

Ooops, another underfunded state program...

The Sun Herald reported on [April 30, 2013](#), “Auditors: It may be underfunded by more than \$100M,” by Jeff Amy — Associated Press.

JACKSON -- Mississippi's prepaid college tuition plan may be underfunded by more than \$100 million, auditors from a private consultant told the board that oversees it Tuesday...Under the plan, parents or grandparents typically buy tuition contracts for children who expect to later attend college. Their money is invested by the plan to cover the cost of future attendance...

Mississippi's prepaid college tuition plan is reminiscent of the significant underfunding of [Mississippi's PERS](#).

Here's the elephant in the room, not discussed in the article. The assets held by the prepaid college tuition plan and PERS are investments that should provide a return, i.e., initial capital invested plus dividends or interest. The stock market, however, has been steadily climbing for years and recently hit all time highs. So, what in the h-e-double-l are managers of the tuition plan and PERS investing in?

Why isn't the performance of the investment managers investigated and reported to the public? After all, the public will pay for the financial incompetence of the programs' managers.