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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 121

By Senator(s) Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

23 SECTION 1. Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
24 amended as follows:

25 37-61-9. (1) On or before the fifteenth day of July of each
26 year, the local school board of each school district, with the
27 assistance of the superintendent of schools or administrative
28 superintendent, shall prepare, and on or before the 1st day of
29 September of each year shall file with the levying authority for
30 the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, Mississippi
31 Code of 1972, at least two (2) copies of a budget of estimated
32 expenditures for the support, maintenance and operation of the
33 public schools of the school district for the fiscal year
34 commencing on July 1 of such year. Such budget shall be prepared
35 on forms prescribed and provided by the State Auditor and shall
36 contain such information as the State Auditor may require.

37 (2) In addition, on or before the first day of September of
38 each year, the local school board of each school district, with
39 the assistance of the superintendent of schools or administrative
40 superintendent, shall prepare and file with the State Department
41 of Education such budgetary information as the State Board of
42 Education may require. The State Board of Education shall
43 prescribe and provide forms to each school district for this

44 purpose.

45 (3) Prior to the adoption of a budget pursuant to this
46 section, the school board of each school district shall hold at
47 least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an
48 opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan
49 incorporated in the proposed budget. The public hearing shall be
50 held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget
51 with advance notice. After final adoption of the budget, a
52 synopsis of such budget in a form prescribed by the State
53 Department of Audit shall be published in a newspaper having
54 general circulation in the school district on a date different
55 from the date on which the county or any municipality therein may
56 publish its budget.

57 (4) Beginning with the Fiscal Year 1995-1996, there shall be
58 imposed limitations on budgeted expenditures for certain
59 administration costs, as defined hereinafter, in an amount not
60 greater than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) plus
61 four percent (4%) of the expenditures of all school districts each
62 year. For purposes of this subsection, "administration costs"
63 shall be defined as expenditures for salaries and fringe benefits
64 paid for central administration costs from all sources of revenue
65 in the following expenditure functions as defined in the
66 MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING MANUAL:

- 67 2300 = Support Services - General Administration
- 68 2310 = Board of Education Services
- 69 2320 = Executive Administration Services
- 70 2330 = Special Area Administration Services
- 71 2500 = Business Services
- 72 2510 = Fiscal Services
- 73 2520 = Purchasing Services
- 74 2530 = Warehousing and Distributing Services
- 75 2540 = Printing, Publishing and Duplicating Services
- 76 2590 = Other Support Services - Business

77 2800 = Support Services - Central
78 2810 = Planning, Research, Development and Evaluation
79 2820 = Information Services
80 2830 = Staff Services
81 2840 = Data Processing Services

82 Any costs classified as "administration costs" for purposes
83 of this subsection which can be demonstrated by the local school
84 district to be an expenditure that results in a net cost savings
85 to the district that may otherwise require budget expenditures for
86 functions not covered under the definition of administration costs
87 herein may be excluded from the limitations imposed herein. The
88 local school board shall make a specific finding of such costs and
89 spread such finding upon its minutes, which shall be subject to
90 the approval of the Office of Educational Accountability of the
91 State Department of Education. Any school district required to
92 make expenditure cuts, as a result of application of this
93 subsection, shall not be required to reduce such expenditures more
94 than twenty-five percent (25%) in any year in order to comply with
95 this mandate.

96 The State Auditor shall ensure that functions in all
97 expenditure categories to which this administrative limitation
98 applies shall be properly classified.

99 This section shall not apply to central administration with
100 five (5) or less full-time employees, or to those school districts
101 which can substantiate that comparable reductions have occurred in
102 administrative costs for the five-year period immediately prior to
103 school year 1993-1994. In the event the application of this
104 section may jeopardize the fiscal integrity or operations of the
105 school district, have an adverse impact on the ability of the
106 district to deliver educational services, or otherwise restrict
107 the district from achieving or maintaining a quality education
108 program, the State Board of Education shall be authorized to
109 exempt the application of this section to such school district

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110 pursuant to rules and regulations of the State Board of Education
111 consistent with the intent of this section.

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113 SECTION 2. Section 37-61-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
114 amended as follows:

115 37-61-21. If it should appear to the superintendent of
116 schools or administrative superintendent or the school board of
117 any school district that the amounts to be received from state
118 appropriations, taxation or any other source will be more than the
119 amount estimated in the budget filed and approved, or if it should
120 appear that such amounts shall be less than the amount estimated,
121 the school board of the school district, with assistance from the
122 superintendent, shall revise the budget at any time during the
123 fiscal year by increasing or decreasing the fund budget, in
124 proportion to the increase or decrease in the estimated amounts.
125 If it should appear to the superintendent of schools, or
126 administrative superintendent or the school board of a school
127 district that some function of the budget as filed is in excess of
128 the requirement of that function and that the entire amount
129 budgeted for such function will not be needed for expenditures
130 therefor during the fiscal year, the school board of the school
131 district, with assistance from the superintendent, may transfer
132 resources to and from functions and funds within the budget when
133 and where needed; however, no such transfer shall be made from
134 fund to fund or from function to function which will result in the
135 expenditure of any money for any purpose different from that for
136 which the money was appropriated, allotted, collected or otherwise
137 made available or for a purpose which is not authorized by law.
138 No revision of any budget under the provisions hereof shall be
139 made which will permit a fund expenditure in excess of the amounts
140 available for such purpose. The revised portions of the budgets
141 shall be incorporated in the minutes of the school board by
142 spreading them on the minutes or by attaching them as an addendum.

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143 Final budget revisions, pertinent to a fiscal year, shall be
144 approved on or before September 1 of the following fiscal year.

145 SECTION 3. Section 37-7-455, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
146 amended as follows:

147 37-7-455. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection
148 (2) of this section, all such land, buildings or other property
149 shall be sold only after the receipt of sealed bids therefor after
150 the time and place of making such sale has been duly advertised in
151 some newspaper having a general circulation in the county in which
152 the property is located once each week for three (3) consecutive
153 weeks with the first publication to be made not less than fifteen
154 (15) days prior to the date upon which such bids are to be
155 received and opened. The property shall be sold to the highest
156 and best bidder for cash, but the school board shall have the
157 right to reject any and all bids. If the property is not sold
158 pursuant to such advertisement, the school board * * *, by
159 resolution, may set a date for an open meeting of the school
160 board to be held within sixty (60) days after the date upon which
161 the bids were opened. At the meeting held pursuant to such
162 resolution, the school board may sell by auction the * * *
163 property for a consideration not less than the highest sealed bid
164 previously received pursuant to the advertisement. At the
165 meeting, * * * any interested party may bid for cash, and the
166 property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder for cash,
167 but the school board shall have the right to reject any and all
168 bids. The school board may require a written confirmation of bids
169 received at such called meeting before selling the property at
170 auction, but it shall not be necessary that sealed bids be
171 received before conducting the auction.

172 (2) As an alternative to the procedures established under
173 subsection (1) of this section, the school board of a school
174 district may elect, in its discretion, to sell by public auction
175 any property, other than real property or buildings of the school

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176 district, which is not used for school or related school purposes
177 and not needed in the operation of the schools. Before such
178 auction, the school board shall adopt a resolution calling for the
179 auction and shall advertise the auction in some newspaper having a
180 general circulation in the county in which the property is located
181 once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, with the first
182 publication to be made not less than fifteen (15) days before the
183 date upon which the auction shall be held. The advertisement
184 shall include a general description of the property to be sold at
185 the auction and the date, time and place that such auction shall
186 be held. At the auction, any interested party may bid for cash.
187 The property shall be sold to the highest and best bidder;
188 however, the school board may reject any and all bids. When
189 selling property under this subsection, a school board is not
190 required to advertise for or receive competitive bids in
191 connection with the sale of the property. Any items not sold at
192 such auctions or any other property, other than real property or
193 buildings of the district, not classified as fixed assets for
194 school purposes pursuant to regulations of the State Department of
195 Audit, which no longer have useful value to the school district,
196 in the discretion of the school board or its designated
197 representative, may be destroyed or disposed of in any manner
198 whatsoever, provided that no school official or employee derives
199 any personal economic benefit from such disposal.

200 (3) When the sale of such property is authorized and
201 approved by the school board, the president of the school board
202 shall be authorized and empowered to execute a conveyance of the
203 property upon the terms and for the consideration fixed by the
204 board. The school board shall reserve unto the district at least
205 an undivided one-half (1/2) nonparticipating royalty interest in
206 all oil, gas and minerals in, on or under the land, and all
207 proceeds derived from royalties upon the reserved mineral
208 interests shall be used as provided by Section 37-7-457; if the

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209 mineral interests of the district are less than the full and
210 undivided ownership, the undivided royalty interest reserved by
211 the district shall be reduced proportionately.

212 SECTION 4. Section 11-41-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
213 amended as follows:

214 11-41-1. (1) On the complaint of the state, by its Attorney
215 General or a district attorney, in any matter affecting the public
216 interest, or on the complaint of any private person who is
217 interested, the judgment shall be issued by the circuit court,
218 commanding any inferior tribunal, corporation, board, officer, or
219 person to do or not to do an act the performance or omission of
220 which the law specially enjoins as a duty resulting from an
221 office, trust, or station, where there is not a plain, adequate,
222 and speedy remedy in the ordinary course of law. All procedural
223 aspects of this action shall be governed by the Mississippi Rules
224 of Civil Procedure.

225 (2) In any matter affecting the operation of the school
226 district over which they preside, the duly appointed or elected
227 school board, or school superintendent as directed by the school
228 board, shall have the same authority as is conferred on the
229 Attorney General or district attorney by subsection (1) of this
230 section.

231 SECTION 5. Section 37-7-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
232 amended as follows:

233 37-7-301. The school boards of all school districts shall
234 have the following powers, authority and duties in addition to all
235 others imposed or granted by law, to wit:

236 (a) To organize and operate the schools of the district
237 and to make such division between the high school grades and
238 elementary grades as, in their judgment, will serve the best
239 interests of the school;

240 (b) To introduce public school music, art, manual
241 training and other special subjects into either the elementary or

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242 high school grades, as the board shall deem proper;

243 (c) To be the custodians of real and personal school
244 property and to manage, control and care for same, both during the
245 school term and during vacation;

246 (d) To have responsibility for the erection, repairing
247 and equipping of school facilities and the making of necessary
248 school improvements;

249 (e) To suspend or to expel a pupil for misconduct in
250 the school, upon school buses, on the road to and from school,
251 during recess or upon the school playgrounds, and to delegate such
252 authority to the appropriate officials of the school district;

253 (f) To visit schools in the district, in their
254 discretion, in a body for the purpose of determining what can be
255 done for the improvement of the school in a general way;

256 (g) To support, within reasonable limits, the
257 superintendent, administrative superintendent, principal and
258 teachers where necessary for the proper discipline of the school;

259 (h) To exclude from the schools students with what
260 appears to be infectious or contagious diseases; provided,
261 however, such student may be allowed to return to school upon
262 presenting a certificate from a public health officer, duly
263 licensed physician or nurse practitioner that the student is free
264 from such disease;

265 (i) To require those vaccinations specified by the
266 State Health Officer as provided in Section 41-23-37, Mississippi
267 Code of 1972;

268 (j) To see that all necessary utilities and services
269 are provided in the schools at all times when same are needed;

270 (k) To authorize the use of the school buildings and
271 grounds for the holding of public meetings and gatherings of the
272 people under such regulations as may be prescribed by said board;

273 (l) To prescribe and enforce rules and regulations not
274 inconsistent with law or with the regulations of the State Board

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275 of Education for their own government and for the government of
276 the schools, and to transact their business at regular and special
277 meetings called and held in the manner provided by law;

278 (m) To maintain and operate all of the schools under
279 their control for such length of time during the year as may be
280 required;

281 (n) To enforce in the schools the courses of study and
282 the use of the textbooks prescribed by the proper authorities;

283 (o) To make orders directed to the superintendent of
284 schools or administrative superintendent for the issuance of pay
285 certificates for lawful purposes on any available funds of the
286 district and to have full control of the receipt, distribution,
287 allotment and disbursement of all funds provided for the support
288 and operation of the schools of such school district whether such
289 funds be derived from state appropriations, local ad valorem tax
290 collections, or otherwise;

291 (p) To select all school district personnel in the
292 manner provided by law, and to provide for such employee fringe
293 benefit programs, including accident reimbursement plans, as may
294 be deemed necessary and appropriate by the board;

295 (q) To provide athletic programs and other school
296 activities and to regulate the establishment and operation of such
297 programs and activities;

298 (r) To join, in their discretion, any association of
299 school boards and other public school-related organizations, and
300 to pay from local funds other than minimum foundation funds, any
301 membership dues;

302 (s) To expend local school activity funds, or other
303 available school district funds, other than minimum education
304 program funds, for the purposes prescribed under this paragraph.
305 "Activity funds" shall mean all funds received by school officials
306 in all school districts paid or collected to participate in any
307 school activity, such activity being part of the school program

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308 and partially financed with public funds or supplemented by public
309 funds. The term "activity funds" shall not include any funds
310 raised and/or expended by any organization unless commingled in a
311 bank account with existing activity funds, regardless of whether
312 the funds were raised by school employees or received by school
313 employees during school hours or using school facilities, and
314 regardless of whether a school employee exercises influence over
315 the expenditure or disposition of such funds. Organizations shall
316 not be required to make any payment to any school for the use of
317 any school facility if, in the discretion of the local school
318 governing board, the organization's function shall be deemed to be
319 beneficial to the official or extracurricular programs of the
320 school. For the purposes of this provision, the term
321 "organization" shall not include any organization subject to the
322 control of the local school governing board. Activity funds may
323 only be expended for any necessary expenses or travel costs,
324 including advances, incurred by students and their chaperons in
325 attending any in-state or out-of-state school-related programs,
326 conventions or seminars and/or any commodities, equipment, travel
327 expenses, purchased services or school supplies which the local
328 school governing board, in its discretion, shall deem beneficial
329 to the official or extracurricular programs of the district,
330 including items which may subsequently become the personal
331 property of individuals, including yearbooks, athletic apparel,
332 book covers and trophies. Activity funds may be used to pay
333 travel expenses of school district personnel. The local school
334 governing board shall be authorized and empowered to promulgate
335 rules and regulations specifically designating for what purposes
336 school activity funds may be expended. The local school governing
337 board shall provide (a) that such school activity funds shall be
338 maintained and expended by the principal of the school generating
339 the funds in individual bank accounts, or (b) that such school
340 activity funds shall be maintained and expended by the

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341 superintendent of schools in a central depository approved by the
342 board. The local school governing board shall provide that such
343 school activity funds be audited as part of the annual audit
344 required in Section 37-9-18. The State Auditor shall prescribe a
345 uniform system of accounting and financial reporting for all
346 school activity fund transactions;

347 (t) To contract, on a shared savings, lease or
348 lease-purchase basis, for energy efficiency services and/or
349 equipment as provided for in Section 31-7-14, not to exceed ten
350 (10) years;

351 (u) To maintain accounts and issue pay certificates on
352 school food service bank accounts;

353 (v) (i) To lease a school building from an individual,
354 partnership, nonprofit corporation or a private for-profit
355 corporation for the use of such school district, and to expend
356 funds therefor as may be available from any nonminimum program
357 sources. The school board of the school district desiring to
358 lease a school building shall declare by resolution that a need
359 exists for a school building and that the school district cannot
360 provide the necessary funds to pay the cost or its proportionate
361 share of the cost of a school building required to meet the
362 present needs. The resolution so adopted by the school board
363 shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks
364 in a newspaper having a general circulation in the school district
365 involved, with the first publication thereof to be made not less
366 than thirty (30) days prior to the date upon which the school
367 board is to act on the question of leasing a school building. If
368 no petition requesting an election is filed prior to such meeting
369 as hereinafter provided, then the school board may, by resolution
370 spread upon its minutes, proceed to lease a school building. If
371 at any time prior to said meeting a petition signed by not less
372 than twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever is
373 less, of the qualified electors of the school district involved

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374 shall be filed with the school board requesting that an election
375 be called on the question, then the school board shall, not later
376 than the next regular meeting, adopt a resolution calling an
377 election to be held within such school district upon the question
378 of authorizing the school board to lease a school building. Such
379 election shall be called and held, and notice thereof shall be
380 given, in the same manner for elections upon the questions of the
381 issuance of the bonds of school districts, and the results thereof
382 shall be certified to the school board. If at least three-fifths
383 (3/5) of the qualified electors of the school district who voted
384 in such election shall vote in favor of the leasing of a school
385 building, then the school board shall proceed to lease a school
386 building. The term of the lease contract shall not exceed twenty
387 (20) years, and the total cost of such lease shall be either the
388 amount of the lowest and best bid accepted by the school board
389 after advertisement for bids or an amount not to exceed the
390 current fair market value of the lease as determined by the
391 averaging of at least two (2) appraisals by members of the
392 American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers or the Society of
393 Real Estate Appraisers. The term "school building" as used in
394 this item (v) shall be construed to mean any building or buildings
395 used for classroom purposes in connection with the operation of
396 schools and shall include the site therefor, necessary support
397 facilities, and the equipment thereof and appurtenances thereto
398 such as heating facilities, water supply, sewage disposal,
399 landscaping, walks, drives and playgrounds. The term "lease" as
400 used in this item (v)(i) may include a lease/purchase contract;
401 (ii) If two (2) or more school districts propose
402 to enter into a lease contract jointly, then joint meetings of the
403 school boards having control may be held but no action taken shall
404 be binding on any such school district unless the question of
405 leasing a school building is approved in each participating school
406 district under the procedure hereinabove set forth in item (v)(i).

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407 All of the provisions of item (v)(i) regarding the term and amount
408 of the lease contract shall apply to the school boards of school
409 districts acting jointly. Any lease contract executed by two (2)
410 or more school districts as joint lessees shall set out the amount
411 of the aggregate lease rental to be paid by each, which may be
412 agreed upon, but there shall be no right of occupancy by any
413 lessee unless the aggregate rental is paid as stipulated in the
414 lease contract. All rights of joint lessees under the lease
415 contract shall be in proportion to the amount of lease rental paid
416 by each;

417 (w) To employ all noninstructional and noncertificated
418 employees and fix the duties and compensation of such personnel
419 deemed necessary pursuant to the recommendation of the
420 superintendent of schools or the administrative superintendent;

421 (x) To employ and fix the duties and compensation of
422 such legal counsel as deemed necessary;

423 (y) Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board
424 of Education, to purchase, own and operate trucks, vans and other
425 motor vehicles, which shall bear the proper identification
426 required by law;

427 (z) To expend funds for the payment of substitute
428 teachers and to adopt reasonable regulations for the employment
429 and compensation of such substitute teachers;

430 (aa) To acquire in its own name by purchase all real
431 property which shall be necessary and desirable in connection with
432 the construction, renovation or improvement of any public school
433 building or structure. If the board shall be unable to agree with
434 the owner of any such real property in connection with any such
435 project, the board shall have the power and authority to acquire
436 any such real property by condemnation proceedings pursuant to
437 Section 11-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and for such
438 purpose, the right of eminent domain is hereby conferred upon and
439 vested in said board. Provided further, that the local school

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440 board is authorized to grant an easement for ingress and egress
441 over sixteenth section land or lieu land in exchange for a similar
442 easement upon adjoining land where the exchange of easements
443 affords substantial benefit to the sixteenth section land;
444 provided, however, the exchange must be based upon values as
445 determined by a competent appraiser, with any differential in
446 value to be adjusted by cash payment. Any easement rights granted
447 over sixteenth section land under such authority shall terminate
448 when the easement ceases to be used for its stated purpose. No
449 sixteenth section or lieu land which is subject to an existing
450 lease shall be burdened by any such easement except by consent of
451 the lessee or unless the school district shall acquire the
452 unexpired leasehold interest affected by the easement;

453 (bb) To charge reasonable fees related to the
454 educational programs of the district, in the manner prescribed in
455 Section 37-7-335;

456 (cc) Subject to rules and regulations of the State
457 Board of Education, to purchase relocatable classrooms for the use
458 of such school district, in the manner prescribed in Section
459 37-1-13;

460 (dd) Enter into contracts or agreements with other
461 school districts, political subdivisions or governmental entities
462 to carry out one or more of the powers or duties of the school
463 board, or to allow more efficient utilization of limited resources
464 for providing services to the public;

465 (ee) To provide for in-service training for employees
466 of the district. Until June 30, 1994, the school boards may
467 designate two (2) days of the minimum school term, as defined in
468 Section 37-19-1, for employee in-service training for
469 implementation of the new statewide testing system as developed by
470 the State Board of Education. Such designation shall be subject
471 to approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to uniform
472 rules and regulations;

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473 (ff) The school boards of all school districts, as part
474 of their duties to prescribe the use of textbooks, may provide
475 that parents and legal guardians shall be responsible for the
476 textbooks and for the compensation to the school district for any
477 books which are not returned to the proper schools upon the
478 withdrawal of their dependent child. If a textbook is lost or not
479 returned by any student who drops out of the public school
480 district, the parent or legal guardian shall also compensate the
481 school district for the fair market value of the textbooks;

482 (gg) To conduct fund-raising activities on behalf of
483 the school district that the local school board, in its
484 discretion, deems appropriate or beneficial to the official or
485 extracurricular programs of the district; provided that:

486 (i) Any proceeds of the fund-raising activities
487 shall be treated as "activity funds" and shall be accounted for as
488 are other activity funds under this section; * * *

489 (ii) Fund-raising activities conducted or
490 authorized by the board for the sale of school pictures, the
491 rental of caps and gowns or the sale of graduation invitations for
492 which the school board receives a commission, rebate or fee shall
493 contain a disclosure statement advising that a portion of the
494 proceeds of the sales or rentals shall be contributed to the
495 student activity fund; and

496 (iii) No individual incentive may be offered or
497 given to a student in Grades Kindergarten through 6 with a fair
498 market value in excess of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for
499 participating in such fund-raising activity;

500 (hh) To allow individual lessons for music, art and
501 other curriculum-related activities for academic credit or
502 nonacademic credit during school hours and using school equipment
503 and facilities, subject to uniform rules and regulations adopted
504 by the school board;

505 (ii) To charge reasonable fees for participating in an

506 extracurricular activity for academic or nonacademic credit for
507 necessary and required equipment such as safety equipment, band
508 instruments and uniforms;

509 (jj) To conduct or participate in any fund-raising
510 activities on behalf of or in connection with a tax-exempt
511 charitable organization;

512 (kk) To exercise such powers as may be reasonably
513 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section; and

514 (ll) To expend funds for the services of nonprofit arts
515 organizations or other such nonprofit organizations who provide
516 performances or other services for the students of the school
517 district;

518 (mm) To take all action necessary to borrow funds
519 pursuant to any federal laws or regulations, provided that such
520 borrowing will not impose additional special ad valorem taxes on
521 property within the district; and

522 (nn) To expend funds from any available sources for the
523 purpose of defraying the cost of student field trips to public or
524 private nonprofit museums, including the cost of admission to such
525 museum.

526 SECTION 6. The following provision shall be codified as
527 Section 37-57-102, Mississippi Code of 1972.

528 37-57-102. For purposes of this chapter, the term property
529 shall have such meaning as is prescribed by Section 1-3-45,
530 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

531 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from
532 and after its passage.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-61-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE SCHOOL BOARDS TO FILE BUDGET REQUESTS WITH THE LEVYING
3 AUTHORITIES ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1; TO AMEND SECTION 37-61-21,
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT FINAL
5 AMENDED BUDGETS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE FOLLOWING FISCAL
6 YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-455, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
7 AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SELL SURPLUS PROPERTY OTHER THAN

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8 REAL PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS AT PUBLIC AUCTION WITHOUT HAVING
9 ADVERTISED FOR AND RECEIVED COMPETITIVE BIDS; TO AMEND SECTION
10 11-41-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO GRANT TO A SCHOOL BOARD OR
11 SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION STANDING TO SEEK A WRIT OF MANDAMUS TO
12 COMPEL PERFORMANCE OF A LAWFUL DUTY IN MATTERS AFFECTING THE
13 OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OVER WHICH THEY MAY PRESIDE; TO
14 AMEND SECTION 37-7-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE
15 INTEREST-FREE BORROWING WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TAX LEVIES, AND TO
16 PERMIT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO EXPEND FUNDS
17 FROM ANY AVAILABLE SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COSTS
18 OF STUDENT FIELD TRIPS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT MUSEUMS; TO
19 CODIFY SECTION 37-57-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE
20 DEFINITION OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL AD VALOREM TAX PURPOSES; AND FOR
21 RELATED PURPOSES.