Adopted COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill No. 741

BY: Committee

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is 8 SECTION 1. 9 amended as follows: 37-151-7. The annual allocation to each school district for 10 11 the operation of the adequate education program shall be determined as follows: 12 (1) Computation of the basic amount to be included for 13 The 14 current operation in the adequate education program. following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual 15 allocation to each school district: 16 Determination of average daily attendance. 17 (a) During 18 months two (2) and three (3) of the current school year, the average daily attendance of a school district shall be computed, 19 20 or the average daily attendance for the prior school year shall be 21 used, whichever is greater. * * * The district's average daily attendance shall be computed and currently maintained in 22 23 accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of 24 Education. 25 (b) Determination of base student cost. The State

25 (b) **Determination of base student cost.** The State 26 Board of Education, on or before August 1, with adjusted estimate

no later than January 2, shall annually submit to the Legislative 27 28 Budget Office and the Governor a proposed base student cost 29 adequate to provide the following cost components of educating a 30 pupil in an average school district meeting Level III 31 accreditation standards required by the Commission on School 32 Accreditation: (i) Instructional Cost; (ii) Administrative Cost; (iii) Operation and Maintenance of Plant; and (iv) Ancillary 33 Support Cost. The department shall utilize a statistical 34 methodology which considers such factors as, but not limited to, 35 36 (i) school size; (ii) assessed valuation per pupil; (iii) the 37 percentage of students receiving free lunch; (iv) the local district maintenance tax levy; (v) other local school district 38 39 revenues; and (vi) the district's accreditation level, in the 40 selection of the representative Mississippi school districts for which cost information shall be obtained for each of the above 41 listed cost areas. 42

43 For the instructional cost component, the department shall 44 determine the instructional cost of each of the representative school districts selected above, excluding instructional cost of 45 46 self-contained special education programs and vocational education 47 programs, and the average daily attendance in the selected school 48 districts. The instructional cost is then totaled and divided by the total average daily attendance for the selected school 49 50 districts to yield the instructional cost component. For the 51 administrative cost component, the department shall determine the administrative cost of each of the representative school districts 52 53 selected above, excluding administrative cost of self-contained 54 special education programs and vocational education programs, and the average daily attendance in the selected school districts. 55 The administrative cost is then totaled and divided by the total 56 57 average daily attendance for the selected school districts to 58 yield the administrative cost component. For the plant and

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maintenance cost component, the department shall determine the 59 60 plant and maintenance cost of each of the representative school 61 districts selected above, excluding plant and maintenance cost of 62 self-contained special education programs and vocational education 63 programs, and the average daily attendance in the selected school 64 districts. The plant and maintenance cost is then totaled and 65 divided by the total average daily attendance for the selected 66 school districts to yield the plant and maintenance cost component. For the ancillary support cost component, the 67 68 department shall determine the ancillary support cost of each of 69 the representative school districts selected above, excluding ancillary support cost of self-contained special education 70 71 programs and vocational education programs, and the average daily 72 attendance in the selected school districts. The ancillary 73 support cost is then totaled and divided by the total average 74 daily attendance for the selected school districts to yield the 75 ancillary support cost component. The total base cost for each 76 year shall be the sum of the instructional cost component, 77 administrative cost component, plant and maintenance cost 78 component and ancillary support cost component, and any estimated 79 adjustments for additional state requirements as determined by the 80 State Board of Education. Provided, however, that the base student cost in fiscal year 1998 shall be Two Thousand Six Hundred 81 82 Sixty-four Dollars (\$2,664.00).

83 (c) Determination of the basic adequate education
84 program cost. The basic amount for current operation to be
85 included in the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for each
86 school district shall be computed as follows:

87 Multiply the average daily attendance of the district by the 88 base student cost as established by the Legislature, which yields 89 the total base program cost for each school district.

90 Adjustment to the base student cost for at-risk (d) The amount to be included for at-risk pupil programs for 91 pupils. each school district shall be computed as follows: Multiply the 92 93 base student cost for the appropriate fiscal year as determined 94 under paragraph (b) by five percent (5%), and multiply that 95 product by the number of pupils participating in the federal free school lunch program in such school district, which yields the 96 97 total adjustment for at-risk pupil programs for such school district. 98

99 (e) Add-on program cost. The amount to be allocated to 100 school districts in addition to the adequate education program 101 cost for add-on programs for each school district shall be 102 computed as follows:

103 (i) Transportation cost shall be the amount
104 allocated to such school district for the operational support of
105 the district transportation system from state funds.

(ii) Vocational or technical education program cost shall be the amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the operational support of such programs.

(iii) Special education program cost shall be the amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the operational support of such programs.

(iv) Gifted education program cost shall be the amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the operational support of such programs.

(v) Alternative school program cost shall be the amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the operational support of such programs.

(vi) Extended school year programs shall be the amount allocated to school districts for those programs authorized by law which extend beyond the normal school year.

(vii) University-based programs shall be the amount allocated to school districts for those university-based programs for handicapped children as defined and provided for in Section 37-23-131 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

(viii) Bus driver training programs shall be the amount provided for those driver training programs as provided for in Section 37-41-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The sum of the items listed above (i) transportation, (ii) vocational or technical education, (iii) special education, (iv) gifted education, (v) alternative school, (vi) extended school year, (vii) university-based, and (viii) bus driver training shall yield the add-on cost for each school district.

(f) Total projected adequate education program cost.
The total Mississippi Adequate Education Program Cost shall be the sum of the total basic adequate education program cost (paragraph (c)), and the adjustment to the base student cost for at-risk pupils (paragraph (d)) for each school district.

138 Supplemental grant to school districts. (g) In addition to the adequate education program grant, the State 139 140 Department of Education shall annually distribute an additional amount as follows: Multiply the base student cost for the 141 142 appropriate fiscal year as determined under paragraph (b) by thirteen one-hundredths percent (.13%) and multiply that product 143 by the average daily attendance of each school district. 144 Such 145 grant shall not be subject to the local revenue requirement provided in subsection (2). 146

147 (2) Computation of the required local revenue in support of
148 the adequate education program. The amount that each district
149 shall provide toward the cost of the adequate education program
150 shall be calculated as follows:

(a) The State Board of Education shall certify to eachschool district that twenty-eight (28) mills, less the estimated

amount of the yield of the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund 153 154 grants as determined by the State Department of Education, is the 155 millage rate required to provide the district required local 156 effort for that year, or twenty-seven percent (27%) of the basic 157 adequate education program cost for such school district as 158 determined under subsection (c), whichever is a lesser amount. In the case of an agricultural high school the millage requirement 159 160 shall be set at a level which generates an equitable amount per 161 pupil to be determined by the State Board of Education.

(b) The State Board of Education shall determine (i) 162 163 the total assessed valuation of nonexempt property for school purposes in each school district; (ii) assessed value of exempt 164 165 property owned by homeowners aged sixty-five (65) or older or 166 disabled as defined in Section 27-33-67(2), Mississippi Code of 167 1972; (iii) the school district's tax loss from exemptions 168 provided to applicants under the age of sixty-five (65) and not disabled as defined in Section 27-33-67(1), Mississippi Code of 169 170 1972; and (iv) the school district's homestead reimbursement 171 revenues.

(c) The amount of the total adequate education program funding which shall be contributed by each school district shall be the sum of the ad valorem receipts generated by the millage required under this subsection plus the following local revenue sources for the appropriate fiscal year which are or may be available for current expenditure by the school district:

178 One hundred percent (100%) of Grand Gulf income as prescribed 179 in Section 27-35-309.

180 (3) Computation of the required state effort in support of
 181 the adequate education program.

(a) The required state effort in support of the
adequate education program shall be determined by subtracting the
sum of the required local tax effort as set forth in subsection

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(2)(a) of this section and the other local revenue sources as set forth in subsection (2)(c) of this section in an amount not to exceed twenty-seven percent (27%) of the total projected adequate education program cost as set forth in subsection (1)(f) of this section from the total projected adequate education program cost as set forth in subsection (1)(f) of this section.

191 (b) Provided, however, that in fiscal year 1998 and in 192 the fiscal year in which the adequate education program is fully 193 funded by the Legislature, any increase in the said state 194 contribution, including the supplemental grant to school districts 195 provided under subsection (1)(g), to any district calculated under 196 this section shall be not less than eight percent (8%) in excess 197 of the amount received by said district from state funds for the fiscal year immediately preceding. For purposes of this paragraph 198 199 (b), state funds shall include minimum program funds less the 200 add-on programs, state Uniform Millage Assistance Grant funds, 201 Education Enhancement Funds appropriated for Uniform Millage 202 Assistance Grants and state textbook allocations, and State 203 General Funds allocated for textbooks.

(c) If the appropriation is less than full funding for fiscal year 2003, allocations for state contributions to school districts in support of the adequate education program will be determined by the State Department of Education in the following manner:

(i) Calculation of the full funding amount under this chapter, with proportionate reductions as required by the appropriation level.

(ii) Calculation of the amount equal to the state funds allocated to school districts for fiscal year 2002 plus the estimated amount to fund the adequate education program salary schedule for fiscal year 2003. For purposes of this item (ii), state funds shall be those described in paragraph (b) and an

amount equal to the allocation for the adequate education program 217 218 in fiscal year 2002, plus any additional amount required to satisfy fiscal year 2003 pledges in accordance with paragraphs 219 220 (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (5) of this section. If a school 221 district's fiscal year 2003 pledge is different than the pledge 222 amount for fiscal year 2002, the district shall receive an amount equal to the fiscal year 2003 pledge or the amount of funds 223 224 calculated under the adequate education formula for fiscal year 225 2002 before any pledge guarantee for fiscal year 2002, whichever 226 is greater. If the pledge is no longer in effect, the district 227 shall receive the amount of funds calculated under the formula for fiscal year 2002 before any pledge guarantee for fiscal year 2002. 228

229 (iii) The portion of any district's allocation 230 calculated in item (i) of this paragraph which exceeds amounts as 231 calculated in item (ii) shall be reduced by an amount not to 232 exceed twenty-one percent (21%). The amount of funds generated by this reduction of funds shall be redistributed proportionately 233 234 among those districts receiving insufficient funds to meet the amount calculated in item (ii). In no case may any district 235 236 receive funds in an amount greater than the amount that the 237 district would have received under full funding of the program for fiscal year 2003. 238

If the school board of any school district shall 239 (d) determine that it is not economically feasible or practicable to 240 241 operate any school within the district for the full one hundred eighty (180) days required for a school term of a scholastic year 242 243 as required in Section 37-13-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, due to 244 an enemy attack, a manmade, technological or natural disaster in 245 which the Governor has declared a disaster emergency under the 246 laws of this state or the President of the United States has 247 declared an emergency or major disaster to exist in this state, 248 said school board may notify the State Department of Education of

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such disaster and submit a plan for altering the school term. 249 Ιf the State Board of Education finds such disaster to be the cause 250 of the school not operating for the contemplated school term and 251 252 that such school was in a school district covered by the 253 Governor's or President's disaster declaration, it may permit said 254 school board to operate the schools in its district for less than 255 one hundred eighty (180) days and, in such case, the State 256 Department of Education shall not reduce the state contributions 257 to the adequate education program allotment for such district, 258 because of the failure to operate said schools for one hundred 259 eighty (180) days.

260 (4) If during the year for which adequate education program 261 funds are appropriated, any school district experiences a three percent (3%) or greater increase in average daily attendance 262 263 during the second and third month over the preceding year's second 264 and third month and the school district has requested a minimum increase of four percent (4%) in local ad valorem revenues over 265 the previous year as authorized in Sections 37-57-104 and 266 267 37-57-105, an additional allocation of adequate education program 268 funds calculated in the following manner shall be granted to that 269 district, using any additional funds available to the Department 270 of Education that exceed the amount of funds due to the school 271 districts under the basic adequate education program distribution 272 as provided for in this chapter:

(a) Determine the percentage increase in average daily
attendance for the second and third months of the year for which
adequate education program funds are appropriated over the
preceding year's second and third month average daily attendance.

(b) For those districts that have a three percent (3%)
or greater increase as calculated in paragraph (a) of this
subsection, multiply the total increase in students in average
daily attendance for the second and third months of the year for

which adequate education program funds are appropriated over the preceding year's second and third month average daily attendance times the base student cost used in the appropriation.

(c) Subtract the percentage of the district's local contribution arrived at in subsection (2) of this section from the amount calculated in paragraph (b) of this subsection. The remainder is the additional allocation in adequate education program funds for that district.

If the funds available to the Department of Education are not sufficient to fully fund the additional allocations to school districts eligible for those allocations, then the department shall prorate the available funds among the eligible school districts, using the same percentage of the total funds that the school district would have received if the allocations were fully funded.

296 This subsection (4) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2005.

297 (5) The Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund is 298 hereby established in the State Treasury which shall be used to 299 distribute any funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature 300 to such fund to school districts entitled to increased allocations 301 of state funds under the adequate education program funding 302 formula prescribed in Sections 37-151-3 through 37-151-7, 303 Mississippi Code of 1972, until such time as the said adequate 304 education program is fully funded by the Legislature. The 305 following percentages of the total state cost of increased 306 allocations of funds under the adequate education program funding 307 formula shall be appropriated by the Legislature into the Interim 308 School District Capital Expenditure Fund to be distributed to all 309 school districts under the formula: Nine and two-tenths percent (9.2%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 1998, twenty percent 310 311 (20%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 1999, forty percent 312 (40%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2000, sixty percent

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(60%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2001, eighty percent (80%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2002, and one hundred percent (100%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2003 into the State Adequate Education Program Fund created in subsection (4). Until July 1, 2002, such money shall be used by school districts for the following purposes:

319 Purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping, (a) 320 remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities, 321 including gymnasiums, auditoriums, lunchrooms, vocational training buildings, libraries, school barns and garages for transportation 322 323 vehicles, school athletic fields and necessary facilities 324 connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor. Any such 325 capital improvement project by a school district shall be approved by the State Board of Education, and based on an approved 326 327 long-range plan. The State Board of Education shall promulgate 328 minimum requirements for the approval of school district capital 329 expenditure plans.

(b) Providing necessary water, light, heating, air
 conditioning, and sewerage facilities for school buildings, and
 purchasing land therefor.

333 (c) Paying debt service on existing capital improvement 334 debt of the district or refinancing outstanding debt of a district 335 if such refinancing will result in an interest cost savings to the 336 district.

337 (d) From and after October 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, pursuant to a school district capital expenditure plan 338 approved by the State Department of Education, a school district 339 340 may pledge such funds until July 1, 2002, plus funds provided for in paragraph (e) of this subsection (5) that are not otherwise 341 342 permanently pledged under such paragraph (e) to pay all or a 343 portion of the debt service on debt issued by the school district 344 under Sections 37-59-1 through 37-59-45, 37-59-101 through

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37-59-115, 37-7-351 through 37-7-359, 37-41-89 through 37-41-99, 345 37-7-301, 37-7-302 and 37-41-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, or debt 346 347 issued by boards of supervisors for agricultural high schools 348 pursuant to Section 37-27-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, or 349 lease-purchase contracts entered into pursuant to Section 31-7-13, 350 Mississippi Code of 1972, or to retire or refinance outstanding 351 debt of a district, if such pledge is accomplished pursuant to a 352 written contract or resolution approved and spread upon the 353 minutes of an official meeting of the district's school board or board of supervisors. It is the intent of this provision to allow 354 355 school districts to irrevocably pledge their Interim School 356 District Capital Expenditure Fund allotments as a constant stream 357 of revenue to secure a debt issued under the foregoing code 358 sections. To allow school districts to make such an irrevocable 359 pledge, the state shall take all action necessary to ensure that 360 the amount of a district's Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund allotments shall not be reduced below the amount 361 362 certified by the department or the district's total allotment 363 under the Interim Capital Expenditure Fund if fully funded, so 364 long as such debt remains outstanding.

365 (e) From and after October 1, 1997, through June 30, 366 1998, in addition to any other authority a school district may 367 have, any school district may issue State Aid Capital Improvement 368 Bonds secured in whole by a continuing annual pledge of any 369 Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds available to the 370 district, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Dollars 371 (\$160.00) per pupil based on the latest completed average daily 372 attendance count certified by the department prior to the issuance 373 of the bonds. Such State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds may be 374 issued for the purposes enumerated in subsections (a), (b), (c) 375 and (g) of this section. Prior to issuing such bonds, the school 376 board of the district shall adopt a resolution declaring the

necessity for and its intention of issuing such bonds and 377 378 borrowing such money, specifying the approximate amount to be so 379 borrowed, how such money is to be used and how such indebtedness 380 is to be evidenced. Any capital improvement project financed with 381 State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds shall be approved by the 382 department, and based on an approved long-range plan. The State 383 Board of Education shall promulgate minimum requirements for the 384 approval of such school district capital expenditure plans. The 385 State Board of Education shall not approve any capital expenditure plan for a pledge of funds under this paragraph unless it 386 387 determines (i) that the quality of instruction in such district 388 will not be reduced as a result of this pledge, and (ii) the 389 district has other revenue available to attain and maintain at 390 least Level III accreditation.

391 A district issuing State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds may pledge for the repayment of such bonds all funds received by the 392 district from the state, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred 393 394 Sixty Dollars (\$160.00) per pupil in average daily attendance in 395 the school district as set forth above, and not otherwise 396 permanently pledged under paragraph (d) of this subsection or 397 under Section 37-61-33(2)(d), Mississippi Code of 1972. The 398 district's school board shall specify by resolution the amount of 399 state funds, which are being pledged by the district for the 400 repayment of the State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds. Once such a 401 pledge is made to secure the bonds, the district shall notify the 402 department of such pledge. Upon making such a pledge, the school 403 district may request the department which may agree to irrevocably 404 transfer a specified amount or percentage of the district's state 405 revenue pledged to repay the district's State Aid Capital 406 Improvement Bonds directly to a state or federally chartered bank 407 serving as a trustee or paying agent on such bonds for the payment 408 of all or portion of such State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds.

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Such instructions shall be incorporated into a resolution by the 409 410 school board for the benefit of holders of the bonds and may 411 provide that such withholding and transfer of such other available 412 funds shall be made only upon notification by a trustee or paying 413 agent on such bonds that the amounts available to pay such bonds 414 on any payment date will not be sufficient. It is the intent of this provision to allow school districts to irrevocably pledge a 415 certain, constant stream of revenue as security for State Aid 416 417 Capital Improvement Bonds issued hereunder. To allow school districts to make such an irrevocable pledge, the state shall take 418 419 all action necessary to ensure that the amount of a district's state revenues up to an amount equal to One Hundred Sixty Dollars 420 421 (\$160.00) per pupil as set forth above which have been pledged to 422 repay debt as set forth herein shall not be reduced so long as any 423 State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds are outstanding.

Any such State Aid Capital Improvement bonds shall mature as determined by the district's school bond over a period not to exceed twenty (20) years. Such bonds shall not bear a greater overall maximum interest rate to maturity than that allowed in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972. The further details and terms of such bonds shall be as determined by the school board of the district.

The provisions of this subsection shall be cumulative and supplemental to any existing funding programs or other authority conferred upon school districts or school boards. Debt of a school district secured in whole by a pledge of revenue pursuant to this section shall not be subject to any debt limitation.

For purposes of this paragraph (e), "State Aid Capital Improvement Bond" shall mean any bond, note, or other certificate of indebtedness issued by a school district under the provisions hereof.

This paragraph (e) shall stand repealed from and after June30, 1998.

(f) As an alternative to the authority granted under 442 443 paragraph (e), a school district, in its discretion, may authorize 444 the State Board of Education to withhold an amount of the 445 district's adequate education program allotment equal to up to One 446 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$160.00) per student in average daily 447 attendance in the district to be allocated to the State Public 448 School Building Fund to the credit of such school district. Α 449 school district may choose the option provided under this 450 paragraph (e) or paragraph (f), but not both. In addition to the 451 grants made by the state pursuant to Section 37-47-9, a school 452 district shall be entitled to grants based on the allotments to 453 the State Public School Building Fund credited to such school 454 district under this paragraph. This paragraph (f) shall stand 455 repealed from and after June 30, 1998.

(g) The State Board of Education may authorize the school district to expend not more than twenty percent (20%) of its annual allotment of such funds or Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is greater, for technology needs of the school district, including computers, software,

461 telecommunications, cable television, interactive video, film 462 low-power television, satellite communications, microwave 463 communications, technology-based equipment installation and 464 maintenance, and the training of staff in the use of such 465 technology-based instruction. Any such technology expenditure 466 shall be reflected in the local district technology plan approved 467 by the State Board of Education under Section 37-151-17, Mississippi Code of 1972. 468

(h) To the extent a school district has not utilized
twenty percent (20%) of its annual allotment for technology
purposes under paragraph (g), a school district may expend not

472 more than twenty percent (20%) of its annual allotment or Twenty 473 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is greater, for 474 instructional purposes. The State Board of Education may 475 authorize a school district to expend more than said twenty 476 percent (20%) of its annual allotment for instructional purposes 477 if it determines that such expenditures are needed for 478 accreditation purposes.

479 (i) The State Department of Education or the State 480 Board of Education may require that any project commenced pursuant to this act with an estimated project cost of not less than Five 481 482 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be done only pursuant to program management of the process with respect to design and 483 484 construction. Any individuals, partnerships, companies or other 485 entities acting as a program manager on behalf of a local school 486 district and performing program management services for projects 487 covered under this subsection shall be approved by the State 488 Department of Education.

Any interest accruing on any unexpended balance in the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of each school district participating in such fund in its proportionate share.

The provisions of this subsection (5) shall be cumulative and supplemental to any existing funding programs or other authority conferred upon school districts or school boards.

496 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from 497 and after June 30, 2004.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-151-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, 2 TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR IN DETERMINING THE 3 AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE UNDER THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM; TO 4 EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE 5 HIGH-GROWTH SCHOOL DISTRICT FORMULA UNDER THE ADEQUATE EDUCATION 6 PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.