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To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2277

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT UP TO \$500.00 FOR
2 OUT-OF-POCKET CLASSROOM SUPPLY EXPENDITURES MADE BY PUBLIC
3 SCHOOLTEACHERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) A credit shall be allowed to licensed public
6 schoolteachers against the income tax imposed by the Mississippi
7 Income Tax Act, as amended, Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code
8 of 1972, for expenditures made by the teacher from his or her
9 personal funds for classroom supplies, instructional materials or
10 equipment to be used by students in a public school classroom.
11 The amount of the credit shall be documented pursuant to
12 regulations of the State Tax Commission for other authorized
13 deductions or credits, and shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars
14 (\$500.00) annually.

15 (2) To qualify for the credit authorized in this section,
16 the teacher shall (a) be employed by the school district in which
17 the classroom supplies were purchased and used; (b) be licensed by
18 the State Board of Education; and (c) be assigned to an
19 instruction area of work as defined by the State Department of
20 Education.

21 (3) To qualify for the credit authorized in this section,
22 the expenditure shall be an approved expenditure pursuant to the
23 local school spending plan that supports the overall goals of the
24 school which includes the type, quantity and quality of such
25 supplies, instructional materials or equipment, and which has been
26 approved by the school principal. If local or state funds are

27 available for the same expenditure, the expenditure shall not be
28 eligible for the credit under this section.

29 (4) The credits allowed in this section shall be effective
30 for taxable years beginning January 1, 2006.

31 (5) The provisions of this section shall be codified in
32 Chapter 7, Title 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after January 1, 2006.