

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3002

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-139-9 AND 37-140-9, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO CHARGE
3 FEES FOR ROOM AND BOARD AT THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS
4 AND SCIENCE AND THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, BASED ON A
5 SLIDING SCALE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-139-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-139-9. The board shall be the exclusive governing body of
10 the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and is hereby
11 authorized and empowered to promulgate rules and regulations
12 required to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The
13 emphasis of this school shall be dedicated to the academic
14 teaching of mathematics and the sciences, but shall not preclude
15 some emphasis being placed on the arts and humanities as deemed
16 appropriate by the board. The board shall promulgate rules and
17 regulations to charge fees for room and board for students
18 attending this school, with a sliding scale based upon ability to
19 pay.

20 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-140-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
21 amended as follows:

22 37-140-9. The board shall be the exclusive governing body of
23 the school and shall promulgate rules and regulations required for
24 the administration and operation of the school. The emphasis of
25 the school shall be on the education and training of students in
26 the performing, visual and literary arts and in the humanities,
27 but this emphasis shall not preclude the teaching of those liberal
28 arts and science courses, math and science deemed necessary by the

29 board to provide students with a well-rounded education. The
30 board shall promulgate rules and regulations to charge fees for
31 room and board for students attending this school, with a sliding
32 scale based upon ability to pay.

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