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To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1251

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-63, 37-29-407, 37-29-455,
2 37-29-509 AND 37-29-555, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE
3 AUTHORITY OF BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE
4 DISTRICTS TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S
5 RECOMMENDATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL EMPLOYED UNDER
6 CONTRACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. Section 37-29-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:[HS1]

10 37-29-63. The president of any community or junior college
11 shall have the power to recommend to the board of trustees all
12 teachers, instructors, professors and other employees to be
13 employed under contract with the district. The board of trustees,
14 in its discretion, may accept or decline to accept the
15 recommendation of the president to employ or not to employ a
16 teacher, instructor, professor or other employee under contract
17 with the district, and such decision of the board of trustees
18 shall be final. The president may remove or suspend any member of
19 the faculty, subject to the approval of the trustees. He shall be
20 the general manager of all fiscal and administrative affairs of
21 the district with full authority to select, direct, employ and
22 discharge any and all employees other than teachers, instructors,
23 professors and other employees under contract with the district;
24 however, the board may make provisions and establish policies for
25 leave for faculty members and other key personnel.

26 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
27 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 and the approval
28 of the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study, fix

29 schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for the
30 governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
31 custodian of the property of the district.

32 SECTION 2. Section 37-29-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
33 amended as follows:[HS2]

34 37-29-407. The president of the community college shall have
35 the power to recommend to the trustees all teachers, instructors,
36 professors and other employees to be employed under contract with
37 the district. The board of trustees, in its discretion, may
38 accept or decline to accept the recommendation of the president to
39 employ or not to employ a teacher, instructor, professor or other
40 employee under contract with the district, and such decision of
41 the board shall be final. The president may remove or suspend any
42 member of the faculty, subject to the approval of the trustees.
43 He shall be the general manager of all fiscal and administrative
44 affairs of the district with full authority to select, direct,
45 employ and discharge any and all employees other than teachers,
46 instructors, professors and other employees under contract with
47 the district.

48 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
49 provisions of Sections 37-29-401 through 37-29-437 and the
50 approval of the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study,
51 fix schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for
52 the governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
53 custodian of the property of the district.

54 SECTION 3. Section 37-29-455, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
55 amended as follows:[HS3]

56 37-29-455. The president of the community college shall have
57 the power to recommend to the trustees all teachers, instructors,
58 professors and other employees to be employed under contract with
59 the district. The board of trustees, in its discretion, may
60 accept or decline to accept the recommendation of the president to
61 employ or not to employ a teacher, instructor, professor or other
62 employee under contract with the district, and such decision of
63 the board shall be final. The president may remove or suspend any
64 member of the faculty, subject to the approval of the trustees.
65 He shall be the general manager of all fiscal and administrative

66 affairs of the district with full authority to select, direct,
67 employ and discharge any and all employees other than teachers,
68 instructors, professors and other employees under contract with
69 the district; however, the board may make provisions and establish
70 policies for leave for faculty members and other key personnel.

71 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
72 provisions of Sections 37-29-451 through 37-29-471 and the
73 approval of the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study,
74 fix schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for
75 the governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
76 custodian of the property of the district.

77 SECTION 4. Section 37-29-509, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
78 amended as follows:[HS4]

79 37-29-509. (1) The Meridian Junior College District shall
80 be under the executive direction of a president elected by the
81 board of trustees of such district.

82 (2) The president of the community college shall be general
83 manager of all fiscal and administrative affairs of the district
84 with full authority to select, employ, direct and discharge any
85 and all employees other than faculty. He shall have the power to
86 recommend to the board of trustees all faculty to be employed,
87 under contract with the district. The board of trustees, in its
88 discretion, may accept or decline to accept the recommendation of
89 the president to employ or not to employ a person under contract
90 with the district, and such decision of the board shall be final.
91 The president may remove or suspend any member of the faculty,
92 subject to the approval of the board of trustees. The president
93 shall have the authority, subject to the approval of the board of
94 trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study, fix schedules
95 and establish and enforce rules and discipline for the governing
96 of faculty and students. He shall be the general custodian of the
97 property of the district. For purposes of this subsection, the
98 term "faculty" includes, but is not necessarily limited to,

99 teachers, instructors, professors and other persons employed under
100 contract with the district.

101 SECTION 5. Section 37-29-555, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
102 amended as follows:[HS5]

103 37-29-555. The president of the community college shall have
104 the power to recommend to the trustees all teachers, instructors,
105 professors and other employees to be employed under contract with
106 the district. The board of trustees, in its discretion, may
107 accept or decline to accept the recommendation of the president to
108 employ or not to employ a teacher, instructor, professor or other
109 employee under contract with the district, and such decision of
110 the board shall be final. The president may remove or suspend any
111 member of the faculty, subject to the approval of the trustees.
112 He shall be the general manager of all fiscal and administrative
113 affairs of the district with full authority to select, direct,
114 employ and discharge any and all employees other than teachers,
115 instructors, professors and other employees under contract with
116 the district; however, the board may make provisions and establish
117 policies for leave for faculty members and other key personnel.

118 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
119 provisions of Sections 37-29-551 through 37-29-569 and the
120 approval of the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study,
121 fix schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for
122 the governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
123 custodian of the property of the district.

124 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from
125 and after July 1, 2000.