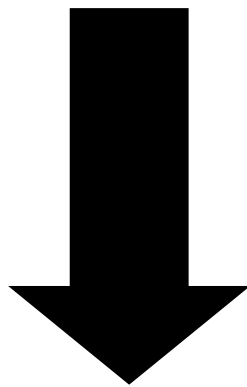


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legislative language that
highlights the creation and
purpose of the
Emergency Road & Bridge
Repair Fund and
Advisory Board**



726 **SECTION 8.** (1) There is created in the State Treasury a
727 special fund to be known as the "Emergency Road and Bridge Repair
728 Fund," into which shall be deposited money appropriated by the
729 Legislature or otherwise made available in any manner, and funds
730 from any other source designated for deposit into such fund.
731 Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal
732 year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest
733 earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be
734 deposited into the fund. The expenditure of money deposited into
735 the fund shall be under the direction of the Mississippi
736 Department of Transportation, and such funds shall be paid by the
737 Mississippi Department of Transportation upon warrants issued by
738 the Department of Finance and Administration.

739 (2) Money in the fund shall be utilized by the Mississippi
740 Department of Transportation, with the advice of the Emergency
741 Road and Bridge Repair Fund Advisory Board, to provide funding for
742 emergency repairs to roads, streets and highways in this state and
743 emergency bridge repairs on public roads, streets and highways in
744 this state, as determined by a unanimous vote of the Mississippi



745 Transportation Commission. However, before the expenditure of
746 money in the fund, the department shall promulgate rules and
747 regulations as authorized in subsection (3) of this section.

748 (3) (a) There is created the Emergency Road and Bridge
749 Repair Fund Advisory Board which shall consist of the following
750 members:

751 (i) The President and Chief Executive Officer of
752 the Mississippi Economic Council;

753 (ii) The President and Chief Executive Officer of
754 the Mississippi Manufacturers Association;

755 (iii) The President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau
756 Federation;

757 (iv) The President of the Mississippi Poultry
758 Association;

759 (v) The President of the Mississippi Trucking
760 Association;

761 (vi) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
762 Association of Supervisors;

763 (vii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
764 Municipal League;

765 (viii) The Executive Vice President of the
766 Mississippi Cattlemen's Association;

767 (ix) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
768 Loggers Association; and



769 (x) The Executive Director of the American Council
770 of Engineering Companies-Mississippi.

771 (b) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the
772 board and the board shall elect such other officers as it
773 considers necessary from among its members.

774 (c) A majority of the members of the board shall
775 constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings and all actions of
776 the board shall be by a majority vote. No compensation, per diem
777 or mileage expense shall be provided board members.

778 (d) The Governor's office shall provide any necessary
779 administrative support to the board.

780 (e) The board shall meet at least quarterly to conduct
781 business.

782 (f) The board shall provide nonbinding advice to the
783 Department of Transportation regarding the expenditure of money in
784 the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund.

785 (4) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall have
786 all powers necessary to implement and administer the program
787 established under this section, and the department shall
788 promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the
789 Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the
790 implementation of this section.