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AMENDMENT NO 3 PROPOSED TO**

Cmte Sub for Senate Bill No. 2713

BY: Senator(s) Carmichael

1 **Amend by inserting the following after line 486 in lieu**
2 **thereof the following:**

3 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a Task Force to Study the
4 Administrative Consolidation of School Districts in Mississippi.
5 The task force shall, at a minimum, study and report on the
6 following factors related to school consolidation:

- 7 (a) Administrative costs of school districts;
8 (b) Local contributions to MAEP;
9 (c) Optimum size of school districts;
10 (d) Methods of selecting school boards and school
11 superintendents;
12 (e) High growth districts; and
13 (f) Related issues.

14 (2) The State Board of Education shall contract with a
15 consulting firm that has expertise in public school administration
16 to assist the task force with the study, or may contract for
17 services to be provided by the Stennis Institute for Government.
18 The task force shall make a report of its findings and
19 recommendations to the Legislature by November 1, 2005, including
20 any recommended legislation.

21 (3) The task force shall be composed of the following twelve
22 (14) members:

23 (a) The Chairmen of the House and Senate Education
24 Committees;

25 (b) The Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriation
26 Committees;

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

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

33 (e) The State Superintendent of Education, or his
34 designee;

35 (f) An appointed and elected school superintendent
36 appointed by the Governor;

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

39 (h) A member of the State Board of Education appointed
40 by the Chairman of the board.

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

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

52 (6) Members of the task force may not be compensated for the
53 performance of their duties. Any incidental costs associated with

54 conducting the study shall be paid by the State Department of
55 Education.

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

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

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

67 **Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and**
68 **inserting in lieu thereof the following after line 36:**

69 TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION
70 OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MISSISSIPPI;