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To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-63 AND 37-29-67, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISIONS
3 OF LAW WHICH PROVIDE THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY AND
4 JUNIOR COLLEGES AND THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF
5 TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-29-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-29-63. The president of any community/junior college, or
11 such other person designated or authorized by the board of
12 trustees, shall have the power to recommend to the board of
13 trustees all teachers to be employed in the district. The
14 president may remove or suspend any member of the faculty subject
15 to the approval of the trustees. He shall be the general manager
16 of all fiscal and administrative affairs of the district with full
17 authority to select, direct, employ and discharge any and all
18 employees other than teachers; however, the board may make
19 provisions and establish policies for leave for faculty members
20 and other key personnel.

21 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
22 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 and the approval
23 of the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study, fix
24 schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for the
25 governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
26 custodian of the property of the district.

27 This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2006.

28 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-29-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 amended as follows:

30 37-29-67. (1) The duties of the board of trustees shall be
31 the general government of the community/junior college and
32 directive of the administration thereof. Subject to the
33 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273, the board shall
34 have full power to do all things necessary to the successful
35 operation of the district and the college or colleges or
36 attendance centers located therein to insure educational
37 advantages and opportunities to all the enrollees within the
38 district. The board of trustees shall be authorized to designate
39 a personnel supervisor or other person employed by the district to
40 recommend teachers and to transmit such recommendations to the
41 board of trustees; however, this authorization shall be restricted
42 to no more than two (2) positions for each employment period in
43 the district.

44 This subsection shall be repealed on July 1, 2006.

45 (2) The delineation and enumeration of the powers and
46 purposes set out in Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 shall be
47 deemed to be supplemental and additional, and shall not be
48 construed to restrict the powers of the board of trustees of the
49 district or of any college located therein so as to deny to the
50 said district and the college or colleges therein the rights,
51 privileges, and powers previously authorized by statute.

52 (3) The board of trustees shall have the power to contract,
53 on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy
54 efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section
55 31-7-14, not to exceed ten (10) years.

56 (4) The board of trustees shall be authorized with the
57 approval of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, to
58 change the name of the junior college to community college. The
59 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall establish
60 guidelines for the implementation of any junior college name
61 change. Any reference to junior college district in this chapter

62 shall hereinafter refer to the junior college district or its
63 successor in name as changed by the board of trustees.

64 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
65 and after July 1, 2004.