



2025

Mississippi State Legislative Scorecard

See how Members of Mississippi's State
Legislature are voting on economic growth issues.



Club for Growth Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization focused on educating the public about the value of free markets, pro-growth policies, and economic prosperity.

State Scorecards are created by the Club for Growth Foundation to educate the public about the voting records of the legislators who serve in state legislatures. This is part of a larger scorecard project that the Club for Growth Foundation has created to educate the public about the economic positions taken by legislators in states across the country.

Our Mission

THE FOUNDATION
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Club for Growth Foundation publishes the scorecard study so the public can monitor the actions and the voting behavior of Mississippi’s elected state lawmakers on economic growth issues.

The Foundation conducted a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on votes related to pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies.

The Foundation examines legislative votes related to the Club’s immediate pro-economic growth policy goals, including:

- Reducing or eliminating tax rates and enacting tax reform
- Limiting government through limited spending and budget reform
- Regulatory reform and deregulation
- Ending abusive lawsuits through medical malpractice and tort reform
- Expanding school choice
- Implementing Term Limits

Not all of these policy goals will come up for a vote in each legislative session.

The Foundation also examines votes on bills that would directly harm these goals.

This scorecard is based on selected votes of importance to the Foundation and does not include the complete voting record of any legislator. There are inherent limitations in judging the overall qualifications of any legislator based on a selected voting record, and the Foundation does not endorse or oppose any legislator for public office.

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The Foundation’s study examined over 1,714 floor votes and, in the end, included 15 Mississippi House votes and 16 Mississippi Senate votes.

COMPUTATION

Scores are computed on a scale of 0 to 100. Each vote or action in the rating is assigned a certain number of points depending on its relative importance. If a lawmaker casts a correct vote, the scorecard will denote it with that number. If a lawmaker casts an incorrect vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with a hyphen (-). Absences are not counted – signified as an “X” on the scorecard – though the Foundation reserves the right to do so if, in its judgment, a lawmaker’s position was otherwise discernible. If a lawmaker was not officially sworn into office at the time of a vote, the scorecard will denote that vote with an “I”.

To provide some additional guidance concerning the scores, each lawmaker was ranked. Aside from ties, lawmakers with 0%

scores are, by default, ranked #122 in the House and #52 in the Senate if all lawmakers are present. Scores and ranks cannot be directly compared between the House and Senate, as different votes were taken in each chamber. If applicable, the study also records a “Lifetime Score” for each lawmaker. This is a simple average of the scores from 2025 and all previous years where the lawmaker earned a score.

In some cases, a lawmaker was not present for enough votes for a meaningful score or ranking to be computed. In such cases, “n.a.” for “not applicable” appears. In computing lifetime scores, years with “n.a.” listed instead of a score are not included. Comparing such scores to other members without “n.a.” years may be misleading.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS

A study of roll call votes on the floor of the Mississippi House and Mississippi Senate and legislative actions is just that. It cannot account for a lawmaker’s work in committee, advocacy in his party’s caucus meetings, and effectiveness as a leader in advocating pro-growth policies.

“Through the release of this series, the Club for Growth Foundation is looking at how state legislatures perform in terms of pro-growth policies. We believe that this scorecard will help inform citizens and entrepreneurs about who supports the policies that are good for economic prosperity.”

- DAVID McINTOSH
PRESIDENT, CLUB FOR GROWTH FOUNDATION

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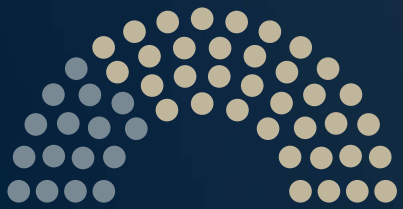
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52 MEMBERS

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36 Republicans

16 Democrats

0 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 24%

Average Democrat Score: 12%

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Angela Burks Hill (SD-40) | 43%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

David Parker (SD-2) | 5%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRAT

Reginald Jackson (SD-11) | 22%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

David Blount (SD-29) | 0%

Hob Bryan (SD-7) | 0%

Hillman Frazier (SD-27) | 0%

Rod Hickman (SD-32) | 0%

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POINTS					15	10	4	5	8	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	6	8	3	8	
Barnett, Juan	SD-34	D	19%	27%	15	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	20
Barrett, Jason	SD-39	R	27%	30%	15	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Berry, Andy	SD-35	R	19%	19%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Blackmon, Bradford	SD-21	D	14%	14%	-	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Blackwell, Kevin	SD-19	R	14%	23%	X	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
Blount, David	SD-29	D	0%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Boyd, Nicole	SD-09	R	19%	23%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Brumfield, Gary	SD-38	D	17%	17%	15	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Bryan, Hob	SD-07	D	0%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Butler, Albert	SD-37	D	15%	20%	-	10	X	-	-	-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	40
Carter, Joel	SD-49	R	19%	25%	15	X	X	-	-	-	I	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Chassaniol, Lydia	SD-14	R	16%	26%	15	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Chism, Kathy	SD-03	R	38%	50%	-	X	X	5	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	5	X	8	-	-	2
DeBar, Dennis	SD-43	R	27%	29%	15	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
DeLano, Scott	SD-50	R	19%	23%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
England, Jeremy	SD-51	R	19%	28%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Fillingane, Joey	SD-41	R	19%	30%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Frazier, Hillman	SD-27	D	0%	15%	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Harkins, Josh	SD-20	R	34%	29%	15	X	X	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	5
Hickman, Rod	SD-32	D	0%	13%	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Hill, Angela Burks	SD-40	R	43%	43%	-	10	4	5	X	-	4	-	-	-	4	5	-	8	-	-	1

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POINTS					15	10	4	5	8	5	4	5	5	5	4	5	6	8	3	8	
Hopson, W. Briggs	SD-23	R	31%	27%	15	X	X	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Horhn, John	SD-26	D	4%	17%	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	47
Jackson, Reginald	SD-11	D	22%	22%	-	10	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	18
Johnson, Chris	SD-45	R	27%	26%	15	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Jordan, David	SD-24	D	10%	18%	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Kirby, Dean	SD-30	R	19%	23%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Ladner, Philman	SD-46	R	24%	24%	15	X	X	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	16
McCaughn, Tyler	SD-31	R	19%	24%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
McLendon, Michael	SD-01	R	22%	26%	-	10	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	18
McMahan, Chad	SD-06	R	25%	25%	15	-	-	-	8	-	1	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Michel, Walter	SD-25	R	27%	26%	15	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Norwood, Sollie	SD-28	D	19%	16%	-	10	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	20
Parker, David	SD-02	R	5%	19%	X	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46
Parks, Rita Potts	SD-04	R	28%	30%	15	-	-	-	8	X	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Polk, John	SD-44	R	18%	27%	X	X	X	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	35
Rhodes, Brian	SD-36	R	19%	19%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Robinson, Robin	SD-42	R	19%	20%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Seymour, Joseph	SD-47	R	23%	27%	-	10	-	-	8	-	4	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Simmons, Derrick	SD-12	D	15%	14%	-	10	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Simmons, Sarita	SD-13	D	15%	21%	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Sparks, Daniel	SD-05	R	27%	29%	15	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9

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Suber, Benjamin	SD-08	R	29%	29%	15	10	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Tate, Jeff	SD-33	R	37%	33%	15	10	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Taylor, Lane	SD-18	R	n/a	n/a	I	-	-	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	-	I	I	I	
Thomas, Joseph	SD-22	D	18%	18%	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	35
Thompson, Mike	SD-48	R	27%	29%	15	-	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Turner-Ford, Angela	SD-16	D	16%	20%	15	-	-	-	-	-	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Whaley, Neil	SD-10	R	37%	34%	15	10	-	-	8	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Wiggins, Brice	SD-52	R	19%	27%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Williams, Bart	SD-15	R	19%	24%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Younger, Charles	SD-17	R	19%	25%	15	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20

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HB 1

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE TAX OVERHAUL (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements substantial changes to Mississippi's tax code. Specifically, the legislation ratchets down the individual income tax rate from 4.4 percent to 3 percent by January 1, 2030, and implements a trigger to eventually eliminate the personal income tax by 2040, provided specific revenue metrics are met. Further, the bill lowers the sales tax on groceries from 7 percent to 5 percent beginning July 1, 2025. However, it institutes a significant increase in the state gas tax, increasing the excise tax from 18.5 cents per gallon to 27.5 cents per gallon by July 1, 2027. Estimates suggest that these reforms will save taxpayers between \$2.7 billion and \$3 billion on an annual basis once fully implemented, with Mississippi becoming the first state since 1980 to vote to fully eliminate the personal income tax. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 91-27, on March 20, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 32-16, on March 18, 2025.

HB 23

SIGNIFICANT MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides spending for the Division of Medicaid. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$8.4 billion in total spending for FY2026 for the Mississippi Medicaid program and includes a \$110 million state and federal spending increase over the FY2025 appropriations baseline. Mississippi is one of 10 states that have wisely refused to expand Medicaid under Obamacare to able-bodied, healthy adults. Lawmakers should focus on constraining Medicaid spending and moving Mississippians toward a patient-centered, free-market model of healthcare, rather than implementing policies that benefit government bureaucracies and foster cycles of dependence. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 92-3, on May 28, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 29-13, on May 29, 2025.

HB 41

WASTEFUL ARTS COMMISSION FUNDING (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates spending for the Mississippi Arts Commission. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$8.1 million for the commission in FY2026, an increase of 200 percent since FY2022. Government funding for the arts should not exist, and this program should be zeroed out. Private funding and philanthropy are more than sufficient to maintain the arts. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 89-4, on May 28, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 35-5, on May 29, 2025.

HB 662

AUTOMATIC MEDICAID ENROLLMENT MANDATE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further expands the Medicaid program in Mississippi. Specifically, the legislation empowers medical providers to make preliminary determinations that a pregnant

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woman qualifies for Medicaid due to her existing household income, which then triggers a presumptive enrollment into Medicaid for at least 60 days. Mississippi is one of ten states that have wisely refused to extend the fraud-prone and costly Medicaid program to healthy adults. However, the continual expansion of services creates bottom-up pressure that captures more providers and patients to lobby for such expansion, while simultaneously increasing the programmatic baseline. Lawmakers should focus on constraining Medicaid, rather than implementing policies that benefit government bureaucracies and foster cycles of dependence. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 115-3, on January 23, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-2, on March 12, 2025.

HB 1063
NEW GOVERNMENT PAID LEAVE MANDATE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new paid leave benefit for state employees. Specifically, the legislation creates a taxpayer-funded paid leave program by providing six weeks of paid leave for government

employees who are the primary caregiver for a child. While the total cost of this program expansion is unknown, taxpayer-funded paid leave mandates are regressive. These mandates often necessitate new taxes, routinely cost far more than initial estimates, are prone to continued expansion, and compound pressures on already overburdened American workers and taxpayers. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 118-0, on March 14, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 34-16, on March 11, 2025.

HB 1085
CRONY REVITALIZATION GRANT SCHEME
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a taxpayer-funded grant program. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$6.9 million in earmarked appropriations for 19 local projects across Mississippi, including replacing street signs, renovating two welcome centers, and restoring a barber shop. Further, the bill transfers programmatic control over the Main Street Revitalization Grant Program from the Mississippi Development Authority to the Department of Archives and History. This

is textbook cronyism, wherein policymakers and bureaucrats dole out taxpayer-funded grants to favored interests for the construction and renovation of handpicked properties. This program exposes every citizen and household in the state to taxpayer-backed slush funds that reward well-connected entities and further entrench government into community central planning projects. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 102-3, on January 28, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-0, on March 6, 2025.

HB 1193
DISMANTLING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI
INFRASTRUCTURE
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits K-12 elementary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning from promoting or practicing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and programs. Specifically, the legislation prohibits these taxpayer-funded entities from operating woke DEI offices and programs that

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promote race essentialism, including a prohibition on the expenditure of any funds from any source that advances critical theory-infused directives. Further, the bill protects students, contractors, and employees from being compelled to participate in activities or training that affirm destructive race essentialism. Hardworking families should not be compelled to fund bureaucracies that engage in explicit discrimination and espouse neo-Marxist concepts. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 73-40, on April 1, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 32-13, on April 2, 2025.

HB 1201
NEW PROPERTY DEVELOPER TAX HANDOUT
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a blighted property redevelopment incentive scheme. Specifically, the legislation implements a \$10 million aggregate cap for developers to restore blighted properties around the state. Property developers are eligible to receive a 25 percent tax credit equal to the cost of property rehabilitation or a 75 percent tax rebate equal to the amount eligible to be claimed

as a credit. This approach not only rewards well-connected property developers with taxpayer-backed resources, but also creates a perverse incentive for properties to fall into disrepair while socializing the cost of restoration on the backs of hardworking taxpayers. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 116-0, on March 31, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-0, on the same day.

HB 1461
LIMITLESS AGENCY AUTHORITY
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill significantly expands the power of the Mississippi Development Authority. Specifically, the legislation confers the Development Authority, which doles out taxpayer-backed resources to government-preferred interests for various “economic development” initiatives, with the power to declare any project a “capital improvement” effort for purposes of granting municipalities access to taxpayer-funded loans. This places the hard-earned money of Mississippi families and entrepreneurs into the hands of unelected bureaucrats for the purposes of

rewarding special interests for any project they can imagine. This is a near-total abrogation of the state legislature’s basic responsibilities to its citizens. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 117-0, on March 31, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 47-0, on April 2, 2025.

HB 1644
CONTINUED BROADBAND BOONDOGGLE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements new funding parameters for Mississippi’s subsidized broadband infrastructure. Specifically, the legislation institutes an annual aggregate cap of \$15 million for the existing broadband tax credit program and extends the program through 2030. Furthermore, the bill restricts broadband companies to no more than \$1.5 million per year in subsidized tax carveouts. Broadband expansion is important; however, the extended timeline for continuation of government subsidies alongside set tax credit allotments means a definitive increase in future state spending baselines required to maintain this new infrastructure. This bill institutes a long-term prohibitive cost for hard-working Mississippi

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families, with such initiatives better left to the private sector. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 120-0, on March 20, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 51-0, on March 18, 2025.

HB 1769
WASTEFUL PUBLIC TELEVISION FUNDING
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates spending for the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$10.9 million for the authority in FY2026, a slight decrease from the previous fiscal year’s appropriation. Government funding for television should not exist, and this agency should be defunded, especially in light of federal defunding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Given the wide array of private sector programming with the advent of streaming, the Internet, and existing cable packages, hardworking taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize government-curated propaganda. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 80-28, on February 20, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 50-1, on March 12, 2025.

HB 1880
HOLLYWOOD TAX GIVEAWAY
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a crony tax credit scheme that rewards Hollywood insiders with taxpayer-backed resources. Specifically, the legislation authorizes production companies to receive a tax credit equal to 25 percent of qualified expenditures or a rebate equal to 75 percent of the credit amount, so long as they spend at least \$4 million on a project. Furthermore, the bill authorizes a 20 percent tax credit on payroll, up to the first \$3 million, with an aggregate annual cap for production companies set at \$42 million. Additionally, the bill establishes a 25 percent rebate for movie producers on the first \$5 million in payroll, with an aggregate annual cap of \$20 million for such entities. The considerations of hardworking taxpayers burdened by persistently high inflation should not be secondary to the desires of the Hollywood elite. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 116-3, on February 26, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-2, on March 18, 2025.

SB 2048
SUPPLEMENTAL ARPA SPENDING BINGE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates federal tax dollars through the dubiously titled “American Rescue Plan.” Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$940 million in supplemental FY2026 spending to various projects, including \$358 million in federal funds for local water infrastructure grants, \$46 million for mental health initiatives due to the COVID-19 pandemic, \$40 million to build a new nursing school at the University of Mississippi, and \$22 million to the Department of Child Protective Services to “defray” operational expenses. The \$2 trillion price tag on ARPA is one of the primary drivers of the record inflation eating into household budgets and family finances. Earmarking federal money wrongly seen as “free” creates a false spending floor for future legislative sessions, building pressure for future spending and tax hikes. The Mississippi Senate passed the bill, 47-0, on May 28, 2025. The Mississippi House passed it by voice vote.

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SB 2573
MASSIVE NEW TAXPAYER-FUNDED TOURISM SCHEME

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new tourism agency within the Mississippi government. Specifically, the legislation establishes a permanent Department of Tourism, detached from the Mississippi Development Authority, to promote tourism and support special interests throughout the state through taxpayer-funded grants. Furthermore, the bill establishes a new Department of Tourism Advertising Fund to subsidize marketing campaigns as well as a new Tourism Association Marketing Advisory Board to centrally plan these marketing efforts. Lastly, the bill does not include any authorized appropriations, meaning the total cost for the department, board, and annual grants is unknown. Lawmakers should not create permanent government bureaucracies that benefit well-connected interests with special taxpayer-conferred benefits for activities better left to the private sector. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 107-9, on April 1, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 47-2, on the same day. Governor Reeves vetoed the bill.

SB 2874
POSTPARTUM MEDICAID SERVICE EXPANSION

(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands Medicaid to include additional remote monitoring services. Specifically, the legislation expands remote monitoring coverage under Medicaid to postpartum women for the first six weeks after giving birth. Spending on Medicaid has increased 22 percent over the last five years. Unfortunately, incremental expansions for specific specialists and services guarantee that these spending trends will continue, with no limiting principle, as taxpayers are coerced into subsidizing ever-expanding niche medical services. Lawmakers should refrain from implementing policies that tether Mississippi families to a failed welfare program that drives up overall costs for taxpayers and creates poorer health outcomes for patients. The Mississippi Senate passed the bill, 51-0, on February 5, 2025. The Mississippi House did not take it up.

SB 3165
EXPANSIVE CRONYISM SCHEME
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates significant funding through the Mississippi Development Authority for various crony economic development initiatives in FY2026. Specifically, the legislation increases the aggregate cap on borrowed funds by \$25 million over FY2025 levels to a new high of \$427 million, an increase of 6.2 percent year-over-year. Further, the bill increases subsidized loans from the Housing Development Revolving Loan Fund and site development general obligation bonds by \$5 million each over FY2025 levels, increases a corporate welfare slush fund by \$20 million over FY2025 levels, and extends the Industry Incentive Financing program by another four years. Hardworking families should not face higher taxation or prospective moral hazards for bailouts in the name of a corporate welfare scheme designed to reward well-connected interests. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 115-0, on March 31, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 46-4, on the same day.

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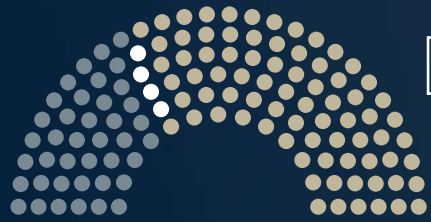
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78 Republicans

40 Democrats

2 Independents

2 Vacancies

Average Republican Score: 28%

Average Democrat Score: 10%

HIGHEST-RATED REPUBLICAN

Stacy Hobgood Wilkes (HD-108) | 75%

LOWEST-RATED REPUBLICANS

Jon Lancaster (HD-22) | 21%

Mark Tullos (HD-79) | 21%

Missy Warren McGee (HD-102) | 21%

HIGHEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Justis Gibbs (HD-72) | 24%

Gregory Holloway (HD-76) | 24%

Kenji Holloway (HD-27) | 24%

Fabian Nelson (HD-66) | 24%

LOWEST-RATED DEMOCRATS

Bo Brown (HD-70) | 0%

Bryant Clark (HD-47) | 0%

Bob Evans (HD-91) | 0%

John Faulkner (HD-5) | 0%

Hester Jackson-McCray (HD-40) | 0%

Kabir Karriem (HD-41) | 0%

Zakiya Summers (HD-68) | 0%

Cheikh Taylor (HD-38) | 0%

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Aguirre, Shane	HD-017	R	24%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Anderson, Brent	HD-122	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Anderson, Jeramey	HD-110	D	6%	14%	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Anthony, Otis	HD-031	D	21%	25%	15	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Arnold, William	HD-003	R	29%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Bailey, Willie	HD-049	D	10%	18%	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96
Banks, Earle	HD-067	D	6%	16%	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Barnett, Shane	HD-086	R	29%	32%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Barton, Manly	HD-109	R	24%	26%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Bell, Christopher	HD-065	D	6%	15%	X	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Bell, Donnie	HD-021	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Bennett, Richard	HD-120	R	24%	23%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Blackmon, Lawrence	HD-057	D	22%	22%	15	X	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
Blackwell, Charles	HD-088	R	36%	36%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	X	X	-	5	-	X	X	9
Bounds, C. Scott	HD-044	R	24%	25%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Boyd, Andy	HD-037	R	24%	25%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Boyd, Randy	HD-019	R	27%	31%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	33
Brown, Bo	HD-070	D	0%	11%	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Burch, Elliot	HD-105	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Burnett, Cedric	HD-009	D	20%	22%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Butler-Washington, Tamarra	HD-069	D	6%	6%	-	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97

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Byrd, Larry	HD-104	R	24%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Calvert, Billy	HD-083	R	37%	31%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	6
Carpenter, Lester	HD-001	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Clark, Bryant	HD-047	D	0%	10%	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	113
Cockerham, Angela	HD-096	I	20%	22%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Crawford, Carolyn	HD-121	R	40%	35%	15	-	X	6	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	4
Creekmore, Sam	HD-014	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Crudup, Ronnie	HD-071	D	6%	15%	-	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Currie, Becky	HD-092	R	34%	35%	15	-	-	-	-	-	X	4	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	10
Denton, Oscar	HD-055	D	6%	15%	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Deweese, Clay	HD-012	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Estrada, Jim	HD-033	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Eubanks, Dan	HD-025	R	65%	71%	15	-	X	6	5	X	X	4	-	-	-	5	5	8	X	2
Eure, Casey	HD-116	R	24%	23%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Evans, Bob	HD-091	D	0%	12%	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Faulkner, John	HD-005	D	0%	13%	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	113
Felsher, Kevin	HD-117	R	25%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	37
Fondren, Jimmy	HD-111	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Ford, Jill	HD-073	R	29%	33%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Ford, Kevin	HD-054	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Foster, Stephanie	HD-063	D	20%	20%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87

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Gibbs, Justis	HD-072	D	24%	24%	15	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Gibbs, Karl	HD-036	D	21%	21%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Grady, Zachary	HD-115	R	24%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Guice, Jeffrey	HD-114	R	26%	30%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	34
Hale, Jeff	HD-024	R	25%	30%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	37
Hall, Rodney	HD-020	R	31%	31%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	X	-	-	12
Haney, Greg	HD-118	R	24%	30%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Harness, Jeffery	HD-085	D	6%	15%	-	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	97
Harris, W.I.	HD-028	R	24%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Hawkins, Josh	HD-010	R	24%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Hines, John	HD-050	D	13%	16%	-	X	X	-	5	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	94
Hobgood Wilkes, Stacey	HD-108	R	75%	54%	X	10	5	6	5	X	X	4	-	-	-	5	5	8	X	1
Holloway, Gregory	HD-076	D	24%	20%	15	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Holloway, Kenji	HD-027	D	24%	24%	15	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Hood, Joey	HD-035	R	26%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	34
Horan, Kevin	HD-034	R	25%	26%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	37
Horne, Stephen	HD-081	R	26%	32%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	34
Hulum, Jeffrey	HD-119	D	5%	14%	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
Hurst, Celeste	HD-075	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Jackson-McCray, Hester	HD-040	D	0%	15%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Jackson, Keith	HD-045	D	6%	6%	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97

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Jackson, Lataisha	HD-011	D	20%	23%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
James-Jones, Timaka	HD-051	D	6%	6%	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Johnson, Robert	HD-094	D	11%	15%	-	-	X	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	95
Karriem, Kabir	HD-041	D	0%	15%	-	X	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Keen, Justin	HD-006	R	37%	37%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	6
Kinkade, Bill	HD-052	R	34%	32%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	8	-	10
Ladner, Timmy	HD-093	R	39%	41%	15	-	-	-	5	-	X	4	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	5
Lamar, John	HD-008	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Lancaster, Jon	HD-022	R	21%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Lott, Steve	HD-107	R	24%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Mangold, Vince	HD-053	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Mansell, Clay	HD-056	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Massengill, Steve	HD-013	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Mattox, Brad	HD-002	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
McCarty, Kent	HD-101	R	22%	26%	15	-	-	X	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
McKnight, Jay	HD-095	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
McLean, Dana	HD-039	R	25%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	37
McMillan, Jonathon	HD-058	R	24%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Mickens, Carl	HD-042	D	20%	21%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	87
Mims, Sam	HD-097	R	22%	26%	15	X	-	-	X	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79
Morgan, Ken	HD-100	R	24%	25%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42

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Nelson, Fabian	HD-066	D	24%	24%	15	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Newman, Gene	HD-061	R	29%	30%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Oliver, Karl	HD-046	R	24%	25%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Osborne, Solomon	HD-032	D	5%	16%	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
Owen, Jansen	HD-106	R	57%	53%	15	10	5	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	5	8	-	3
Paden, Orlando	HD-026	D	5%	14%	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
Pigott, Bill	HD-099	R	24%	25%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Porter, Daryl	HD-098	D	5%	13%	-	-	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
Powell, Brent	HD-059	R	29%	31%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Read, John	HD-112	R	24%	23%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Remak, Kimberly	HD-007	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Roberson, Rob	HD-043	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Rosebud, Tracey	HD-030	D	17%	18%	15	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
Rushing, Randy	HD-078	R	24%	30%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Sanders, Robert	HD-029	D	6%	16%	-	X	X	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Sanford, Noah	HD-090	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Scoggin, Donnie	HD-089	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Scott, Omeria	HD-080	D	16%	19%	-	10	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	93
Shanks, Fred	HD-060	R	28%	32%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	5	-	X	-	32
Smith, Troy	HD-084	R	37%	37%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	8	-	6
Steverson, Jody	HD-004	R	24%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42

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PRO-GROWTH POSITION					Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
POINTS					15	10	5	6	5	8	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	8	8	
Summers, Zakiya	HD-068	D	0%	19%	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Taylor, Cheikh	HD-038	D	0%	17%	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	113
Thompson, Rickey	HD-016	D	6%	15%	-	X	X	-	5	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Tubb, Joseph	HD-087	R	24%	24%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Tullos, Mark	HD-079	R	21%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Turner, Jerry	HD-018	R	29%	32%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Varner, Lance	HD-062	R	29%	29%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Waldo, Beth	HD-015	R	30%	30%	15	X	X	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	13
Wallace, Price	HD-077	R	29%	32%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	14
Warren McGee, Missy	HD-102	R	21%	28%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82
Watson, Percy	HD-103	D	5%	11%	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108
White, Jason	HD-048	R	24%	27%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Yancey, Lee	HD-074	R	25%	26%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	37
Yates, Shanda	HD-064	I	24%	23%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Zuber, Henry	HD-113	R	24%	30%	15	-	-	-	5	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42

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HB 1

SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE TAX OVERHAUL (CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill implements substantial changes to Mississippi's tax code. Specifically, the legislation ratchets down the individual income tax rate from 4.4 percent to 3 percent by January 1, 2030, and implements a trigger to eventually eliminate the personal income tax by 2040, provided specific revenue metrics are met. Further, the bill lowers the sales tax on groceries from 7 percent to 5 percent beginning July 1, 2025. However, it institutes a significant increase in the state gas tax, increasing the excise tax from 18.5 cents per gallon to 27.5 cents per gallon by July 1, 2027. Estimates suggest that these reforms will save taxpayers between \$2.7 billion and \$3 billion on an annual basis once fully implemented, with Mississippi becoming the first state since 1980 to vote to fully eliminate the personal income tax. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 91-27, on March 20, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 32-16, on March 18, 2025.

HB 23

SIGNIFICANT MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS PACKAGE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill provides spending for the Division of Medicaid. Specifically, the legislation appropriates \$8.4 billion in total spending for FY2026 for the Mississippi Medicaid program and includes a \$110 million state and federal spending increase over the FY2025 appropriations baseline. Mississippi is one of 10 states that have wisely refused to expand Medicaid under Obamacare to able-bodied, healthy adults. Lawmakers should focus on constraining Medicaid spending and moving Mississippians toward a patient-centered, free-market model of healthcare, rather than implementing policies that benefit government bureaucracies and foster cycles of dependence. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 92-3, on May 28, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 29-13, on May 29, 2025.

HB 41

WASTEFUL ARTS COMMISSION FUNDING (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates spending for the Mississippi Arts Commission. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$8.1 million for the commission in FY2026, an increase of 200 percent since FY2022. Government funding for the arts should not exist, and this program should be zeroed out. Private funding and philanthropy are more than sufficient to maintain the arts. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 89-4, on May 28, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 35-5, on May 29, 2025.

HB 662

AUTOMATIC MEDICAID ENROLLMENT MANDATE (CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill further expands the Medicaid program in Mississippi. Specifically, the legislation empowers medical providers to make preliminary determinations that a pregnant

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woman qualifies for Medicaid due to her existing household income, which then triggers a presumptive enrollment into Medicaid for at least 60 days. Mississippi is one of ten states that have wisely refused to extend the fraud-prone and costly Medicaid program to healthy adults. However, the continual expansion of services creates bottom-up pressure that captures more providers and patients to lobby for such expansion, while simultaneously increasing the programmatic baseline. Lawmakers should focus on constraining Medicaid, rather than implementing policies that benefit government bureaucracies and foster cycles of dependence. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 115-3, on January 23, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-2, on March 12, 2025.

HB 922
CERTIFICATE OF NEED REFORMS
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill rolls back existing certificate of need (CON) regulations on certain medical facilities in Mississippi. Specifically, the legislation repeals some existing CON restrictions on

birthing centers, drug treatment facilities, and intermediate care centers for those with intellectual disabilities, removing arbitrary limitations on occupational capacity for both new construction and existing facility expansion. Furthermore, the bill loosens CON restrictions on dialysis centers and diagnostic imaging facilities beginning in 2029. On average, healthcare costs are 11 percent higher in states with CON laws than in those without, due to arbitrary bureaucratic constraints that restrict access to care and protect well-connected providers. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 107-5, on January 29, 2025. The Mississippi Senate did not take it up.

HB 1063
NEW GOVERNMENT PAID LEAVE MANDATE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new paid leave benefit for state employees. Specifically, the legislation creates a taxpayer-funded paid leave program by providing six weeks of paid leave for government employees who are the primary caregiver for a child. While the total cost of this program expansion is unknown, taxpayer-funded paid

leave mandates are regressive. These mandates often necessitate new taxes, routinely cost far more than initial estimates, are prone to continued expansion, and compound pressures on already overburdened American workers and taxpayers. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 118-0, on March 14, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 34-16, on March 11, 2025.

HB 1085
CRONY REVITALIZATION GRANT SCHEME
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill expands a taxpayer-funded grant program. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$6.9 million in earmarked appropriations for 19 local projects across Mississippi, including replacing street signs, renovating two welcome centers, and restoring a barber shop. Further, the bill transfers programmatic control over the Main Street Revitalization Grant Program from the Mississippi Development Authority to the Department of Archives and History. This is textbook cronyism, wherein policymakers and bureaucrats dole out taxpayer-funded grants to favored interests for the construction

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and renovation of handpicked properties. This program exposes every citizen and household in the state to taxpayer-backed slush funds that reward well-connected entities and further entrench government into community central planning projects. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 102-3, on January 28, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-0, on March 6, 2025.

HB 1193
DISMANTLING TAXPAYER-FUNDED DEI INFRASTRUCTURE
(CFGF SUPPORTS)

This bill prohibits K-12 elementary and secondary schools, higher education institutions, the State Board of Education, and the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi State Institutions of Higher Learning from promoting or practicing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives and programs. Specifically, the legislation prohibits these taxpayer-funded entities from operating woke DEI offices and programs that promote race essentialism, including a prohibition on the expenditure of any funds from any source that advances critical theory-

infused directives. Further, the bill protects students, contractors, and employees from being compelled to participate in activities or training that affirm destructive race essentialism. Hardworking families should not be compelled to fund bureaucracies that engage in explicit discrimination and espouse neo-Marxist concepts. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 73-40, on April 1, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 32-13, on April 2, 2025.

HB 1201
NEW PROPERTY DEVELOPER TAX HANDOUT
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a blighted property redevelopment incentive scheme. Specifically, the legislation implements a \$10 million aggregate cap for developers to restore blighted properties around the state. Property developers are eligible to receive a 25 percent tax credit equal to the cost of property rehabilitation or a 75 percent tax rebate equal to the amount eligible to be claimed as a credit. This approach not only rewards well-connected property

developers with taxpayer-backed resources, but also creates a perverse incentive for properties to fall into disrepair while socializing the cost of restoration on the backs of hardworking taxpayers. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 116-0, on March 31, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-0, on the same day.

HB 1461
LIMITLESS AGENCY AUTHORITY
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill significantly expands the power of the Mississippi Development Authority. Specifically, the legislation confers the Development Authority, which doles out taxpayer-backed resources to government-preferred interests for various “economic development” initiatives, with the power to declare any project a “capital improvement” effort for purposes of granting municipalities access to taxpayer-funded loans. This places the hard-earned money of Mississippi families and entrepreneurs into the hands of unelected bureaucrats for the purposes of rewarding special interests for any project they can imagine. This is a near-total abrogation

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of the state legislature’s basic responsibilities to its citizens. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 117-0, on March 31, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 47-0, on April 2, 2025.

HB 1644
CONTINUED BROADBAND BOONDOGGLE
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill implements new funding parameters for Mississippi’s subsidized broadband infrastructure. Specifically, the legislation institutes an annual aggregate cap of \$15 million for the existing broadband tax credit program and extends the program through 2030. Furthermore, the bill restricts broadband companies to no more than \$1.5 million per year in subsidized tax carveouts. Broadband expansion is important; however, the extended timeline for continuation of government subsidies alongside set tax credit allotments means a definitive increase in future state spending baselines required to maintain this new infrastructure. This bill institutes a long-term prohibitive cost for hard-working Mississippi families, with such initiatives better left to the private sector. The

Mississippi House passed the bill, 120-0, on March 20, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 51-0, on March 18, 2025.

HB 1769
WASTEFUL PUBLIC TELEVISION FUNDING
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill appropriates spending for the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television. Specifically, the legislation allocates \$10.9 million for the authority in FY2026, a slight decrease from the previous fiscal year’s appropriation. Government funding for television should not exist, and this agency should be defunded, especially in light of federal defunding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Given the wide array of private sector programming with the advent of streaming, the Internet, and existing cable packages, hardworking taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize government-curated propaganda. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 80-28, on February 20, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 50-1, on March 12, 2025.

HB 1880
HOLLYWOOD TAX GIVEAWAY
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a crony tax credit scheme that rewards Hollywood insiders with taxpayer-backed resources. Specifically, the legislation authorizes production companies to receive a tax credit equal to 25 percent of qualified expenditures or a rebate equal to 75 percent of the credit amount, so long as they spend at least \$4 million on a project. Furthermore, the bill authorizes a 20 percent tax credit on payroll, up to the first \$3 million, with an aggregate annual cap for production companies set at \$42 million. Additionally, the bill establishes a 25 percent rebate for movie producers on the first \$5 million in payroll, with an aggregate annual cap of \$20 million for such entities. The considerations of hardworking taxpayers burdened by persistently high inflation should not be secondary to the desires of the Hollywood elite. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 116-3, on February 26, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 49-2, on March 18, 2025.

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SB 2573
MASSIVE NEW TAXPAYER-FUNDED TOURISM SCHEME
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill creates a new tourism agency within the Mississippi government. Specifically, the legislation establishes a permanent Department of Tourism, detached from the Mississippi Development Authority, to promote tourism and support special interests throughout the state through taxpayer-funded grants. Furthermore, the bill establishes a new Department of Tourism Advertising Fund to subsidize marketing campaigns as well as a new Tourism Association Marketing Advisory Board to centrally plan these marketing efforts. Lastly, the bill does not include any authorized appropriations, meaning the total cost for the department, board, and annual grants is unknown. Lawmakers should not create permanent government bureaucracies that benefit well-connected interests with special taxpayer-conferred benefits for activities better left to the private sector. The Mississippi House passed the bill, 107-9, on April 1, 2025. The

Mississippi Senate passed it, 47-2, on the same day. Governor Reeves vetoed the bill.

SB 3165
EXPANSIVE CRONYISM SCHEME
(CFGF OPPOSES)

This bill allocates significant funding through the Mississippi Development Authority for various crony economic development initiatives in FY2026. Specifically, the legislation increases the aggregate cap on borrowed funds by \$25 million over FY2025 levels to a new high of \$427 million, an increase of 6.2 percent year-over-year. Further, the bill increases subsidized loans from the Housing Development Revolving Loan Fund and site development general obligation bonds by \$5 million each over FY2025 levels, increases a corporate welfare slush fund by \$20 million over FY2025 levels, and extends the Industry Incentive Financing program by another four years. Hardworking families should not face higher taxation or prospective moral hazards for bailouts in the name of a corporate welfare scheme designed to reward well-connected interests. The Mississippi House passed the bill,

115-0, on March 31, 2025. The Mississippi Senate passed it, 46-4, on the same day.

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