

Governor Ronnie Musgrove's Agenda

January 4, 2001

Education

- Provide funding for teacher pay raise, Mississippi Adequate Education Program, and Critical Teacher Shortage Act;
- Eliminate the 5% growth rate requirement for teacher pay raise;
- Secure funding for implementation of Computer Technology Project;
- Require appointed Local Superintendents of Education;
- Authorize leave for parents participating in parent-teacher conferences; and,
- Settle the Ayers Case.

Economic Development

- Maintain funding for Mississippi Development Authority economic and expansion efforts;
- Establish a Mississippi Technology Center, a tier-one commercial data center for e-businesses start-ups and transactions;
- Establish an E-Government Advisory Board*;
- Authorize appropriations for E-Government implementation;
- Announce appointments of the Land, Water, and Timber Resources Board*;
- Acquire World Trade Center status*; and,
- Host Governor's Trade Conference*.

Health Care

- Reauthorize Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) until 2004;
- Secure additional funding for state health insurance and improve the options for our employees;
- Secure funding for breast and cervical cancer research;
- Reauthorize the Infant Mortality Task Force;
- Continue funding for Medical Education Scholarships; and
- Enhance Mississippi Patient Protection Act of 1995

Conservation & Environment

- Strengthen and reauthorize the "Mississippi Individual On-Site Wastewater Disposal System Law"; and,
- Establish "Smart Growth" Commission to review growth issues for rural and urban Mississippi*.

Public Safety

- Reduce the blood alcohol limit to .08 BAC;
- Make seat belt violation a primary offense; and,
- Expand Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's funding for civil defense.

Housing

- Seek feasibility study for Governor's "Homes for Seniors" Program*.

Other

- Establish Community Service Leave for public employees; and,
- Open Mississippi's Washington D.C. office*.

*Does not require legislative action.

Mississippi's Achievements in 2000

Education

- ✓ Raised teacher pay in Mississippi to the Southeastern average;
- ✓ Established Classroom Technology Task Force;
- ✓ Launched Fast Forward Mississippi (www.fastforwardms.com) website; and,
- ✓ Improved school accountability.

Economic Development

- ✓ Authorized multi-year workforce training;
- ✓ Created the Advantage Mississippi Initiative (Mississippi's new economic development strategy);
- ✓ Recruited Nissan North America, Inc. to Mississippi;
- ✓ Selected as one of ten states to participate in the National Governors Association's Entrepreneurial Policy Academy; and,
- ✓ Established E-Government Commission and plan for implementation.

Health Care

- ✓ Increased enrollment in Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) from 500 to more than 18,000;
- ✓ Created Medical Education Scholarship Program; and,
- ✓ Approved licensing of Physicians Assistants.

Public Safety

- ✓ Revised Schedules II, III and IV for controlled substances;
- ✓ Enhanced the penalty for methamphetamine precursor violation when in possession of a weapon;
- ✓ Strengthened the Mississippi National Guard and stabilized membership, focusing on recruitment, retention, and preparation;
- ✓ Brought the Department of Corrections into compliance with prison overcrowding court order;
- ✓ Established 11 new county emergency management agencies to ensure that our communities are prepared for disasters;
- ✓ Launched a Department of Public Safety web site to providing information about individuals convicted of sex crimes in Mississippi;
- ✓ Took 25 drug "king pins" off of Mississippi streets and out of local communities by Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics and local law enforcement; and,
- ✓ Graduated 57 new Mississippi Highway Patrol Officers.

Housing

- ✓ Reorganized Mississippi Home Corporation; and,
- ✓ Refocused Mississippi HOME Program.

Governor Musgrove's General Fund Budget Priorities

Fiscal Year 2002

January 4, 2001

Education	Fiscal Year 2002
Minimum Program	
Teacher Pay Raise	\$22,396,329
Teacher Increments	7,084,483
Health Insurance	5,900,000
Alternative Schools	1,004,514
General Education	
Adequate Education Program	39,294,285
Tech Prep Equipment*	1,500,000
Critical Teachers Housing Loans	51,293
Behavioral Assessments	375,000
Educable Child	337,979
Support Our Students	250,000
National Board of Professional Teaching Standards	1,763,878
Critical Teacher Scholarships	5,268,710
Vocational Education	
Teacher Increments	1,168,994
Teacher Pay Raise	640,239
Deaf & Blind Schools	
Teacher Pay Raise	36,000
Teacher Increments	18,000
UMC - Medicaid Match	3,916,965
IHL General Support - Volunteer Services Commission	53,072
Student Financial Aid	3,417,939
Student Financial Aid**	2,272,026
Health	
Medicaid	
Program Expansion	30,000,000
State & Public Employees Health Insurance	10,000,000
Public Safety	
District Attorneys & Staff	76
Debt Service	16,158,864
Transportation	
State Aid Road Construction	
Bridge Replacement	20,000,000
Economic Development	
Development Authority	
Coahoma Welcome Center	136,804
Classroom Technology Project	2,000,000
TOTAL	\$175,045,450

*Estimated 1st year expenditure under master lease program

**Replacement of HB 400 funds not anticipated available in FY 02

Governor Musgrove's Budget Priorities for Maximizing Federal Funds

Fiscal Year 2002

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	General Funds	Federal Funds
Education		
Department of Education		
Child Nutrition/School Lunch Program	\$2,500,000	\$10,000,000
Education Training & Development Program	0	3,873,166
Schools for the Deaf & Blind, Teacher Funding	0	33,520
Institutions of Higher Learning		
Commission on Volunteer Service	53,072	7,498,812
Health		
Health Department		
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program	0	2,500,000
Breast and Cervical Cancer Program	264,862	794,586
Medicaid		
Working Disabled Grant, Nursing Home Beds, and Program Growth	30,000,000	100,110,000
Human Services		
Aging and Adult Services, Medicare Assistance Patrol Project Grant	73,333	220,000
Community Service, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Grants	279,300	2,807,477
Rehabilitation Services		
Special Disability Programs, Independent Living Program*	0	2,408,695
Vocational Rehabilitation, Basic Support Grant	265,681	981,647
Vocational Rehabilitation, Basic Support Grant	63,231	233,627
Conservation		
Environmental Quality		
Pollution Control Programs	0	7,935,712
Land & Water Resources Programs	0	282,566
Geology Programs	0	158,908
Public Safety		
Emergency Management		
Federal Terrorism Initiative	0	688,000
Military Department		
New Army Construction, Construction of Oxford Armory	**	3,500,000
Public Safety Planning		
Reallocation of Grant to Department of Transportation	0	3,000,000
Economic Development		
Employment Security Commission		
Information Technology Upgrade	0	1,373,875
TOTAL	\$33,499,479	\$148,400,591

*Matched by \$750,000 in other special funds