

By: Representatives Ford, Scott (80th)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 494
(As Passed the House)

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 DELETE THE REPEALER ON THAT SECTION;
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

11 37-7-339. (1) The school board of any local school
12 district, in its discretion, may provide extended day and extended
13 school year programs for kindergarten or compulsory-school-age
14 students, or both, and may expend any funds for these purposes
15 which are available from * * * sources other than the adequate
16 education program. It is not the intent of the Legislature, in
17 enacting this section, to interfere with the Headstart program.
18 School boards, in their discretion, may charge participants a
19 reasonable fee for such programs.

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



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

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

