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To: Education;  
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 3073

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT SECOND LEVEL FUNDING PROGRAM FUNDS IN ADDITION TO  
3 MINIMUM EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO NEWLY ESTABLISHED  
4 REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CENTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-22-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[RDD1]

8 37-22-3. There is herein provided a Second Level Funding  
9 Program which shall qualify any school district within a county  
10 wherein there is only one (1) school district located for  
11 additional state funding on an annual basis. The nonparticipation  
12 of any line consolidated school district to conform their district  
13 administration to receive second level funding under the  
14 provisions of this section shall not prohibit the participation of  
15 any other school districts located within any of the affected  
16 counties in such funding program. In the event the board of  
17 trustees of a line consolidated school district elects to  
18 participate in second level funding, it shall merge its  
19 administration with the county in which the majority of its  
20 facilities are located. The State Board of Education shall  
21 designate the county in which the majority of such line  
22 consolidated district facilities are located in accordance with  
23 its established inventory of school district facilities. The  
24 school boards in any such county having only one (1) school  
25 district on July 1, 1989, and the school boards in any county  
26 having more than one (1) school district which hereafter adopts a  
27 plan for the transition of all administrative functions into one

28 (1) school district for such county, shall qualify for this Second  
29 Level Funding Program. Any uniform millage assistance grant  
30 received by an agricultural high school shall not affect the  
31 granting of second level funding grants to any school district  
32 under the provisions of this section; and any agricultural high  
33 school located in such school district shall also be eligible for  
34 such second level funding grants. The state funds available to  
35 such school district for the Second Level Funding Program shall be  
36 Thirty-six Dollars (\$36.00) per pupil in average daily attendance.  
37 The total state funds needed for the Second Level Funding Program  
38 annually shall be the total of the amounts needed by all of the  
39 school districts in the state having one (1) school district  
40 within the county. Second Level Funding Program funds shall also  
41 be available to any two (2) or more school districts within a  
42 county which jointly establish a regional high school center  
43 pursuant to Section 37-7-417, Mississippi Code of 1972. In order  
44 to qualify for additional state funds under this provision, the  
45 newly established regional high school shall be the only high  
46 school in operation in the county. The State Second Level Funding  
47 Program Fund is hereby established in the State Treasury which  
48 shall be used to distribute the funds to school districts entitled  
49 under the provisions of this section. Any such funds shall be  
50 transferred to the school district maintenance fund of such  
51 district in the manner prescribed in Section 37-19-47, Mississippi  
52 Code of 1972, and shall be expended in the manner provided by law  
53 for classroom instructional purposes.

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