

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 44

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN A SCHOLASTIC SCHOOL YEAR; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-13-63. (1) All public schools in the state shall be kept
8 in session for at least one hundred seventy-five (175) days in
9 each scholastic year.

10 (2) If the school board of any school district shall
11 determine that it is not economically feasible or practicable to
12 operate any school within the district for the full one hundred
13 seventy-five (175) days required for a scholastic year as
14 contemplated due to an enemy attack, a man-made, technological or
15 natural disaster in which the Governor has declared a disaster
16 emergency under the laws of this state or the President of the
17 United States has declared an emergency or major disaster to exist
18 in this state, said school board may notify the State Department
19 of Education of such disaster and submit a plan for altering the
20 school term. If the State Board of Education finds such disaster
21 to be the cause of the school not operating for the contemplated
22 school term and that such school was in a school district covered
23 by the Governor's or President's disaster declaration, it may
24 permit said school board to operate the schools in its district
25 for less than one hundred seventy-five (175) days.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
27 and after July 1, 2006.