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Jackson State head coach T.C. Taylor sings the school alma mater after an Oct. 11 college football game between Jackson State and Alabama State at Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium in Jackson. Jackson State defeated Alabama State, 38-34. AYRTON BRECKENRIDGE/CLARION LEDGER

Why Jackson State's athletics program ran a deficit for the third year in a row

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Jackson State athletics lost money for the third year in a row in fiscal year 2025 despite increasing its revenue by close to \$1 million. • According to documents obtained by the Clarion Ledger, JSU operated at an \$816,891 deficit in fiscal year 2025, which ran from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. • The deficit increased by about \$624,000 from 2024 and is the program's greatest since 2021 when it lost nearly \$2.5 million, according to the Knight-Newhouse College Athletics Database.

The athletic department's revenue for 2025 rose for the fourth year in a row, increasing to \$15.6 million from \$14.6 million. But expenses also grew, increasing approximately \$1.6 million from \$14.8 million in 2024 to \$16.4 million in 2025.

The last time JSU operated at a profit was in 2022, when excitement generated by former football coach Deion Sanders led to \$4.6 million in overall ticket sales.

The largest source of Jackson State's revenue in 2025 was student fees (\$6.2 million), followed by ticket sales (\$3.3 million), NCAA and SWAC distributions (\$2 million), guarantees (\$1.8 million) and institutional support (\$1.5 million).

Ticket revenue increased by nearly \$1

million in 2025, as the Tigers hosted two additional home football games in the 2024 season, including the SWAC Championship.

JSU's trip to the Celebration Bowl led to an additional \$714,000 in SWAC distributions of postseason-generated funds.

Guarantees also increased by \$270,000 while contributions from student fees were down \$780,000 from 2024.

JSU's largest expenses were athletic student aid (\$4.3 million), salaries for coaches (\$3.6 million), compensation for support staff (\$3.1 million) and team travel (\$2.5 million).

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Laying out the laws

What the Miss. Legislature passed in the 2026 session

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The legislative session ended quietly this year, with legislators trying and failing to override some of Gov. Tate Reeves' vetoes in a last-ditch effort on April 15.

During the session, though, lawmakers passed more than 350 bills changing the way that Mississippians live, work and play in the state.

Work and money

The long-discussed and, with the early death of the school choice bill, most notable education reform is a statewide pay raise for teachers. All

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Medicaid cuts putting 6 hospitals at risk

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Six Mississippi hospitals could have to close or reduce services if they take hard hits after Medicaid funding cuts.

A new report broke down affects of the One Big, Beautiful Bill on hospitals nationwide. It's expected to cut \$911 billion in spending on Medicaid and CHIP (the federal insurance program for kids). Millions could lose health coverage after change to eligibility and work requirements.

Public Citizen, a consumer advocacy group, found more than 400 in the United States that are at risk of closing. They flagged hospitals that rely on

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