

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Economic Dev, Tourism  
and Parks;  
Universities and  
CollegesSENATE BILL NO. 2971  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-63-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO MAKE THE VICE-PRESIDENT FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND  
3 VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE  
4 CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AT ALCORN STATE  
5 UNIVERSITY MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE FOR ECONOMIC  
6 DEVELOPMENT PLANNING; TO REQUIRE THE HEADS OF THE STATE  
7 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO ASSIST THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE  
8 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND TO  
9 MEET WITH THE TASK FORCE AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY; AND FOR RELATED  
10 PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF  
11 MISSISSIPPI:

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13 SECTION 1. Section 57-63-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
14 amended as follows:

15 57-63-11. (1) The Special Task Force for Economic  
16 Development Planning, to consist of not more than twenty-three  
17 (23) members, is hereby created. The task force shall be composed  
18 of:

19 (a) One (1) member from the state's public universities  
20 and one (1) member from the state's junior colleges. These  
21 members shall be selected by the Governor.

22 (b) One (1) member from the membership or staffs of  
23 each of the following organizations: Mississippi Association of  
24 Supervisors, Mississippi Municipal Association, Mississippi  
25 Association of Planning and Development Districts, and the  
26 Mississippi Industrial Development Council. These members will be  
27 appointed to the task force by the Governor from recommendations  
28 made to the board by the respective organizations.

29 (c) The President of the Mississippi Economic Council.

30 (d) The State Superintendent of Education.

31 (e) The State Treasurer.

32 (f) The Executive Officer of the State Board of Health.

33 (g) The Director of the State Highway Department.

34 (h) The Governor's Special Assistant for Economic  
35 Development.

36 (i) The Executive Director of the Department of  
37 Economic Development or his designee.

38 (j) The Vice-President for Agriculture, Forestry and  
39 Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University.

40 (k) The Chairman of the Department of Agriculture at  
41 Alcorn State University.

42 (l) Two (2) members from federal agencies to be  
43 appointed by the Governor.

44 (m) Eight (8) members to be selected by the Governor as  
45 follows: Six (6) members shall be representatives of business  
46 and/or professional enterprises in Mississippi; two (2) of the  
47 eight (8) members may be representative of business or  
48 professional enterprises residing outside Mississippi and may  
49 include foreign nationals.

50 (2) The heads of the state institutions of higher learning  
51 shall assist the task force in an advisory capacity and shall meet  
52 with the task force at least once annually.

53 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the task force  
54 will be organized, selected and constituted in such a way that it  
55 represents the most talented individuals that could possibly be  
56 assembled to address the economic development concerns and issues  
57 of this state. Task Force members shall be appointed by July 1,  
58 1987, and the Task Force shall have its organizational meeting no  
59 later than August 1, 1987. The Governor shall designate from the  
60 task force membership a task force chairman. Terms of service of  
61 task force members shall coincide with the remaining term of the  
62 Governor who makes the appointment.

63 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
64 and after July 1, 1999.