

By: Senator(s) Jackson

To: Education;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2003

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-151-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
3 UNDER THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA TO SUPPORT  
4 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-151-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 37-151-83. (1) In addition to other funds allowed under the  
9 Adequate Education Program, each school district shall receive a  
10 grant for the support of alternative school programs established  
11 under Section 37-13-92, Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance  
12 with the following: One and twenty-five hundredths percent  
13 (1.25%) of the school district's average daily attendance or  
14 fifteen (15) pupils, whichever is greater, multiplied by the  
15 average expenditure of public monies per pupil in the State of  
16 Mississippi, as determined by the State Board of Education.

17 (2) An alternative school advisory board may be created  
18 within each school district maintaining a freestanding alternative  
19 school or two (2) or more adjacent school districts operating a  
20 freestanding alternative school pursuant to a contract approved by  
21 the State Board of Education. The advisory board shall meet no  
22 less than two (2) times during each school year to study the  
23 alternative school program and to make recommendations for  
24 improvements to the superintendent of the local school board or  
25 boards, as the case may be, and the State Superintendent of  
26 Education. The alternative school advisory board shall consist of  
27 the following members: one (1) school administrator to be  
28 appointed by each local school board of the school district or



29 districts operating the alternative school; one (1) school board  
30 member and one (1) parent to be appointed by each superintendent  
31 of the school district or districts operating the alternative  
32 school; one (1) classroom teacher to be appointed by the classroom  
33 teachers in each school district operating the alternative school;  
34 one (1) individual to be appointed by the local youth court judge,  
35 or if there is no such court the chancery court judge; and one (1)  
36 law enforcement officer to be appointed by the local sheriff. The  
37 initial members of the advisory board shall serve as follows:  
38 One-third (1/3) of the members shall serve two (2) years;  
39 one-third (1/3) of the members shall serve three (3) years; and  
40 one-third (1/3) of the members shall serve four (4) years, to be  
41 designated by the appointing authority at the time of appointment.  
42 Thereafter, the term of each member shall be for a period of four  
43 (4) years.

44 An alternative school advisory board shall have no governing  
45 authority over the alternative school program, and not in any  
46 manner shall an advisory board's authority supersede the authority  
47 of the school district or lead district in those alternative  
48 school programs operated jointly by two (2) or more districts.

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

