

By: Senator(s) Jackson

To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2568

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-22, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS
3 TO SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 37-19-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-19-22. (1) In addition to other funds allowed under the
8 Minimum Education Program, each school district shall receive a
9 grant for the support of alternative school programs established
10 under Section 37-13-92, in accordance with the following: one and
11 twenty-five hundredths percent (1.25%) of the school district's
12 average daily attendance or fifteen (15) pupils, whichever is
13 greater, multiplied by the average expenditure of public monies
14 per pupil in the State of Mississippi, as determined by the State
15 Board of Education. The number of students generated by the above
16 formula shall not also be counted in determining the teacher unit
17 allotment but shall be counted in determining the average daily
18 attendance of the school districts in which those students are
19 enrolled.

20 (2) An alternative school advisory board may be created
21 within each school district maintaining a freestanding alternative
22 school or two (2) or more adjacent school districts operating a
23 freestanding alternative school pursuant to a contract approved by
24 the State Board of Education. The advisory board shall meet no
25 less than two (2) times during each school year to study the
26 alternative school program and to make recommendations for
27 improvements to the superintendent of the local school board or

28 boards, as the case may be, and the State Superintendent of
29 Education. The alternative school advisory board shall consist of
30 the following members: one (1) school administrator to be
31 appointed by each local school board of the school district or
32 districts operating the alternative school; one (1) school board
33 member and one (1) parent to be appointed by each superintendent
34 of the school district or districts operating the alternative
35 school; one (1) classroom teacher to be appointed by the classroom
36 teachers in each school district operating the alternative school;
37 one (1) individual to be appointed by the local youth court judge,
38 or if there is no such court the chancery court judge; and one (1)
39 law enforcement officer to be appointed by the local sheriff. The
40 initial members of the advisory board shall serve as follows:
41 One-third (1/3) of the members shall serve two (2) years;
42 one-third (1/3) of the members shall serve three (3) years; and
43 one-third (1/3) of the members shall serve four (4) years, to be
44 designated by the appointing authority at the time of appointment.
45 Thereafter, the term of each member shall be for a period of four
46 (4) years.

47 An alternative school advisory board shall have no governing
48 authority over the alternative school program, and not in any
49 manner shall an advisory board's authority supersede the authority
50 of the school district or lead district in those alternative
51 school programs operated jointly by two (2) or more districts.

52 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
53 and after July 1, 2001.