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To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1219

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL  
 2 STUDENTS HAVING DIFFICULTY MEETING NORMAL ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE  
 3 STANDARDS DUE TO THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
 4 CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEY WILL MEET THOSE STANDARDS;  
 5 TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL SHALL BE LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF  
 6 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL  
 7 SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
 8 CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
 9 OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE  
 10 UNIVERSITY SHALL SERVE AS MENTORS AND TUTORS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL  
 11 STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a residential school for  
 14 high school students who are having difficulty meeting normal  
 15 academic performance standards due to their home environment, for  
 16 the purpose of providing the students with an environment that  
 17 will allow them to meet the normal academic performance standards.  
 18 The school shall be located on the campus of Mississippi Valley  
 19 State University.

20 (2) The school shall be governed by a board composed of one

21 (1) representative from each of the following:

- 22 (a) Mississippi Valley State University,
- 23 (b) Delta State University,
- 24 (c) Coahoma Community College,
- 25 (d) Holmes Community College, and
- 26 (e) the State Department of Education.

27 In addition to the representatives specified above, the board  
 28 shall include representatives of such other colleges or  
 29 universities as designated by the State Board of Education.

30 (3) The board established under subsection (2) of this  
 31 section shall:



32           (a) Develop a plan relating to the opening, operation  
33 and funding of the school. The plan shall be presented to the  
34 Legislature during the 2004 Regular Session and shall include an  
35 equitable and reasonable plan for student recruitment without  
36 regard to race, creed or color;

37           (b) Select certain students for invitation to enroll in  
38 the school and other students shall be admitted by application to  
39 the school; and

40           (c) Prepare the annual budget for the school.

41           (4) The curriculum and admissions policies of the school  
42 shall reflect the purpose of the school, and students of  
43 Mississippi Valley State University shall serve as mentors and  
44 tutors for the high school students.

45           (5) The board established under subsection (2) of this  
46 section may prescribe any rules or regulations as may be necessary  
47 to implement the provisions of this act.

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

