

By: Senator(s) Little

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2820  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-3-55 AND 5-3-69, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
2 OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE  
3 COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER);  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 5-3-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 5-3-55. The committee shall be composed of seven (7) members  
9 from the Senate and seven (7) members from the House of  
10 Representatives, one (1) from each of the congressional districts  
11 of the State of Mississippi as they currently exist and three (3)  
12 from the state at large, to be appointed by the Lieutenant  
13 Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for a  
14 term concurrent with their term in their respective house. For  
15 the remainder of the present term, the Lieutenant Governor and  
16 Speaker shall make their respective appointments within fifteen  
17 (15) days after sine die adjournment of the 2004 Regular Session;  
18 and for each full four-year term thereafter, the Lieutenant  
19 Governor and Speaker shall make their appointments within fifteen  
20 (15) days after the first calendar day of the regular session in  
21 the first year of such four-year term. \* \* \* The term of each  
22 member shall be concurrent with his term of office.

23 The committee shall meet no later than ten (10) days after  
24 the final day of the 2004 Regular Session, and annually  
25 thereafter, for the purpose of organizing by electing from the  
26 membership a chairman, vice chairman and secretary.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 5-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
28 amended as follows:

29           5-3-69. There shall be no business transacted, including  
30 adoption of rules or procedure, without the presence of a quorum  
31 of the committee, which shall be eight (8) members to consist of  
32 four (4) members from the Senate and four (4) members from the  
33 House of Representatives, and no action shall be valid unless  
34 approved by the majority of those members present and voting, and  
35 entered upon the minutes of the committee and signed by the  
36 chairman and vice chairman. All actions of the committee shall be  
37 approved by at least four (4) Senate members and four (4) House  
38 members.

39           The committee shall meet at the time and place as designated  
40 by the majority vote of the members, provided that a special  
41 meeting may be called by the chairman or by a petition signed by  
42 no less than five (5) members. No action taken by the committee  
43 at any special meeting shall be valid unless each member shall  
44 have been given at least forty-eight hours' notice of the meeting,  
45 along with a statement of the business to be considered, and  
46 unless such action be entered upon the minutes of the committee  
47 and signed by the chairman.

48           **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
49 and after its passage.