

By: Representative Guice

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

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

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

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

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

