MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE                                    REGULAR SESSION 2001
By: Representative Eads                                    To: Education

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE                                      FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 669

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
ESTABLISH MEETING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL
SCHOOL BOARDS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-6-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

37-6-13. (1) Each person serving as a member of the school
board of any school district shall receive per diem in the amount
of Sixty-seven Dollars ($67.00) for no more than thirty-six (36)
meetings of the school board during any one (1) fiscal year or, in
his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose to receive as
compensation for his or her services an annual salary in the
amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($2,400.00), which
choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or periods
of service of that member. The receipt of the compensation shall
not entitle any member of a school board to receive or be eligible
for any state employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe
benefits. Each member shall be reimbursed for the necessary
expenses and mileage in attending meetings of the school board.
In addition to the foregoing, all members may be reimbursed for
mileage and actual expenses incurred in the further performance of
their duties, including attendance at any mandatory school board
training session or at regional and national education meetings,
when such mileage and other expenses are authorized by the board
prior to the date on which they occur. Detailed vouchers shall be
submitted for reimbursement for all expenses authorized by this
section. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section 25-3-41.

Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school district involved against the funds available for payment of the administrative expense of the district.

(2) (a) If a member of a school board misses twenty percent (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during one (1) calendar year, the member must reimburse the school district that portion of the total salary paid to the member that year which is proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in relation to the total number of such meetings held during that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be given only to meetings of which public notice is required.

(b) Before February 1 of each year, the president of each local school board shall submit a report to the State Board of Education containing the names of any members of the school board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board meetings during the preceding calendar year.

SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended or extended, after January 1, 2002, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date

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it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.