

By: Representative Brown

To: Universities and
Colleges

HOUSE BILL NO. 1022

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-29-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TERM OF CONTRACTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY
3 SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY BE ENTERED INTO BY THE BOARDS OF
4 TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICTS TO A NUMBER
5 OF YEARS CONSISTENT WITH THAT AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITIES
6 UNDER SECTION 31-7-14; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-29-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-29-67. (1) The duties of the board of trustees shall be
11 the general government of the community or junior college and
12 directive of the administration thereof. Subject to * * *
13 Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273, the board shall have full
14 power to do all things necessary to the successful operation of
15 the district and the college or colleges or attendance centers
16 located therein to insure educational advantages and opportunities
17 to all the enrollees within the district.

18 (2) The board of trustees shall be authorized to designate a
19 personnel supervisor or other person employed by the district to
20 recommend teachers and to transmit such recommendations to the
21 board of trustees; however, this authorization shall be restricted
22 to no more than two (2) positions for each employment period in
23 the district.

24 (3) The delineation and enumeration of the powers and
25 purposes set out in Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 shall be
26 deemed to be supplemental and additional, and shall not be
27 construed to restrict the powers of the board of trustees of the
28 district or of any college located therein so as to deny to

29 the * * * district and the college or colleges therein the rights,
30 privileges, and powers * * * authorized by statute.

31 (4) The board of trustees shall have the power to contract,
32 on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy
33 efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section
34 31-7-14, not to exceed fifteen (15) years.

35 (5) The board of trustees shall be authorized, with the
36 approval of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, to
37 change the name of the junior college to community college. The
38 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall establish
39 guidelines for the implementation of any junior college name
40 change. Any reference to junior college district in this chapter
41 shall * * * refer to the junior college district or its successor
42 in name as changed by the board of trustees.

43 (6) The boards of trustees shall purchase and maintain
44 business property insurance and business personal property
45 insurance on all college-owned buildings and/or contents as
46 required by federal law and regulations of the Federal Emergency
47 Management Agency (FEMA) as is necessary for receiving public
48 assistance or reimbursement for repair, reconstruction,
49 replacement or other damage to such buildings and/or contents
50 caused by the Hurricane Katrina Disaster of 2005 or subsequent
51 disasters. The boards of trustees are authorized to expend funds
52 from any available source for the purpose of obtaining and
53 maintaining that property insurance. The boards of trustees are
54 authorized to enter into agreements with the Department of Finance
55 and Administration, local school districts, other community or
56 junior college districts, state institutions of higher learning,
57 community hospitals and/or other state agencies to pool their
58 liabilities to participate in a group business property and/or
59 business personal property insurance program, subject to uniform
60 rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Department of
61 Finance and Administration.

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