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To: Universities and  
Colleges;  
AppropriationsHOUSE BILL NO. 1539  
(As Passed the House)

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.