

By: Representatives Ford, Scott (80th)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 494

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 37-7-339, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 WHICH AUTHORIZES LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE EXTENDED DAY
3 AND EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS AND TO ADOPT POLICIES, WITH
4 REGARD TO INSTRUCTION, FOR WHICH THERE IS NO SPECIFIC GENERAL LAW
5 OR AGENCY REGULATION; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 37-7-339,
6 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THAT
7 SECTION FROM JULY 1, 2002, TO JULY 1, 2003; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-7-339, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
11 reenacted and amended as follows:

12 37-7-339. (1) The school board of any local school
13 district, in its discretion, may provide extended day and extended
14 school year programs for kindergarten or compulsory-school-age
15 students, or both, and may expend any funds for these purposes
16 which are available from * * * sources other than the adequate
17 education program. It is not the intent of the Legislature, in
18 enacting this section, to interfere with the Headstart program.
19 School boards, in their discretion, may charge participants a
20 reasonable fee for such programs.

21 (2) The school board of any school district may adopt any
22 orders, policies, rules or regulations with respect to instruction
23 within that school district for which no specific provision has
24 been made by general law and which are not inconsistent with the
25 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, the Mississippi Code of 1972, or
26 any order, policy, rule or regulation of the State Board of
27 Education; those school boards also may alter, modify and repeal
28 any orders, policies, rules or regulations enacted under this
29 subsection. Any such program pertaining to reading must further
30 the goal that Mississippi students will demonstrate a growing



31 proficiency in reading and will reach or exceed the national
32 average within the next decade.

33 (3) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,
34 2003.

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

