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AMENDMENT NO 2 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2713

BY: Senator(s) Carmichael

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a Task Force to Study the
6 Administrative Consolidation of School Districts in Mississippi.
7 The task force shall, at a minimum, study and report on the
8 following factors related to school consolidation:
9 (a) Administrative costs of school districts;
10 (b) Local contributions to MAEP;
11 (c) Optimum size of school districts;
12 (d) Methods of selecting school boards and school
13 superintendents;
14 (e) High growth districts; and
15 (f) Related issues.
16 (2) The State Board of Education shall contract with a
17 consulting firm that has expertise in public school administration
18 to assist the task force with the study, or may contract for
19 services to be provided by the Stennis Institute for Government.
20 The task force shall make a report of its findings and
21 recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2005, including
22 any recommended legislation.

23 (3) The task force shall be composed of the following twelve
24 (12) members:

25 (a) The Chairmen of the House and Senate Education
26 Committees;

27 (b) The Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriation
28 Committees;

29 (c) Two (2) representatives to be appointed by the
30 Speaker of the House, at least one (1) of which shall be a member
31 of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee;

32 (d) Two (2) Senators to be appointed by the Lieutenant
33 Governor, at least one (1) of which shall be a member of the Joint
34 Legislative Budget Committee;

35 (e) The State Superintendent of Education, or his
36 designee;

37 (f) An appointed and elected school superintendent
38 appointed by the Governor;

39 (g) An appointed and elected local school board member
40 approved by the Governor; and

41 (h) A member of the State Board of Education appointed
42 by the Chairman of the board.

43 (4) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
44 the effective date of this act. The task force shall hold its
45 first meeting before August 1, 2005. The Chairman of the House
46 Education Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Education
47 Committee shall serve as cochairmen of the task force.

48 (5) A majority of the members of the task force shall
49 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of rules, resolutions and
50 reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the task force shall
51 be required. All members shall be notified in writing of all
52 meetings, such notices to be mailed at least five (5) days prior
53 to the date on which a meeting is to be held.

54 (6) Members of the task force may not be compensated for the
55 performance of their duties. Any incidental costs associated with
56 conducting the study shall be paid by the State Department of
57 Education.

58 (7) The task force is authorized to accept money from any
59 source, public or private, to be expended in implementing its
60 duties under this section.

61 (8) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
62 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
63 state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the
64 request of the chairperson of the task force, provide to the task
65 force such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task
66 force to properly carry out its duties.

67 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
68 and after July 1, 2005.

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

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ADMINISTRATIVE
2 CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.