

By: Senator(s) Michel, Johnson (19th)

To: Rules

SENATE BILL NO. 2422

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE LONG-TERM  
2 EFFECTS OF THE NISSAN PLANT AND THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE  
3 NISSAN PLANT AND ITS SERVICE AND SUPPLIERS ON THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
4 SYSTEMS LOCATED IN MADISON COUNTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is established a committee to study  
7 the long-term effects of the Nissan plant and the proposed  
8 expansion of the Nissan plant and its service and suppliers on the  
9 public school systems of the Madison County School District and  
10 the Canton Municipal Separate School District and make  
11 recommendations to the Legislature. The committee shall make a  
12 report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature  
13 before December 15, 2003.

14 (2) The committee shall specifically examine the impact of  
15 the new jobs at the Nissan plant and its service and supplier  
16 components on the public school instructional staff,  
17 administrative staff, school buildings, school bus transportation  
18 and infrastructure in Madison County which will be necessary to  
19 meet the needs of the additional population created by such new  
20 jobs. The committee shall also examine the results of the new  
21 Mississippi Adequate Education Funding Formula and its effect on  
22 the Madison County public schools as the population of this area  
23 increases.

24 (3) The study committee shall be composed of the following  
25 twelve (12) members:

26 (a) Three (3) members of the House of Representatives  
27 appointed by the Speaker of the House, two (2) of whom shall  
28 represent Madison County;



29           (b) Three (3) members of the Senate appointed by the  
30 Lieutenant Governor, two (2) of whom shall represent Madison  
31 County;

32           (c) The Executive Director of the Central Mississippi  
33 Planning and Development District, or his designee;

34           (d) The State Superintendent of Public Education, or  
35 his designee;

36           (e) The County Superintendent of Education of Madison  
37 County;

38           (f) The Superintendent of the Canton Municipal Separate  
39 School District;

40           (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
41 Development Authority, or his designee; and

42           (h) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance  
43 and Administration, or his designee.

44           (4) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
45 passage of this act. Within fifteen (15) days thereafter, on a  
46 day to be designated jointly by the Speaker of the House and the  
47 Lieutenant Governor, the study committee shall meet and organize  
48 by selecting from its membership a chairman and vice chairman.  
49 The vice chairman shall serve as secretary and shall be  
50 responsible for keeping all records of the study committee. A  
51 majority of the members of the study committee shall constitute a  
52 quorum. In the selection of its officers and the adoption of  
53 rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority  
54 of the study committee present and voting is required. The  
55 committee shall meet upon the call of the chairman, and all  
56 members shall be notified in writing of all meetings, and such  
57 notices must be mailed at least five (5) days before the date on  
58 which a meeting is to be held.

59           (5) Each legislative member of the committee shall be paid  
60 from the contingent expense fund of his respective house per diem  
61 in the amount authorized by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of



62 1972, and a mileage allowance and an expense allowance in the  
63 amount authorized by Section 5-1-47, Mississippi Code of 1972.  
64 However, no per diem, mileage allowance or expense allowance may  
65 be paid for attending meetings of the committee while the  
66 Legislature is in session, and no per diem, mileage allowance or  
67 expense allowance may be paid without prior approval of the proper  
68 committee in the member's respective house. No study committee  
69 member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless  
70 previously authorized by vote, at a meeting of the study  
71 committee, which action must be recorded in the official minutes  
72 of the meeting.

73 (6) The study committee may employ consultants or staff and  
74 may utilize clerical and legal staff employed by any state agency,  
75 school district, political subdivision or municipality of the  
76 state, and any other staff assistance made available to the  
77 committee.

78 (7) Funding for the study committee may be provided from any  
79 funds that may be appropriated by the Legislature for the expenses  
80 of the study committee. The study committee may accept money from  
81 any source, public or private, to be expended in implementing its  
82 duties under this act.

83 (8) Upon presentation of its report to the Legislature  
84 before the 2004 Regular Session, the study committee shall be  
85 dissolved.

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

