

By: Representative Scott

To: Education;  
Appropriations

## HOUSE BILL NO. 875

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ACTIVITY PROGRAM  
2 FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL CONTRIBUTE SEVENTY-FIVE  
3 PERCENT OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND THE COUNTIES SHALL CONTRIBUTE  
4 TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS; TO PROVIDE THAT EACH  
5 COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION SHALL COME FROM THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND;  
6 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
7 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON PUBLIC SCHOOL PROPERTY OR COUNTY OWNED  
8 OR LEASED PROPERTY THAT IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY SCHOOLS; TO  
9 PROVIDE THAT THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ACTIVITY PROGRAM FUND  
10 SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND  
11 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created in the State Treasury a  
14 trust fund to be known as the "Recreational Facilities Activity  
15 Program Fund." There shall be deposited into the trust fund not  
16 less than Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) annually,  
17 seventy-five percent (75%) of which shall be contributed by an  
18 appropriation of the state, and twenty-five percent (25%) of which  
19 shall be contributed by each of the counties in the state  
20 collectively, each county contributing Thirty Thousand Four  
21 Hundred Eighty-eight Dollars (\$30,488.00). Each county's  
22 contribution must come from the county's general fund. The State  
23 Treasurer may invest the money in the Recreational Facilities  
24 Activity Program Fund in the same type of investments as  
25 authorized by Section 7-9-103. Any funds appropriated by the  
26 state to the Recreational Facilities Activity Program Fund which  
27 are not used during the then current fiscal year shall not lapse  
28 into the State General Fund, but will remain in the account of the  
29 Recreational Facilities Activity Program Fund. Any interest  
30 earned on the money in the fund will be reinvested into the fund.

31           (2) The fund shall be administered by the State Department  
32 of Education. The department shall establish a maximum amount of  
33 funds that may be provided to a particular county for the purpose  
34 of constructing and maintaining recreational facilities on school  
35 property or on county owned or leased property that is easily  
36 accessible by schools.

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