HOUSE BILL NO. 1219

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

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

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

(2) The school shall be governed by a board composed of one
representative from each of the following:

(a) Mississippi Valley State University,
(b) Delta State University,
(c) Coahoma Community College,
(d) Holmes Community College, and
(e) the State Department of Education.

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

(3) The board established under subsection (2) of this
section shall:
32. (a) Develop a plan relating to the opening, operation and funding of the school. The plan shall be presented to the Legislature during the 2004 Regular Session and shall include an equitable and reasonable plan for student recruitment without regard to race, creed or color;

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

(c) Prepare the annual budget for the school.

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

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

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