

By: Representative Eads

To: County Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 493

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 19-3-42, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY TO GRADE, GRAVEL  
3 OR SHELL, REPAIR AND/OR MAINTAIN, GRAVEL OR SHELL AREAS ON PRIVATE  
4 LAND USED BY SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO PARK THE SCHOOL BUS THAT THEY  
5 OPERATE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 19-3-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 19-3-42. (1) The board of supervisors of any county is  
10 hereby authorized and empowered, in its discretion, to grade,  
11 gravel or shell, repair and/or maintain private gravel or shell  
12 roads or driveways to private residences if such roads or  
13 driveways are used for school bus turnarounds. The board of  
14 supervisors of any county also, in its discretion, may grade,  
15 gravel or shell, repair and/or maintain, gravel or shell areas on  
16 private land used by school bus drivers to park the school bus  
17 that they operate.

18 (2) Prior to engaging in the work authorized in subsection  
19 (1) of this section, the board of supervisors shall spread upon  
20 the official minutes of the board:

21 (a) The written request of the school board for such  
22 work;

23 (b) The written approval of the board of supervisors  
24 for such work;

25 (c) The specific location of the road, driveway or  
26 parking area to be worked; and

27 (d) The name of the owner of the road, driveway or  
28 parking area to be worked.



29           (3) The written request of the school board, as required in  
30 subsection (2)(a) above, shall contain a current list of all  
31 active school bus turnarounds and parking areas presently in use  
32 by the school district or contemplated for use by the school  
33 district for the present school year. The approval by the board  
34 of supervisors shall be valid and effective for the period of time  
35 that a turnaround or parking area is anticipated for use, but in  
36 no event for a period greater than one (1) year.

37           (4) In addition to the authority granted in subsection (1)  
38 of this section, from and after October 1, 1989, the board of  
39 supervisors of any county is further authorized, in its  
40 discretion, to maintain public school grounds of the county and to  
41 grade, gravel, shell or overlay, and/or to maintain gravel, shell,  
42 asphalt or concrete roads, driveways or parking lots of public  
43 schools of the county if, before engaging in such work, the board  
44 of supervisors shall spread upon its official minutes the written  
45 request of the school board for such work, the written approval of  
46 the board of supervisors for such work and the specific location  
47 of the school grounds or road, driveway or parking lot, to be  
48 worked.

49           (5) In addition to any other authority granted in this  
50 section, the board of supervisors of any county is hereby  
51 authorized, in its discretion, to repair and maintain driveways  
52 and parking lots of: (a) any nonprofit organization in the county  
53 which is tax exempt under Section 501(c) of the United States  
54 Internal Revenue Code and which has as one (1) of its primary  
55 purposes for organization to aid and assist in the rehabilitation  
56 of persons suffering from drug abuse or drug addiction; and (b)  
57 any private, nonprofit cemeteries in the county. The board of  
58 supervisors of any county shall not be authorized under the  
59 provisions of this subsection to repair or maintain driveways or  
60 parking lots located more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from



61 the center of any highway, road or street under the jurisdiction  
62 of the county.

63         **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
64 and after July 1, 2003.

