\$ 617,100
Graduate and Professional Degree Program (STSC)	7	\$ 130,900	7	\$ 130,900	3	\$ 56,100
Veterinary Medicine Minority Program (VMMP)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Graduate Health Care Loan Programs	295	\$ 3,522,600	286	\$ 3,354,300	84	\$ 1,494,268
TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENT/FORGIVABLE LOANS	1,457	\$ 8,817,600	1,347	\$ 7,839,300	296	\$ 2,536,268
TOTAL LOANS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS	31,645	\$ 49,712,200	30,846	\$ 48,043,410	29,795	\$ 39,093,580
ADMINISTRATION						
Salaries & Fringe Benefits		\$ 750,974		\$ 646,766		\$ 646,766
Travel		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000
Contractual Services		\$ 550,000		\$ 520,000		\$ 520,000
Commodities		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
Capital Outlay		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 1,328,974		\$ 1,194,766	0	\$ 1,194,766
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	31,645	\$ 51,041,174	30,846	\$ 49,238,176	29,795	\$ 40,288,346
SPENDING AUTHORITY PROGRAMS						
GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship (GUMS)	95	\$ 380,000	61	\$ 244,000	61	\$ 244,000
Nissan (NISS)	1	\$ 9,000	2	\$ 18,000	2	\$ 18,000
TOTAL SPENDING AUTHORITY	96	\$ 389,000	63	\$ 262,000	63	\$ 262,000
TOTAL STATE-SUPPORTED BUDGET	31,741	\$ 51,430,174	30,909	\$ 49,500,176	29,858	\$ 40,550,346

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Exhibit 2			
Measures to Reduce Shortfall	# of Students Impacted	Projected Budget Reduction	Shortfall
Shortfall based on projections at time of MBR (June/July 2016)			\$10,879,828
Revised projections for Legislature (Spring 2017)		\$ 1,929,998	
Shortfall at time of Annual Operating Budget			\$ 8,949,830
1. LEGISLATIVE CHANGE: Eliminate "stacking" of undergraduate grants.	3,410	\$ 1,537,626	
			\$ 7,412,204
2. LEGISLATIVE CHANGE: Check GPAs every term.	430	\$ 2,109,172	
			\$ 5,303,032
3. LEGISLATIVE CHANGE: Award no new awards on the following programs: PMGT, MED, DENT, STSC, HCP, and SWOR.	47	\$ 1,039,632	
			\$ 4,263,400
4. LEGISLATIVE CHANGE: Reduce new SREB seats from 11 to 9.	2	\$ 37,400	
			\$ 4,226,000
5. STATUTORY GUIDANCE: Limit loans to renewal applicants only.	1,002	\$ 4,226,000	
Remaining Shortfall			\$ -
TOTAL Reduction	4,891	\$10,879,828	

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Exhibit 3								
Comparison	Projected Awards 2016-17	Projected Budget 2016-17	Actual Awards 2016-17	Actual Budget 2016-17	Projected Awards 2017-18	Projected Budget 2017-18	Diff +/- Projected 2017-18 / Actual 2016-17 Awards	Diff +/- Projected 2017-18 / Actual 2016-17 Budget
GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS								
Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG)	22,376	\$13,433,151	22,543	\$12,882,642	23,498	\$12,443,684	955	\$ (438,958)
Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG)	2,449	\$ 5,902,331	2,719	\$ 6,371,251	2,700	\$ 5,751,460	-19	\$ (619,791)
Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP)	2,855	\$16,910,452	2,882	\$16,735,568	3,280	\$18,135,368	398	\$ 1,399,800
Subtotal MTAG, MESG, and HELP	27,680	\$36,245,934	28,144	\$35,989,461	29,478	\$36,330,512	1,334	\$ 341,051
MS Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship (LAW)	21	\$ 217,266	18	\$ 199,946	21	\$ 226,800	3	\$ 26,854
Subtotal Other Undergraduate Grant Programs	21	\$ 217,266	18	\$ 199,946	21	\$ 226,800	3	\$ 26,854
Public Management Graduate Intern (PMGT)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Graduate Grant Program	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total Grants	27,701	\$36,463,200	28,162	\$36,189,407	29,499	\$36,557,312	1,337	\$ 367,905
MS Teacher Loan Repayment (MTLR)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	100	\$ 300,000	100	\$ 300,000
Subtotal Loan Repayment Program	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	100	\$ 300,000	100	\$ 300,000
Critical Needs Teacher Education Program (CNTP)	3	\$ 46,875	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Critical Needs Teacher Ed. Alternate Route Program (CNAR)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Teacher Education Scholars (TES)	27	\$ 405,000	28	\$ 406,534	22	\$ 330,000	-6	\$ (76,534)
William Winter Teacher Education Program (WWTS)	96	\$ 384,000	85	\$ 303,333	26	\$ 104,000	-59	\$ (199,333)
William Winter Teacher Ed. Alternate Route Program (WWAR)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
MS Teaching Fellows Program	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Undergraduate Teacher Loan Programs	126	\$ 835,875	113	\$ 709,867	48	\$ 434,000	-65	\$ (275,867)
Nursing Education - Bachelor's (NELB)	116	\$ 464,000	104	\$ 341,003	22	\$ 88,000	-82	\$ (253,003)
Nursing Education - RN to BSN (NELR)	6	\$ 24,000	1	\$ 3,000	11	\$ 44,000	10	\$ 41,000
Health Care Professions (HCP-UG)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	1	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 3,000
Family Protection Specialist Social Worker (SWOR)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Undergraduate Health Care Loan Programs	122	\$ 488,000	105	\$ 344,003	34	\$ 135,000	-71	\$ (209,003)
Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy (CNDT)	14	\$ 70,000	17	\$ 80,664	20	\$ 100,000	3	\$ 19,336
Counseling and School Administration	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Graduate Teacher	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 3,000	2	\$ 3,000
Speech-Language Pathologist (SLPL)	2	\$ 14,000	2	\$ 3,106	8	\$ 70,000	6	\$ 66,894
SREB Doctoral Scholars (SDSP)	1	\$ 25,000	1	\$ 25,000	0	\$ -	-1	\$ (25,000)
Subtotal Graduate Teacher Loan Programs	17	\$ 109,000	20	\$ 108,770	30	\$ 173,000	10	\$ 64,230
Nursing Education - Masters (NELM)	45	\$ 180,000	41	\$ 127,167	11	\$ 44,000	-30	\$ (83,167)
Nursing Education - Ph.D. (NELP)	7	\$ 35,000	9	\$ 32,709	7	\$ 35,000	-2	\$ 2,291
Nursing Education - RN to MSN (NERM)	8	\$ 32,000	8	\$ 26,000	0	\$ -	-8	\$ (26,000)
Nursing Teaching Stipend (NTSP)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	6	\$ 60,000	6	\$ 60,000
Health Care Professions (HCP-GR)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
State Dental Education (DENT)	20	\$ 268,000	21	\$ 281,400	12	\$ 340,896	-9	\$ 59,496
State Medical Education (MED)	22	\$ 296,439	15	\$ 202,110	12	\$ 341,172	-3	\$ 139,062
SREB Regional Contract Program (SREB)	41	\$ 729,800	37	\$ 658,600	33	\$ 617,100	-4	\$ (41,500)
Graduate and Professional Degree Program (STSC)	7	\$ 57,750	5	\$ 39,750	3	\$ 56,100	-2	\$ 16,350
Veterinary Medicine Minority Program (VMMP)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Subtotal Graduate Health Care Loan Programs	150	\$ 1,598,989	136	\$ 1,367,736	84	\$ 1,494,268	-52	\$ 126,532
Total Loan Repayment/Forgivable Loan Programs	415	\$ 3,031,864	374	\$ 2,530,376	296	\$ 2,536,268	-78	\$ 5,892
TOTAL LOANS, SCHOLS, AND GRANTS	28,116	\$39,495,064	28,536	\$38,719,783	29,795	\$39,093,580	1,259	\$ 373,797
ADMINISTRATION					0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Salaries & Fringe Benefits		\$ 715,213		\$ 675,213	0	\$ 646,766	0	\$ (28,447)
Travel		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000	0	\$ 8,000	0	\$ -
Contractual Services		\$ 520,000		\$ 440,000	0	\$ 520,000	0	\$ 80,000
Commodities		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	0	\$ 10,000	0	\$ -
Capital Outlay		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	0	\$ 10,000	0	\$ -
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 1,263,213		\$ 1,143,213	0	\$ 1,194,766	0	\$ 51,553
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS	28,116	\$40,758,278	28,536	\$39,862,996	29,795	\$40,288,346	1,259	\$ 425,350
SPENDING AUTHORITY PROGRAMS					0	\$ -	0	\$ -
GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship (GUMS)	202	\$ 332,500	61	\$ 188,603	61	\$ 244,000	0	\$ 55,397
Nissan (NISS)	2	\$ 8,500	1	\$ 8,280	2	\$ 18,000	1	\$ 9,720
Total Spending Authority Programs	204	\$ 341,000	62	\$ 196,883	63	\$ 262,000	1	\$ 65,117
TOTAL STATE-SUPPORTED BUDGET	28,320	\$41,099,278	28,598	\$40,059,879	29,858	\$40,550,346	1,260	\$ 490,467

MINUTES

INFORMATION AGENDA ITEMS

The Board did not consider any Information Agenda Items.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS IF NECESSARY

The Board did not consider any additional agenda items.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sen. Harkins announced that work would commence over the summer to address the sustainability of Student Financial Aid.

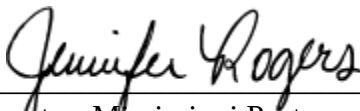
Chairman Smith thanked the Legislature for working with the Board during difficult budget times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF DETERMINED NECESSARY

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

ADJOURNMENT

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



Director, Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial
Assistance Board

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of the FY 2019 Budget Request

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid requests approval of the FY 2019 Budget Request. Board policy Part 601, Chapter 9, Rule 9.1 (IV) states, “Annually, the Board will review the annual legislative budget request for the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and make a budget recommendation to the Agency.”

Exhibit 1 – FY 2019 Budget Request (Page 15)

Exhibit 2 – FY 2019 Budget Narrative (Page 17)

2. Selection of Chairperson for 2017-18

According to APA Part 601, Chapter 2, Rule 2.1, Section III, the board shall elect from its membership a chairman. Mr. C.D. Smith was elected as chairman in June 2016. The Board should elect a new chairperson to serve for fiscal/aid year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Exhibit 1

MBR - FY 2019	FY 2017 Awards	FY 2017 Amount	FY 2018 Awards	FY 2018 Amount	Additional Awards	Additional Needs	FY 2019 Awards	FY 2019 Amount	Additional Awards	Additional Needs	Change
1- Administration											
Salaries, Wages and Fringes		\$ 715,213		\$ 646,766		\$ (68,447)		\$ 679,104		\$ 32,338	
Travel		\$ 8,000		\$ 8,000		\$ -		\$ 8,000		\$ -	
Contractual Service		\$ 520,000		\$ 520,000		\$ -		\$ 550,000		\$ 30,000	
Commodities		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 10,000		\$ -	
Equipment		\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000		\$ -		\$ 10,000		\$ -	
Total Administration		\$ 1,263,213		\$ 1,194,766		\$ (68,447)		\$ 1,257,104		\$ 62,338	5.2%
2- MTAG/MESG and HELP											
MTAG	22,536	\$ 12,921,352	19,126	\$ 11,056,531	-3,410	\$ (1,864,821)	19,509	\$ 11,314,942	383	\$ 258,411	
MESG	2,718	\$ 6,395,750	2,444	\$ 5,750,732	-274	\$ (645,018)	2,505	\$ 6,012,240	61	\$ 261,508	
HELP	2,880	\$ 16,806,240	3,280	\$ 19,523,249	400	\$ 2,717,009	3,580	\$ 22,374,358	300	\$ 2,851,109	
Total MTAG/MESG and HELP	28,134	\$ 36,123,342	24,850	\$ 36,330,512	-3,284	\$ 207,170	25,594	\$ 39,701,539	744	\$ 3,371,027	9.3%
3 - Forgivable Loan and Repayment Programs											
Teacher Programs:											
GTS	0	\$ -	2	\$ 3,000	2	\$ 3,000	60	\$ 120,000	58	\$ 117,000	
CSA	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	18	\$ 43,200	18	\$ 43,200	
WWTS	85	\$ 305,333	26	\$ 104,000	-59	\$ (201,333)	190	\$ 760,000	164	\$ 656,000	
WWAR	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	2	\$ 8,000	2	\$ 8,000	
CNDT	17	\$ 80,664	20	\$ 100,000	3	\$ 19,336	40	\$ 200,000	20	\$ 100,000	
MTLR	0	\$ -	100	\$ 300,000	100	\$ 300,000	200	\$ 600,000	100	\$ 300,000	
SDSP	1	\$ 25,000	0	\$ -	-1	\$ (25,000)	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	
TES and Alternate Rte. TES	28	\$ 406,118	22	\$ 330,000	-6	\$ (76,118)	50	\$ 750,000	28	\$ 420,000	
Nursing Programs:											
NELB	104	\$ 341,003	22	\$ 88,000	-82	\$ (253,003)	190	\$ 760,000	168	\$ 672,000	
NELM	41	\$ 127,167	11	\$ 44,000	-30	\$ (83,167)	80	\$ 320,000	69	\$ 276,000	
NELP	9	\$ 31,876	7	\$ 35,000	-2	\$ 3,124	18	\$ 90,000	11	\$ 55,000	
NELR	1	\$ 1,000	11	\$ 44,000	10	\$ 43,000	52	\$ 208,000	41	\$ 164,000	
NERM	8	\$ 26,000	0	\$ -	-8	\$ (26,000)	12	\$ 48,000	12	\$ 48,000	
NTSP	0	\$ -	6	\$ 60,000	6	\$ 60,000	18	\$ 198,000	12	\$ 138,000	
Health/Science Related Programs:											
SLPL	2	\$ 3,106	8	\$ 70,000	6	\$ 66,894	8	\$ 70,000	0	\$ -	
SREB	37	\$ 658,600	33	\$ 617,100	-4	\$ (41,500)	37	\$ 710,400	4	\$ 93,300	
STSC	4	\$ 23,850	3	\$ 56,100	-1	\$ 32,250	1	\$ 18,700	-2	\$ (37,400)	
MED	15	\$ 202,110	12	\$ 341,172	-3	\$ 139,062	6	\$ 180,000	-6	\$ (161,172)	
DENT	21	\$ 281,400	12	\$ 340,896	-9	\$ 59,496	6	\$ 180,000	-6	\$ (160,896)	
HCP	0	\$ -	1	\$ 3,000	1	\$ 3,000	0	\$ -	-1	\$ (3,000)	
Total Forgivable Loan/Repayment Programs	373	\$ 2,513,227	296	\$ 2,536,268	-77	\$ 23,041	988	\$ 5,264,300	692	\$ 2,728,032	107.6%

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NARRATIVE FY 2019 BUDGET REQUEST

State Student Financial Aid

The Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid (MOSFA) is the administering agency for all state-funded student financial aid programs. The office is guided by a two-fold public service mission to provide financial assistance to students in pursuit of educational and professional goals and to help the state fulfill workforce needs in specific service areas and achieve the goal of a more educated citizenry. The office seeks to build public awareness of the diverse financial resources available through ongoing communication with individuals, colleges and universities, secondary schools, governing boards, legislators, communities, and other constituency groups.

MOSFA works independently and in partnership with other college prep and planning organizations to build public awareness of the financial resources offered by the state. The office provides information through high school counselors, college nights, parent association meetings, college fairs, and publications. Due in part to these ongoing efforts, the anticipated rise in the cost of attendance, and the economic downturn, more families than ever before are expected to seek financial assistance for postsecondary education.

On behalf of the students and the state of Mississippi, MOSFA requests **\$46,499,243**, which represents **an increase of \$5,948,897 or 14.7%** over the original FY 2018 appropriated dollars. The FY 2019 request represents **an increase of \$7,478,897 or 19.9% in General Funds** and a **decrease of \$1,530,000 or -53.0% in Special Funds**.

1-Administration

- I. Program Description: MOSFA is responsible for the comprehensive planning, management and evaluation processes required to administer the state's many, diverse financial assistance programs. The office assesses and allocates resources, implements fiscal accountability measures, and annually evaluates all program components for compliance with statutes and legislative intent as well as for effectiveness in recruiting and retaining students in higher education in Mississippi.
- II. Program Objective: MOSFA seeks to communicate the accomplishments, needs, and value of the state's financial assistance programs to numerous and varied constituency groups; to implement effective management strategies; to be wise stewards of state resources; and to provide prompt, quality service.
- III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 5-12 (FY 18 Estimated and FY19 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:
(D) Additional Needs - **\$62,338**: The additional funds are requested to provide 5% salary increases after several years without salary increases (last increases offered in FY2016) and to convert the state's online application from a 15-year old Java-based application housed and managed at ITS to a Microsoft-based application to be housed and managed at Mississippi State University.

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2-MTAG/MESG and HELP

- I. Program Description: MOSFA is responsible for the comprehensive management, including budgeting, disbursement of funds and evaluation, of three (3) grant programs. In March of 1995, two (2) grant programs, the Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG), were created to assist Mississippi students who do not qualify for full Pell grants. In April of 1997, an additional grant program, the Higher Education Legislative Plan for Needy Students (HELP), was created to provide need-based financial assistance, as determined by parental adjusted gross income.
- II. Program Objective: Provide adequate resources to support the delivery of the three (3) grant programs and to ensure compliance with the appropriate state laws in delivering financial aid.
- III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 5-12 (FY 18 Estimated and FY 19 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:
(D) Additional Needs - **\$3,371,027**: The costs of MTAG and MESG were expected to decrease during FY 2017 as the state transitioned from a definition of full-time enrollment as 12 hours per term to 15 hours per term. Students were expected to lose their state aid eligibility for failure to enroll and complete full-time. This expectation was realized slightly in relation to MTAG, but not MESG. The Office also expected the loss of state aid to act as an incentive to encourage students to take more hours, and expected recipient numbers to rebound in FY18. The 2017 Legislature has since passed two rules that impact these projections. The Office can no longer award MTAG in conjunction with other state grant aid, which will cause MTAG expenditures to drop significantly in FY2019. Also, the Office must now check grades at the completion of every term, rather than annually, which will cause MESG and HELP expenditures are expected to drop modestly. Meanwhile, the cost of HELP has increased dramatically over recent years and continues to increase. The income threshold for HELP eligibility was scheduled to increase to \$42,500 in the 2016-17 academic year, but the threshold was frozen at \$39,500 in both the FY17 and FY18 SFA appropriation bills. This budget anticipates that the freeze will continue in future years. The **MTAG request is \$11,314,942**, which represents an **increase of \$258,411 over FY18 projections**, but represents a decrease of \$1,606,410 from the actual FY17 award amount. The **MESG request is \$6,012,240**, which represents an **increase of \$261,508 over FY18 projections**, but represents a decrease of \$383,510 from the actual FY17 award amount. The **HELP request is \$22,374,358**, which represents an **increase of \$2,851,109 over FY18**.

3-FORGIVABLE LOAN AND REPAYMENT PROGRAMS

- I. Program Description: MOSFA operates the following student financial aid teacher programs: Graduate Teacher Forgivable Loan Program (GTS), Counselor and School Administrator Forgivable Loan Program (CSA); William F. Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan Program (WWTS) and William Winter Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan Program (WWAR); Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan

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Program (CNTP) and Critical Needs Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan Program (CNAR); Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Teacher Forgivable Loan Program (CNDT); Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR); the Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Forgivable Loan Program (SREB), the Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan (TES) Program, Alternate Route Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan, and the Mississippi Teacher Fellows Program. MOSFA operates the following student financial aid nursing programs: Nursing Education Forgivable Loan Programs for baccalaureate, masters, and Ph.D. study (NELB, NELR, NELM, NERM, and NELP), and Nursing Teacher Stipends (NTSP). MOSFA operates the following student financial aid health/science related programs: Speech-Language Pathologist Forgivable Loan Program (SLPL); Southern Regional Education Board Forgivable Loan Program for optometry (SREB); Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan Program for study in chiropractic medicine, orthotics, prosthetics, or podiatrics (STSC); Medical and Dental Education Forgivable Loan Programs (MED and DENT); Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan Program (HCP); Veterinary Medicine for Minorities Forgivable Loan Program (VMMP); and Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan Program (SWOR).

- II. Program Objective: Student Financial aid programs have been developed:
 - a. To meet demonstrated critical shortages in the fields of medicine, nursing, nursing education, physical and natural sciences, and teacher education;
 - b. To attract, educate, and retain qualified teachers and medical personnel to serve the people of Mississippi;
 - c. To insure that the best interest of Mississippi is served by providing students with financial assistance for programs of study not offered in regularly supported Mississippi institutions; and
 - d. To manifest the belief that the continued growth and development of Mississippi requires improved levels of postsecondary educational attainment; and
 - e. To meet the needs of specific student groups.
- III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 5-12 (FY 18 Estimated and FY 19 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A:
(D) Additional Needs - **\$2,728,032**: An overall increase in expenditures for the Forgivable Loan and Repayment Programs is expected. Increases and decreases are requested as follows for the following forgivable loan and repayment programs based on increases and decreases in demand and eligibility.

TEACHER PROGRAMS:

The Graduate Teacher Forgivable Loan (GTS) and Counselor and School Administrator Forgivable Loan (CSA) Programs support classroom teachers and administrators who seek graduate level education to improve their skills and abilities, desperately needed in Mississippi's public schools. Due to budget constraints, funding wasn't available for GTS or CSA during FY17. Only renewal applicants

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were awarded in FY18. The **GTS request is \$120,000**, which represents an **increase of \$117,000 over FY18**. The **CSA request is \$43,200**, which represents an **increase of \$43,200 over FY18**. The requested amount should fully fund both programs, based on 70% anticipated demand. Demand will be down following two years without funding.

The William Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWTS) and William Winter Alternate Route Teacher Forgivable Loan (WWAR) Programs seek to relieve the state's teacher shortage. Due to budget constraints, only renewal applicants were awarded during FY17 and FY18. The **WWTS request is \$760,000**, which represents an **increase of \$656,000 over FY18**. The **WWAR request is \$8,000**, which represents an **increase of \$8,000 over FY18**. The requested amount should fully fund both programs, based on 70% anticipated demand. Demand will be down following two years without full funding.

The Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan (CNTF) and Critical Needs Alternate Route Forgivable Loan (CNAR) Programs have been phased out. The last new awards were made in 2014-15, and the final renewal awards were made in 2016-17. **No funds are requested for CNTF or CNAR.**

The Critical Needs Dyslexia Therapy Teacher Forgivable Loan (CNDT) funds are available to Mississippi teachers who are seeking a Class AA Educator's License with a 203 Endorsement for Dyslexia Therapy. Due to budget constraints, only renewal applicants were awarded during FY17. Only one cohort was awarded in FY18. The **CNDT request is \$200,000**, which represents full funding of two cohorts and an **increase of \$100,000 over FY18**.

The Mississippi Teacher Loan Repayment Program (MTLR) funds are used to repay a portion of the undergraduate loans of eligible Mississippi teachers in exchange for their service or continued teaching service in Mississippi's public schools. Due to budget constraints, only renewal applicants were awarded during FY18. The **MTLR request is \$600,000**, which represents full funding and an **increase of \$300,000 over FY18**.

The Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Forgivable Loan Program (SDSP) seeks to improve the success of minority students in Mississippi's postsecondary institutions. The program was created by the IHL Board, not the Legislature, thus funding is not required. After evaluating its effectiveness, the Office has discontinued the SDSP program. **No funds are requested for SDSP.**

The Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan Program (TES) was established by the 2013 Legislature to make awards of up to \$15,000 to students with a 28 ACT who commit to teach in a public school for five years following degree completion and licensure. The 2014 Legislature created the Alternate Route Teacher Education Scholars Forgivable Loan program, but the program has never been funded. The purpose of the program is to incent potential teachers to acquire alternate route

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teacher certification. Due to budget constraints, only renewal applicants were awarded TES during FY17 and FY18. The combined **TES and Alternate Route TES request is \$750,000**, which represents level funding and full funding of the anticipated demand.

The 2014 Legislature created the Mississippi Teaching Fellows Program to recruit high quality teachers into teacher prep programs in our state's colleges and universities. The program was created to replace the now-ended Critical Needs Teacher program but was never been funded. **Funding is not requested for FY19.**

NURSING PROGRAMS:

The Nursing Education Forgivable Loan Programs – Bachelor's (NELB); Master's (NELM); Ph.D./DNP (NELP); RN to BSN (NELR); and RN to MSN (NERM) funds assist the state's efforts to recruit and retain nurses. Master's and Ph.D. level nursing students will also have the education required to teach in nursing education programs. Due to budget constraints, only renewal applicants were awarded during FY17 and FY18. The **NELB request is \$760,000**, which represents an **increase of \$672,000 over FY18**. The **NELM request is \$320,000**, which represents an **increase of \$276,000 over FY18**. The **NELP request is \$90,000**, which represents an **increase of \$55,000 over FY18**. The **NELR request is \$208,000**, which represents an **increase of \$164,000 over FY18**. The **NERM request is \$48,000**, which represents an **increase of \$48,000 over FY18**. The requested amount should fully fund all programs, based on 70% anticipated demand. Demand will be down following two years without full funding.

The Nursing Teacher Stipend Forgivable Loan Program (NTSP) funds eligible Master's and Ph.D. level nursing students in nursing education tracks who commit to serve as nurse educators upon completion of their education. Due to budget constraints, funding wasn't available for NTSP during FY17, and only renewal applicants were awarded in FY18. The **NTSP request is \$198,000**, which represents an **increase of \$138,000 over FY18**. The requested amount should fully fund the program, based on 70% anticipated demand. Demand will be down following two years without full funding.

HEALTH/SCIENCE RELATED PROGRAMS:

The Speech-Language Pathologist Forgivable Loan Program (SLPL) was first created by the 2012 Legislature for students seeking a first master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology, Communicative Disorders, or Communication Sciences and Disorders. The loan will be forgiven for recipients who serve as licensed speech-language pathologists in a Mississippi public or charter school for one year for each year of funding received. The **SLPL request is \$70,000**, which represents **level funding** from **FY18**.

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The Southern Regional Education Board Forgivable Loan Programs (SREB) awards students in out-of-state optometry programs contracted through the SREB Regional Contract Program. Mississippi previously contracted 11 seats per entering class, for a total of 44 contract seats each year. The 2017 Legislature reduced the number of contracted seats from 11 to 9. The cost of each contract seat increases annually. The contract seat cost was \$18,700 per seat in FY18. The cost per seat in FY19 is \$19,200. The **SREB request is \$710,400 for 37 seats**, which represents an **increase of \$93,300 over FY18**.

The Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan Program (STSC) places students in out-of-state programs in chiropractic, orthotic, prosthetic, or podiatric programs which are not offered in Mississippi. The 2017 Legislature stopped funding for new awards, but renewal awards are anticipated through 2018-19. The **STSC request is \$18,700**, which represents a **decrease of \$37,400 from FY18**.

The State Family Medical Education Forgivable Loan (MED) and State Dental Education Forgivable Loan (DENT) Programs award family doctors and dentists who commit to practice in Mississippi after becoming licensed. The 2017 Legislature stopped funding for new awards, but renewal awards are anticipated through 2018-19. The **MED request is \$180,000**, which represents a **decrease of \$161,172 from FY18**. The **DENT request is \$180,000**, which represents a **decrease of \$160,896 from FY18**.

The Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan Program (HCP) provides funds to students who agree to work in speech, physical, or occupational therapy at the state's hospitals and medical facilities. The 2017 Legislature stopped funding for new awards, but renewal awards were anticipated through 2017-18. **Funding is not requested for FY19**.

The Veterinary Medicine Minority Forgivable Loan Program (VMMP) awards minorities who commit to practice veterinary medicine in Mississippi after becoming licensed. The program was created by the IHL Board, not the Legislature, thus funding is not required. **No funds are requested for VMMP**, which represents **no change from FY18**.

The Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan Program (SWOR) makes awards to Department of Human Services employees who commit to work as Family Protection Specialists for three years after becoming licensed social workers. The 2017 Legislature stopped funding for new awards, and there are currently no renewal applicants on the program. **Funding is not requested for FY19**.

4. OTHER

- I. Program Description: MOSFA operates the following student financial aid programs in other areas: Public Management Graduate Intern Program (PMGT) and Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship Program (LAW). MOSFA also

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operates the following programs, which are funded through special source funds for which MOSFA must request spending authority: GEAR UP Scholarships and Nissan Scholarships.

- II. Program Objective: Student Financial aid programs have been developed:
 - a. To manifest the belief that the continued growth and development of Mississippi requires improved levels of postsecondary educational attainment and
 - b. To meet the needs of specific student groups.
- III. Current program activities as supported by the funding in Columns 5-12 (FY 18 Estimated and FY 19 Increase/Decrease for continuations) of MBR-1-03 and designated Budget Unit Decisions columns of MBR-1-03-A: (D) Additional Needs – **(\$212,500)**: An overall decrease in expenditures for the Other programs is expected. Increases and decreases are requested as follows for the following programs based on increases and decreases in demand and eligibility.

The Public Management Graduate Internship Program (PMGT) provides internships in public management in the state. The 2017 Legislature stopped funding for new awards. **No funds are requested for PMGT.**

The Law Enforcement Officers and Firemen Scholarship Program (LAW) provides education to the dependents of deceased or disabled service men and women. The **LAW request is \$237,300**, which represents an **increase of \$10,500 over FY18.**

The GEAR UP Scholarship Program (GUMS) provides scholarships to Mississippi students who participated in the state GEAR UP program during the 7th through 12th grades. FY 2018 represented the fourth and final year of awards to the second cohort of GEAR UP students, but a few students who did not receive four years of funding may receive their final award in 2018-19. The **GUMS request is \$12,000**, which represents a **decrease of \$232,000 from FY18.**

The Nissan Scholarship Program (NISS) provides aid to students at public institutions who major in a field that will advance the automotive industry in Mississippi. The **NISS request is \$27,000**, which represents an **increase of \$9,000 over FY18.**