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To: Universities and
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1539

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A REVOLVING FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE
2 DESIGNATED AS THE "INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING CAPITAL
3 IMPROVEMENTS PREPLANNING FUND," WHICH SHALL BE USED TO FUND THE
4 PREPLANNING OF PROJECTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
5 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT
6 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO PROVIDE THAT EXPENSES FOR THE
7 PREPLANNING OF SUCH PROJECTS SHALL BE PAID FROM THE FUND; TO
8 PROVIDE THAT AMOUNTS EXPENDED FOR THE PREPLANNING OF A PROJECT
9 FROM THE REVOLVING FUND SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE FUND FROM MONEYS
10 APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE FOR SUCH PROJECT; AND FOR RELATED
11 PURPOSES.

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

13 SECTION 1. (1) There is established in the State Treasury a
14 revolving fund to be designated as the "Institutions of Higher
15 Learning Capital Improvements Preplanning Fund," which shall
16 consist of monies appropriated or otherwise made available
17 therefor by the Legislature. Funds deposited into the revolving
18 fund may be expended by the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real
19 Property Management to obtain preliminary studies and plans for
20 projects approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions
21 of Higher Learning and authorized by the Department of Finance and
22 Administration. The bureau shall consider architectural and
23 aesthetic compatibility in the preplanning of any project
24 conducted using money from the Institutions of Higher Learning
25 Capital Improvements Preplanning Fund, and to the extent
26 practicable, all new buildings planned using such money must be of
27 sustainable design and energy efficient.

28 (2) All expenses for preplanning projects authorized by the
29 Department of Finance and Administration shall be paid upon
30 warrants drawn on the Institutions of Higher Learning Capital

31 Improvements Preplanning Fund created under this section. The
32 Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants upon
33 requisitions signed by the Director of the Bureau of Building,
34 Grounds and Real Property Management. A requisition must set
35 forth the name of the project, estimated cost of the project and
36 the total amount of prior expenditures for the project. The
37 Department of Finance and Administration shall not issue a warrant
38 against the Institutions of Higher Learning Capital Improvements
39 Preplanning Fund if the total amount expended for preliminary
40 study and planning on the project exceeds two percent (2%) of the
41 estimated cost of the project.

42 (3) Upon the appropriation of funds or the sale of bonds to
43 fund any project finally approved by the Legislature for which
44 planning funds have been expended under this section, the Director
45 of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management
46 shall requisition such amount as has been expended for preliminary
47 planning to be transferred from the available funds for such
48 project to the Institutions of Higher Learning Capital
49 Improvements Preplanning Fund, and the Department of Finance and
50 Administration shall make such transfer.

51 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration may receive
52 and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the
53 expenditure of funds deposited into the Institutions of Higher
54 Learning Capital Improvements Preplanning Fund.

55 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2000.