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To: Universities and Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2621

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-63 AND 37-29-67, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE BOARDS OF
3 TRUSTEES MAY DESIGNATE A PERSON TO RECOMMEND TEACHERS FOR
4 EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-29-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-29-63. The president of any community/junior college, or
9 such other person designated or authorized by the board of
10 trustees, shall have the power to recommend to the board of
11 trustees all teachers to be employed in the district. The
12 president may remove or suspend any member of the faculty subject
13 to the approval of the trustees. He shall be the general manager
14 of all fiscal and administrative affairs of the district with full
15 authority to select, direct, employ and discharge any and all
16 employees other than teachers; however, the board may make
17 provisions and establish policies for leave for faculty members
18 and other key personnel.

19 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
20 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 to 37-29-273 and the approval of
21 the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study, fix
22 schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for the
23 governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
24 custodian of the property of the district.

25 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-29-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
26 amended as follows:

27 37-29-67. (1) The duties of the board of trustees shall be
28 the general government of the community/junior college and



29 directive of the administration thereof. Subject to the
30 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273, the board shall
31 have full power to do all things necessary to the successful
32 operation of the district and the college or colleges or
33 attendance centers located therein to insure educational
34 advantages and opportunities to all the enrollees within the
35 district. The board of trustees shall be authorized to designate
36 a personnel supervisor or other person employed by the district to
37 recommend teachers and to transmit such recommendations to the
38 board of trustees; however, this authorization shall be restricted
39 to no more than two (2) positions for each employment period in
40 the district.

41 (2) The delineation and enumeration of the powers and
42 purposes set out in Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 shall be
43 deemed to be supplemental and additional, and shall not be
44 construed to restrict the powers of the board of trustees of the
45 district or of any college located therein so as to deny to the
46 said district and the college or colleges therein the rights,
47 privileges, and powers previously authorized by statute.

48 (3) The board of trustees shall have the power to contract,
49 on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy
50 efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section
51 31-7-14, not to exceed ten (10) years.

52 (4) The board of trustees shall be authorized with the
53 approval of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, to
54 change the name of the junior college to community college. The
55 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall establish
56 guidelines for the implementation of any junior college name
57 change. Any reference to junior college district in this chapter
58 shall hereinafter refer to the junior college district or its
59 successor in name as changed by the board of trustees.

60 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
61 and after its passage.

