MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE                                REGULAR SESSION 2002

By: Representative Guice                                  To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO
CONDUCT A STUDY REGARDING THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PURCHASE BY THE
STATE OF THE PORT OF PASCAGOULA; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The Mississippi Development Authority shall
carry out a study regarding the feasibility of the purchase by the
State of Mississippi of the Port of Pascagoula. In conducting
such study, the Mississippi Development Authority may consider the
factors described in Sections 59-5-15 and 59-5-17 and any other
information the Mississippi Development Authority determines to be
relevant to the study. The Mississippi Development Authority may
employ or contract with, or both, all necessary professionals,
including, but not limited to, engineers, appraisers, consultants
and other related professionals in carrying out its duties under
this section. The Mississippi Development Authority shall file
the results of the feasibility study along with any
recommendations regarding the purchase of the Port of Pascagoula
with the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of
the House of Representatives not later than December 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2002.