

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2607

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-29-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCREASE THE TERM OF YEARS FOR WHICH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT MAY CONTRACT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY
4 SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-29-67. (1) The duties of the board of trustees shall be
9 the general government of the community/junior college and
10 directive of the administration thereof. Subject to the
11 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273, the board shall
12 have full power to do all things necessary to the successful
13 operation of the district and the college or colleges or
14 attendance centers located therein to insure educational
15 advantages and opportunities to all the enrollees within the
16 district.

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

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

28 said district and the college or colleges therein the rights,
29 privileges, and powers previously authorized by statute.

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

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

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

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