HOUSE BILL NO. 1120

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS FROM RECEIVING INCOME
SUPPLEMENTAL TO THE SALARY PAID BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 37-9-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
amended as follows:

37-9-37. (1) The amount of the salary to be paid any
superintendent, principal or licensed employee shall be fixed by
the school board, provided that the requirements of Chapter 19 of
this title are met as to superintendents, principals and licensed
employees paid in whole or in part from adequate education program
funds. In employing such superintendents, principals and licensed
employees and in fixing their salaries, the school boards shall
take into consideration the character, professional training,
experience, executive ability and teaching capacity of the
licensed employee, superintendent or principal. It is the intent
of the Legislature that whenever the salary of the school district
superintendent is set by a school board, the board shall take into
consideration the amount of money that the district spends per
pupil, and shall attempt to insure that the administrative cost of
the district and the amount of the salary of the superintendent
are not excessive in comparison to the per pupil expenditure of
the district.

(2) The salary established by the school board for the
school district superintendent pursuant to subsection (1) of this
section must be paid out of the funds of the school district and
must be the full and complete compensation for the duties rendered
by the school superintendent. A school district superintendent
may not be paid any compensation, salary, fee, grant, donation or
income from any public or private source to supplement the salary
established pursuant to subsection (1); however, this subsection
shall not prohibit any school superintendent from accepting
honoraria for public speaking engagements.

SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi
shall submit this act, immediately upon approval by the Governor,
or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to a veto, to the
Attorney General of the United States or to the United States
District Court for the District of Columbia in accordance with the
provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and
extended.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after July 1, 2002, if it is effectuated on or before that
date under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended
and extended. If it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting
Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, after July 1, 2002,
this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the date
it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of
1965, as amended and extended.