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To: Education

## HOUSE BILL NO. 945

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO GRANT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS THE POWER TO ADOPT ANY ORDER  
3 RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL WHICH IS NOT INCONSISTENT  
4 WITH STATE LAW OR THE MISSISSIPPI CONSTITUTION, WITH CERTAIN  
5 EXCEPTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CONTRACT WITH  
6 PRIVATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NONINSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES; AND  
7 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-7-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 37-7-301. The school boards of all school districts shall  
12 have the following powers, authority and duties in addition to all  
13 others imposed or granted by law, to wit:

14 (a) To organize and operate the schools of the district  
15 and to make such division between the high school grades and  
16 elementary grades as, in their judgment, will serve the best  
17 interests of the school;

18 (b) To introduce public school music, art, manual  
19 training and other special subjects into either the elementary or  
20 high school grades, as the board shall deem proper;

21 (c) To be the custodians of real and personal school  
22 property and to manage, control and care for same, both during the  
23 school term and during vacation;

24 (d) To have responsibility for the erection, repairing  
25 and equipping of school facilities and the making of necessary  
26 school improvements;

27 (e) To suspend or to expel a pupil or to change the  
28 placement of a pupil to the school district's alternative school  
29 or home-bound program for misconduct in the school or on school

30 property, as defined in Section 37-11-29, on the road to and from  
31 school, or at any school-related activity or event, or for conduct  
32 occurring on property other than school property or other than at  
33 a school-related activity or event when such conduct by a pupil,  
34 in the determination of the school superintendent or principal,  
35 renders that pupil's presence in the classroom a disruption to the  
36 educational environment of the school or a detriment to the best  
37 interest and welfare of the pupils and teacher of such class as a  
38 whole, and to delegate such authority to the appropriate officials  
39 of the school district;

40 (f) To visit schools in the district, in their  
41 discretion, in a body for the purpose of determining what can be  
42 done for the improvement of the school in a general way;

43 (g) To support, within reasonable limits, the  
44 superintendent, principal and teachers where necessary for the  
45 proper discipline of the school;

46 (h) To exclude from the schools students with what  
47 appears to be infectious or contagious diseases; provided,  
48 however, such student may be allowed to return to school upon  
49 presenting a certificate from a public health officer, duly  
50 licensed physician or nurse practitioner that the student is free  
51 from such disease;

52 (i) To require those vaccinations specified by the  
53 State Health Officer as provided in Section 41-23-37, Mississippi  
54 Code of 1972;

55 (j) To see that all necessary utilities and services  
56 are provided in the schools at all times when same are needed;

57 (k) To authorize the use of the school buildings and  
58 grounds for the holding of public meetings and gatherings of the  
59 people under such regulations as may be prescribed by said board;

60 (l) To prescribe and enforce rules and regulations not  
61 inconsistent with law or with the regulations of the State Board  
62 of Education for their own government and for the government of

63 the schools, and to transact their business at regular and special  
64 meetings called and held in the manner provided by law;

65 (m) To maintain and operate all of the schools under  
66 their control for such length of time during the year as may be  
67 required;

68 (n) To enforce in the schools the courses of study and  
69 the use of the textbooks prescribed by the proper authorities;

70 (o) To make orders directed to the superintendent of  
71 schools for the issuance of pay certificates for lawful purposes  
72 on any available funds of the district and to have full control of  
73 the receipt, distribution, allotment and disbursement of all funds  
74 provided for the support and operation of the schools of such  
75 school district whether such funds be derived from state  
76 appropriations, local ad valorem tax collections, or otherwise.  
77 The local school board shall be authorized and empowered to  
78 promulgate rules and regulations that specify the types of claims  
79 and set limits of the dollar amount for payment of claims by the  
80 superintendent of schools to be ratified by the board at the next  
81 regularly scheduled meeting after payment has been made;

82 (p) To select all school district personnel in the  
83 manner provided by law, and to provide for such employee fringe  
84 benefit programs, including accident reimbursement plans, as may  
85 be deemed necessary and appropriate by the board;

86 (q) To provide athletic programs and other school  
87 activities and to regulate the establishment and operation of such  
88 programs and activities;

89 (r) To join, in their discretion, any association of  
90 school boards and other public school-related organizations, and  
91 to pay from local funds other than minimum foundation funds, any  
92 membership dues;

93 (s) To expend local school activity funds, or other  
94 available school district funds, other than minimum education  
95 program funds, for the purposes prescribed under this paragraph.

96 "Activity funds" shall mean all funds received by school officials  
97 in all school districts paid or collected to participate in any  
98 school activity, such activity being part of the school program  
99 and partially financed with public funds or supplemented by public  
100 funds. The term "activity funds" shall not include any funds  
101 raised and/or expended by any organization unless commingled in a  
102 bank account with existing activity funds, regardless of whether  
103 the funds were raised by school employees or received by school  
104 employees during school hours or using school facilities, and  
105 regardless of whether a school employee exercises influence over  
106 the expenditure or disposition of such funds. Organizations shall  
107 not be required to make any payment to any school for the use of  
108 any school facility if, in the discretion of the local school  
109 governing board, the organization's function shall be deemed to be  
110 beneficial to the official or extracurricular programs of the  
111 school. For the purposes of this provision, the term  
112 "organization" shall not include any organization subject to the  
113 control of the local school governing board. Activity funds may  
114 only be expended for any necessary expenses or travel costs,  
115 including advances, incurred by students and their chaperons in  
116 attending any in-state or out-of-state school-related programs,  
117 conventions or seminars and/or any commodities, equipment, travel  
118 expenses, purchased services or school supplies which the local  
119 school governing board, in its discretion, shall deem beneficial  
120 to the official or extracurricular programs of the district,  
121 including items which may subsequently become the personal  
122 property of individuals, including yearbooks, athletic apparel,  
123 book covers and trophies. Activity funds may be used to pay  
124 travel expenses of school district personnel. The local school  
125 governing board shall be authorized and empowered to promulgate  
126 rules and regulations specifically designating for what purposes  
127 school activity funds may be expended. The local school governing  
128 board shall provide (i) that such school activity funds shall be

129 maintained and expended by the principal of the school generating  
130 the funds in individual bank accounts, or (ii) that such school  
131 activity funds shall be maintained and expended by the  
132 superintendent of schools in a central depository approved by the  
133 board. The local school governing board shall provide that such  
134 school activity funds be audited as part of the annual audit  
135 required in Section 37-9-18. The State Auditor shall prescribe a  
136 uniform system of accounting and financial reporting for all  
137 school activity fund transactions;

138 (t) To contract, on a shared savings, lease or  
139 lease-purchase basis, for energy efficiency services and/or  
140 equipment as provided for in Section 31-7-14, not to exceed ten  
141 (10) years;

142 (u) To maintain accounts and issue pay certificates on  
143 school food service bank accounts;

144 (v) (i) To lease a school building from an individual,  
145 partnership, nonprofit corporation or a private for-profit  
146 corporation for the use of such school district, and to expend  
147 funds therefor as may be available from any nonminimum program  
148 sources. The school board of the school district desiring to  
149 lease a school building shall declare by resolution that a need  
150 exists for a school building and that the school district cannot  
151 provide the necessary funds to pay the cost or its proportionate  
152 share of the cost of a school building required to meet the  
153 present needs. The resolution so adopted by the school board  
154 shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks  
155 in a newspaper having a general circulation in the school district  
156 involved, with the first publication thereof to be made not less  
157 than thirty (30) days prior to the date upon which the school  
158 board is to act on the question of leasing a school building. If  
159 no petition requesting an election is filed prior to such meeting  
160 as hereinafter provided, then the school board may, by resolution  
161 spread upon its minutes, proceed to lease a school building. If

162 at any time prior to said meeting a petition signed by not less  
163 than twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever is  
164 less, of the qualified electors of the school district involved  
165 shall be filed with the school board requesting that an election  
166 be called on the question, then the school board shall, not later  
167 than the next regular meeting, adopt a resolution calling an  
168 election to be held within such school district upon the question  
169 of authorizing the school board to lease a school building. Such  
170 election shall be called and held, and notice thereof shall be  
171 given, in the same manner for elections upon the questions of the  
172 issuance of the bonds of school districts, and the results thereof  
173 shall be certified to the school board. If at least three-fifths  
174 (3/5) of the qualified electors of the school district who voted  
175 in such election shall vote in favor of the leasing of a school  
176 building, then the school board shall proceed to lease a school  
177 building. The term of the lease contract shall not exceed twenty  
178 (20) years, and the total cost of such lease shall be either the  
179 amount of the lowest and best bid accepted by the school board  
180 after advertisement for bids or an amount not to exceed the  
181 current fair market value of the lease as determined by the  
182 averaging of at least two (2) appraisals by certified general  
183 appraisers licensed by the State of Mississippi. The term "school  
184 building" as used in this paragraph (v) shall be construed to mean  
185 any building or buildings used for classroom purposes in  
186 connection with the operation of schools and shall include the  
187 site therefor, necessary support facilities, and the equipment  
188 thereof and appurtenances thereto such as heating facilities,  
189 water supply, sewage disposal, landscaping, walks, drives and  
190 playgrounds. The term "lease" as used in this paragraph (v)(i)  
191 may include a lease/purchase contract;

192 (ii) If two (2) or more school districts propose  
193 to enter into a lease contract jointly, then joint meetings of the  
194 school boards having control may be held but no action taken shall

195 be binding on any such school district unless the question of  
196 leasing a school building is approved in each participating school  
197 district under the procedure hereinabove set forth in paragraph  
198 (v)(i). All of the provisions of paragraph (v)(i) regarding the  
199 term and amount of the lease contract shall apply to the school  
200 boards of school districts acting jointly. Any lease contract  
201 executed by two (2) or more school districts as joint lessees  
202 shall set out the amount of the aggregate lease rental to be paid  
203 by each, which may be agreed upon, but there shall be no right of  
204 occupancy by any lessee unless the aggregate rental is paid as  
205 stipulated in the lease contract. All rights of joint lessees  
206 under the lease contract shall be in proportion to the amount of  
207 lease rental paid by each;

208 (w) To employ all noninstructional and noncertificated  
209 employees and fix the duties and compensation of such personnel  
210 deemed necessary pursuant to the recommendation of the  
211 superintendent of schools;

212 (x) To employ and fix the duties and compensation of  
213 such legal counsel as deemed necessary;

214 (y) Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board  
215 of Education, to purchase, own and operate trucks, vans and other  
216 motor vehicles, which shall bear the proper identification  
217 required by law;

218 (z) To expend funds for the payment of substitute  
219 teachers and to adopt reasonable regulations for the employment  
220 and compensation of such substitute teachers;

221 (aa) To acquire in its own name by purchase all real  
222 property which shall be necessary and desirable in connection with  
223 the construction, renovation or improvement of any public school  
224 building or structure. Whenever the purchase price for such real  
225 property is greater than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), the  
226 school board shall not purchase the property for an amount  
227 exceeding the fair market value of such property as determined by

228 the average of at least two (2) independent appraisals by  
229 certified general appraisers licensed by the State of Mississippi.  
230 If the board shall be unable to agree with the owner of any such  
231 real property in connection with any such project, the board shall  
232 have the power and authority to acquire any such real property by  
233 condemnation proceedings pursuant to Section 11-27-1 et seq.,  
234 Mississippi Code of 1972, and for such purpose, the right of  
235 eminent domain is hereby conferred upon and vested in said board.  
236 Provided further, that the local school board is authorized to  
237 grant an easement for ingress and egress over sixteenth section  
238 land or lieu land in exchange for a similar easement upon  
239 adjoining land where the exchange of easements affords substantial  
240 benefit to the sixteenth section land; provided, however, the  
241 exchange must be based upon values as determined by a competent  
242 appraiser, with any differential in value to be adjusted by cash  
243 payment. Any easement rights granted over sixteenth section land  
244 under such authority shall terminate when the easement ceases to  
245 be used for its stated purpose. No sixteenth section or lieu land  
246 which is subject to an existing lease shall be burdened by any  
247 such easement except by consent of the lessee or unless the school  
248 district shall acquire the unexpired leasehold interest affected  
249 by the easement;

250 (bb) To charge reasonable fees related to the  
251 educational programs of the district, in the manner prescribed in  
252 Section 37-7-335;

253 (cc) Subject to rules and regulations of the State  
254 Board of Education, to purchase relocatable classrooms for the use  
255 of such school district, in the manner prescribed in Section  
256 37-1-13;

257 (dd) Enter into contracts or agreements with other  
258 school districts, political subdivisions or governmental entities  
259 to carry out one or more of the powers or duties of the school

260 board, or to allow more efficient utilization of limited resources  
261 for providing services to the public;

262 (ee) To provide for in-service training for employees  
263 of the district. Until June 30, 1994, the school boards may  
264 designate two (2) days of the minimum school term, as defined in  
265 Section 37-19-1, for employee in-service training for  
266 implementation of the new statewide testing system as developed by  
267 the State Board of Education. Such designation shall be subject  
268 to approval by the State Board of Education pursuant to uniform  
269 rules and regulations;

270 (ff) As part of their duties to prescribe the use of  
271 textbooks, to provide that parents and legal guardians shall be  
272 responsible for the textbooks and for the compensation to the  
273 school district for any books which are not returned to the proper  
274 schools upon the withdrawal of their dependent child. If a  
275 textbook is lost or not returned by any student who drops out of  
276 the public school district, the parent or legal guardian shall  
277 also compensate the school district for the fair market value of  
278 the textbooks;

279 (gg) To conduct fund-raising activities on behalf of  
280 the school district that the local school board, in its  
281 discretion, deems appropriate or beneficial to the official or  
282 extracurricular programs of the district; provided that:

283 (i) Any proceeds of the fund-raising activities  
284 shall be treated as "activity funds" and shall be accounted for as  
285 are other activity funds under this section; and

286 (ii) Fund-raising activities conducted or  
287 authorized by the board for the sale of school pictures, the  
288 rental of caps and gowns or the sale of graduation invitations for  
289 which the school board receives a commission, rebate or fee shall  
290 contain a disclosure statement advising that a portion of the  
291 proceeds of the sales or rentals shall be contributed to the  
292 student activity fund;

293           (hh) To allow individual lessons for music, art and  
294 other curriculum-related activities for academic credit or  
295 nonacademic credit during school hours and using school equipment  
296 and facilities, subject to uniform rules and regulations adopted  
297 by the school board;

298           (ii) To charge reasonable fees for participating in an  
299 extracurricular activity for academic or nonacademic credit for  
300 necessary and required equipment such as safety equipment, band  
301 instruments and uniforms;

302           (jj) To conduct or participate in any fund-raising  
303 activities on behalf of or in connection with a tax-exempt  
304 charitable organization;

305           (kk) To exercise such powers as may be reasonably  
306 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section;

307           (ll) To expend funds for the services of nonprofit arts  
308 organizations or other such nonprofit organizations who provide  
309 performances or other services for the students of the school  
310 district;

311           (mm) To expend federal No Child Left Behind Act funds,  
312 or any other available funds that are expressly designated and  
313 authorized for that use, to pay training, educational expenses,  
314 salary incentives and salary supplements to employees of local  
315 school districts; except that incentives shall not be considered  
316 part of the local supplement as defined in Section 37-151-5(o),  
317 nor shall incentives be considered part of the local supplement  
318 paid to an individual teacher for the purposes of Section  
319 37-19-7(1). Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds or any  
320 other state funds may not be used for salary incentives or salary  
321 supplements as provided in this paragraph (mm);

322           (nn) To use any available funds, not appropriated or  
323 designated for any other purpose, for reimbursement to the  
324 state-licensed employees from both in-state and out-of-state, who  
325 enter into a contract for employment in a school district, for the

326 expense of moving when the employment necessitates the relocation  
327 of the licensed employee to a different geographical area than  
328 that in which the licensed employee resides before entering into  
329 the contract. The reimbursement shall not exceed One Thousand  
330 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the documented actual expenses incurred in  
331 the course of relocating, including the expense of any  
332 professional moving company or persons employed to assist with the  
333 move, rented moving vehicles or equipment, mileage in the amount  
334 authorized for county and municipal employees under Section  
335 25-3-41 if the licensed employee used his personal vehicle or  
336 vehicles for the move, meals and such other expenses associated  
337 with the relocation. No licensed employee may be reimbursed for  
338 moving expenses under this section on more than one (1) occasion  
339 by the same school district. Nothing in this section shall be  
340 construed to require the actual residence to which the licensed  
341 employee relocates to be within the boundaries of the school  
342 district that has executed a contract for employment in order for  
343 the licensed employee to be eligible for reimbursement for the  
344 moving expenses. However, the licensed employee must relocate  
345 within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi. Any individual  
346 receiving relocation assistance through the Critical Teacher  
347 Shortage Act as provided in Section 37-159-5 shall not be eligible  
348 to receive additional relocation funds as authorized in this  
349 paragraph;

350           (oo) To use any available funds, not appropriated or  
351 designated for any other purpose, to reimburse persons who  
352 interview for employment as a licensed employee with the district  
353 for the mileage and other actual expenses incurred in the course  
354 of travel to and from the interview at the rate authorized for  
355 county and municipal employees under Section 25-3-41;

356           (pp) Consistent with the report of the Task Force to  
357 Conduct a Best Financial Management Practices Review, to improve  
358 school district management and use of resources and identify cost

359 savings as established in Section 8 of Chapter 610, Laws of 2002,  
360 local school boards are encouraged to conduct independent reviews  
361 of the management and efficiency of schools and school districts.  
362 Such management and efficiency reviews shall provide state and  
363 local officials and the public with the following:

- 364 (i) An assessment of a school district's  
365 governance and organizational structure;
- 366 (ii) An assessment of the school district's  
367 financial and personnel management;
- 368 (iii) An assessment of revenue levels and sources;
- 369 (iv) An assessment of facilities utilization,  
370 planning and maintenance;
- 371 (v) An assessment of food services, transportation  
372 and safety/security systems;
- 373 (vi) An assessment of instructional and  
374 administrative technology;
- 375 (vii) A review of the instructional management and  
376 the efficiency and effectiveness of existing instructional  
377 programs; and
- 378 (viii) Recommended methods for increasing  
379 efficiency and effectiveness in providing educational services to  
380 the public;

381 (qq) To enter into agreements with other local school  
382 boards for the establishment of an educational service agency  
383 (ESA) to provide for the cooperative needs of the region in which  
384 the school district is located, as provided in Section 37-7-345.  
385 This paragraph shall repeal on July 1, 2007;

386 (rr) To implement a financial literacy program for  
387 students in Grades 10 and 11. The board may review the national  
388 programs and obtain free literature from various nationally  
389 recognized programs. After review of the different programs, the  
390 board may certify a program that is most appropriate for the  
391 school districts' needs. If a district implements a financial

392 literacy program, then any student in Grade 10 or 11 may  
393 participate in the program. The financial literacy program shall  
394 include, but is not limited to, instruction in the same areas of  
395 personal business and finance as required under Section  
396 37-1-3(2)(b). The school board may coordinate with volunteer  
397 teachers from local community organizations, including, but not  
398 limited to, the following: United States Department of  
399 Agriculture Rural Development, United States Department of Housing  
400 and Urban Development, Junior Achievement, bankers and other  
401 nonprofit organizations. Nothing in this paragraph shall be  
402 construed as to require school boards to implement a financial  
403 literacy program;

404           (ss) To collaborate with the State Board of Education,  
405 Community Action Agencies or the Department of Human Services to  
406 develop and implement a voluntary program to provide services for  
407 a full-day prekindergarten program that addresses the cognitive,  
408 social, and emotional needs of four-year-old and three-year-old  
409 children. The school board may utilize nonstate source special  
410 funds, grants, donations or gifts to fund the voluntary program;

411           (tt) With respect to any lawful, written obligation of  
412 a school district, including, but not limited to, leases  
413 (excluding leases of sixteenth section public school trust land),  
414 bonds, notes, or other agreement, to agree in writing with the  
415 obligee that the State Tax Commission or any state agency,  
416 department or commission created under state law may:

417           (i) Withhold all or any part (as agreed by the  
418 school board) of any monies which such local school board is  
419 entitled to receive from time to time under any law and which is  
420 in the possession of the State Tax Commission, or any state  
421 agency, department or commission created under state law; and

422           (ii) Pay the same over to any financial  
423 institution, trustee or other obligee, as directed in writing by

424 the school board, to satisfy all or part of such obligation of the  
425 school district.

426 The school board may make such written agreement to withhold  
427 and transfer funds irrevocable for the term of the written  
428 obligation and may include in the written agreement any other  
429 terms and provisions acceptable to the school board. If the  
430 school board files a copy of such written agreement with the State  
431 Tax Commission, or any state agency, department or commission  
432 created under state law then the State Tax Commission or any state  
433 agency, department or commission created under state law shall  
434 immediately make the withholdings provided in such agreement from  
435 the amounts due the local school board and shall continue to pay  
436 the same over to such financial institution, trustee or obligee  
437 for the term of the agreement.

438 This paragraph (tt) shall not grant any extra authority to a  
439 school board to issue debt in any amount exceeding statutory  
440 limitations on assessed value of taxable property within such  
441 school district or the statutory limitations on debt maturities,  
442 and shall not grant any extra authority to impose, levy or collect  
443 a tax which is not otherwise expressly provided for, and shall not  
444 be construed to apply to sixteenth section public school trust  
445 land.

446 (uu) With respect to any matter or transaction that is  
447 competitively bid by a school district, to accept from any bidder  
448 as a good faith deposit or bid bond or bid surety, the same type  
449 of good faith deposit or bid bond or bid surety that may be  
450 accepted by the state or any other political subdivision on  
451 similar competitively bid matters or transactions. This paragraph  
452 (uu) shall not be construed to apply to sixteenth section public  
453 school trust land. The school board may authorize the investment  
454 of any school district funds in the same kind and manner of  
455 investments, including pooled investments, as any other political  
456 subdivision, including community hospitals; \* \* \*

457           (vv) To utilize the alternate method for the conveyance  
458 or exchange of unused school buildings and/or land, reserving a  
459 partial or other undivided interest in the property, as  
460 specifically authorized and provided in Section 37-7-485,  
461 Mississippi Code of 1972;

462           (ww) The governing authority of each individual school  
463 shall have the power to adopt any orders, resolutions or  
464 ordinances with respect to school district affairs, property and  
465 finances which are not inconsistent with the Mississippi  
466 Constitution of 1890, the Mississippi Code of 1972, any other  
467 statute or law of the State of Mississippi, or any rule or  
468 regulation promulgated by the State Board of Education pursuant to  
469 its authority under law. Except as otherwise provided, the powers  
470 granted to governing authorities of school districts are complete  
471 without the existence of or reference to any specific authority  
472 granted in any other statute or law of the State of Mississippi  
473 and may be exercised unless specifically prohibited by a statute  
474 or law of the State of Mississippi. Unless such actions are  
475 specifically authorized by another statute or law of the State of  
476 Mississippi, this section shall not authorize the governing  
477 authority of a school district to (i) levy taxes of any kind or  
478 increase the levy of any authorized tax, (ii) issue bonds of any  
479 kind, or (iii) the authority to enter into collective bargaining  
480 agreements. All other powers of the governing authorities of  
481 school districts may be exercised unless specifically prohibited  
482 by the statutes or laws of the State of Mississippi; and

483           (xx) In order to provide for economy, efficiency and  
484 cost effectiveness in the delivery of education, local district  
485 school boards are hereby given explicit authority to delegate,  
486 privatize or otherwise enter into a contract with private entities  
487 for the operation of any functions of nonacademic school process,  
488 procedures and operations including, but not limited to, cafeteria  
489 workers, janitorial services, transportation, professional

490 development, and instructional consulting services, materials and  
491 products, purchasing cooperatives, insurance, business manager  
492 services, auditing and accounting services, school safety/risk  
493 prevention, data processing, and other staff services subject to  
494 appropriate bid laws and competitive processes, public scrutiny  
495 and cost effective analysis. Local districts may enter into  
496 buying consortia with other districts for the purposes of more  
497 efficient use of state resources.

498       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
499 and after its passage.