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To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 238

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING
2 K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN
3 AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL
4 YEAR 2008.

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

6 SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as
7 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State
8 General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
9 funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including
10 certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for
11 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008,
12 as follows:

13 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
14 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and
15 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
16 Division..... \$ 104,453,415.00.

17 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
18 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
19 Division of the State Department of Education.....
20 \$ 78,453,672.00.

21 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
22 paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for
23 sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale by the state,
24 as provided in Section 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code
25 of 1972..... \$ 13,880,990.00.

26 (d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the
27 expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
28 \$ 1,996,097,227.00.

29 (e) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
30 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
31 the Mississippi School for the Deaf..... \$ 12,417,161.00.

32 TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
33 BY THIS SECTION BEING..... \$ 2,205,302,465.00.

34 **SECTION 2.** The following sums, or so much of those sums as
35 may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special
36 fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or
37 funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following
38 paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and ending
39 June 30, 2008, as follows:

40 (a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
41 defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
42 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
43 Division..... \$ 730,964,202.00.

44 (b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
45 defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
46 Division of the State Department of Education.....
47 \$ 23,927,180.00.

48 (c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
49 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Adequate Education
50 Program..... \$ 251,625,653.00.

51 (d) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of
52 defraying the expenses of the Mississippi School for the Blind and
53 the Mississippi School for the Deaf..... \$ 761,504.00.

54 TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED
55 BY THIS SECTION BEING..... \$ 1,007,278,539.00.

56 **SECTION 3.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One
57 Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-six Dollars
58 (\$174,196.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is
59 appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit
60 of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of
61 Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the

62 department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing
63 vision safety services.

64 **SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the
65 following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are
66 derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of
67 the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and
68 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

69 (a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the
70 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for
71 the following purposes:

72	Grants to school districts for capital	
73	facilities and buses.....	\$ 16,000,000.00.
74	Instructional materials.....	\$ 6,194,875.00.
75	Tech prep bond service.....	\$ 3,200,662.00.
76	Implementing Performance Based Data	
77	Collection and Accreditation	
78	Model.....	\$ 274,937.00.
79	World Class Teacher Program.....	\$ 125,000.00.
80	Testing.....	\$ 226,413.00.
81	Education Technology Council.....	\$ 94,082.00.
82	TOTAL.....	\$ 26,115,969.00.

83 (b) To the State Department of Education to defray the
84 expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division.....
85 \$ 7,863,746.00.

86 (c) To the State Department of Education to provide
87 funding for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.....
88 \$181,625,653.00.

89 **SECTION 5.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, not more
90 than the amounts set forth below shall be expended for the
91 respective major objects or purposes of expenditure for the State
92 Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational
93 and Technical Education Division:

94 MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE:

95	Personal Services:		
96	Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits..	\$	29,337,491.00
97	Travel and Subsistence.....		2,630,074.00
98	Contractual Services.....		44,252,138.00
99	Commodities.....		7,395,199.00
100	Capital Outlay:		
101	Other Than Equipment.....		1,544,500.00
102	Equipment.....		3,013,437.00
103	Subsidies, Loans and Grants.....		<u>747,244,778.00</u>
104	Total.....	\$	835,417,617.00

105	FUNDING:		
106	General Funds.....	\$	104,453,415.00
107	Special Funds.....		<u>730,964,202.00</u>
108	Total.....	\$	835,417,617.00

109	AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:		
110	Permanent: Full Time.....		470
111	Part Time.....		3
112	Time-Limited: Full Time.....		70
113	Part Time		0

114 The funds designated in this section for Capital Outlay:
115 Equipment include Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for
116 vehicles.

117 **SECTION 6.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
118 State Superintendent for the Department of Education, excluding
119 the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division,
120 may increase major objects of expenditure in total amounts not to
121 exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the appropriated amount of
122 each major object of expenditure, provided that other major
123 objects of expenditure are decreased by a corresponding dollar
124 amount and provided the Executive Director of the Mississippi
125 Department of Finance and Administration also approves with
126 written authorization. However, no transfers shall be authorized

127 that increase the major object of expenditure "Salaries, Wages and
128 Fringe Benefits."

129 **SECTION 7.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
130 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
131 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
132 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
133 achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education,
134 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
135 Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
136 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
137 below:

	FY2008
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
140 Special Education	
141 Approved Funding for Children (\$ in millions)	87.89
142 Teacher Units Approved for Funding (Units)	4,672
143 Child Nutrition	
144 Number of Meals Required (Millions)	121
145 Cost per Meal (\$)	2.28
146 MS School For Math & Science	
147 Students Enrolled (Persons)	270
148 Cost per Student (\$)	15,717.00
149 Educational Accountability	
150 Performance Accreditation Visits (Visits)	30
151 Tests Administered (Persons)	738,491
152 Compliance & Performance Reviews (Actions)	25
153 Educ Training & Development	
154 Administrators Trained (Persons)	1,000
155 Administrators Trained (%)	35
156 Technical Assistance to School Districts (%)	92
157 Compensatory Education	
158 Title I Projects Awarded (Programs)	152
159 Average Expenditure per Child (\$)	612

160	Review & Approve Delinquent Prgs (Programs)	6
161	Community & Outreach Services	
162	Requested Available Federal Funding (%)	100
163	MS School Attendance Officers	
164	Resolutions to Referrals (%)	90
165	School Visits (Number of)	25,000
166	MS Teacher Center	
167	Teachers Recruited in Shortage Areas (Number)	1,800

168 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
169 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
170 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
171 Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.

172 **SECTION 8.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
173 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
174 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
175 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
176 achieve the intended mission of the Mississippi Adequate Education
177 Program. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make
178 every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided
179 below:

180		FY2008
181	<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
182	Basic Program	
183	Percentage of students scoring basic and	
184	above on the MS Curriculum Test in grades 2-8	
185	in reading, language and math (%)	93.7
186	Percentage of students achieving the passing	
187	score on the History Test (%)	96.6
188	Percentage of students achieving the passing	
189	score on the Biology test (%)	94.8
190	Percentage of students achieving the passing	
191	score on the Algebra test (%)	94.6
192	Provide 100% Funding of the Base Student Cost	100

193 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
194 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
195 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
196 Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.

197 **SECTION 9.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Forty-six
198 Million Dollars (\$46,000,000.00) shall be derived from the School
199 Ad Valorem Reduction Fund.

200 No school district shall expend any funds, received under the
201 School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has
202 specifically identified the amount of the grant within the
203 published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code
204 of 1972. The published budget shall include the following
205 statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as a result
206 of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi
207 Legislature in 1992."

208 **SECTION 10.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two
209 Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,100,000.00) shall be
210 derived from the Technology in Classroom Fund 3203 for the purpose
211 of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education,
212 excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education
213 Division.

214 **SECTION 11.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in
215 the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from
216 income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement
217 Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi Constitution of
218 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for
219 the School for Math and Science.

220 **SECTION 12.** With the funds appropriated in this act, the
221 following positions are authorized for the Vocational and
222 Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

223 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

224	Permanent:	Full Time.....	59
225		Part Time.....	0

226 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 3
 227 Part Time..... 0

228 **SECTION 13.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance
 229 Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of
 230 the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be
 231 utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to
 232 achieve the intended mission of the Vocational and Technical
 233 Education Division of the State Department of Education. Based on
 234 the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to
 235 attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2008
<u>Performance Measures</u>	<u>Target</u>
238 Secondary Programs	
239 Increase in Students Served (%)	1.00
240 LEAs Served (Sites)	144
241 Post-secondary Programs	
242 Short-Term Students Served (Persons)	2,800
243 Short-Term Adult Program Classes (Classes)	225
244 Short-Term Cost per Student (\$)	45.00

245 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets
 246 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the
 247 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget
 248 Committee for Fiscal Year 2009.

249 **SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
 250 not to exceed Two Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred
 251 Eighty-four Dollars (\$229,684.00) is authorized for the support of
 252 vocational and technical education programs as authorized in
 253 Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess
 254 of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

255 **SECTION 15.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
 256 Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State
 257 Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in
 258 Section 1, transfer no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars

259 (\$100,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation
260 Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase
261 soil conservation equipment.

262 **SECTION 16.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more
263 than One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Seventy-five Dollars
264 (\$118,075.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future
265 Farmers of America Center.

266 **SECTION 17.** Of the funds provided in Section 1 for the
267 purpose of providing financial assistance for the education of
268 exceptional children as determined under Section 37-23-63,
269 Mississippi Code of 1972, children who are certified by the
270 designated authority as requiring inpatient care in a private
271 intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded or
272 psychiatric residential treatment facility, with Medicaid
273 reimbursement, shall be eligible and entitled to receive state
274 financial assistance under the provisions of Section 37-23-69, in
275 an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from
276 state funds, per child per school year, if an approved private
277 school is operated as an integral part of the facility that
278 provides twenty-four (24) hours a day monitoring, treatment and
279 education, except that the State Department of Education is
280 authorized to pilot a fee-for-service based cost system for
281 children served through Millcreek Schools, Inc.

282 **SECTION 18.** Of the funds provided in Section 1, Two Hundred
283 Twenty-four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$224,496.00)
284 shall be used to provide for a Director of School Nurses in the
285 State Department of Education and the implementation of three (3)
286 pilot projects for a variety of school health programs in an
287 elementary school setting. Evaluations shall be developed to
288 determine the program's effect to drop-out rates, suspensions,
289 expulsions, attendance and test scores.

290 Income generated by the school-based clinics shall remain
291 available for expenditure by the programs utilizing any special

292 fund authority provided in Section 2 for use by the State
293 Department of Education and the pilots shall remain the same as in
294 Fiscal Year 2007.

295 **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
296 State Department of Education shall have the authority to accept,
297 budget and expend any source funds not to exceed Thirty Million
298 Dollars (\$30,000,000.00), that become available to the department
299 to carry out the provisions of those funds in a manner consistent
300 with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and
301 Administration.

302 **SECTION 20.** The State Department of Education shall transfer
303 the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall
304 assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in
305 accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any
306 improper expenditure, for the following: World Class Teacher
307 Programs, USM Special Education Program, Soil and Water
308 Conservation Commission, Mississippi School Boards Association,
309 Mississippi Eye Screening Program-Vision Research Corporation and
310 Very Special Arts, Arts Institute, Jobs for Mississippi Graduates,
311 and Mississippi Symphony, University of Southern Mississippi Safe
312 Schools Program, Mississippi State University Center for Education
313 Design, Writing and Thinking Institute, Greater Columbus Early
314 Learning Center and Mississippi Council for Economic Education.

315 **SECTION 21.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two
316 Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000.00) is provided for
317 the Writing and Thinking Institute, Seventy Thousand Dollars
318 (\$70,000.00) is provided for the Very Special Arts Program and One
319 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the
320 Mississippi Council for Economic Education.

321 **SECTION 22.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
322 not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars
323 (\$1,300,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for

324 agricultural programs from the Vocational and Technical Education
325 Division of the State Department of Education.

326 **SECTION 23.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum
327 of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00),
328 which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the
329 Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the
330 Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution
331 of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school
332 districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of
333 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the
334 Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the
335 manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal
336 Year 1985.

337 **SECTION 24.** Of the funds provided in this act for the
338 purpose of funding the Mississippi Adequate Education Program as
339 determined under Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, the
340 base student cost in Fiscal Year 2008 shall be Four Thousand Four
341 Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$4,465.00).

342 **SECTION 25.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount
343 not more than Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) shall be
344 derived from the Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund
345 for the benefit of the school districts as authorized in
346 Mississippi Code Annotated, Section 37-151-7(5).

347 **SECTION 26.** Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the
348 intention of the Legislature that Twenty Million Dollars
349 (\$20,000,000.00) from the Public School Building Fund shall be
350 used for the Mississippi Adequate Education Program.

351 **SECTION 27.** With the funds appropriated in this act, the
352 following positions are authorized for the Mississippi School for
353 the Blind and the Mississippi School for the Deaf:

354 AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

355	Permanent:	Full Time.....	194
356		Part Time.....	30

357 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 1
358 Part Time..... 0

359 None of the funds provided in this act shall be expended to
360 hire any person on a contractual basis, for any period for any
361 purpose, without the express prior approval of the State Personnel
362 Director. The State Personnel Director shall consider, in
363 approving those contracts, the availability of funds, the need for
364 services, compliance with the State Compensation Plan and the
365 qualifications of the persons offering to perform the services.
366 The State Fiscal Officer shall not pay any warrant that is in
367 violation of this section.

368 **SECTION 28.** With the funds provided in this act, it is the
369 intention of the Legislature that the academic teachers at the
370 Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the
371 Blind shall receive their annual increment.

372 **SECTION 29.** It is the intention of the Legislature that no
373 State General Funds authorized to be expended in this act shall be
374 used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds that are
375 being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this
376 act and that are withdrawn and no longer available.

377 With respect to agency programs whose operation is dependent
378 on the receipt of federal funds, it is the intent of the
379 Legislature, except as hereinafter provided, that no funds from
380 the State General Fund be expended to administer, support or in
381 any way continue those programs if federal funds for their
382 operation be reduced or become unavailable and that no funds from
383 the State General Fund available for expenditure under this act
384 shall be used to replace federal funds in any major object of
385 expenditure.

386 With the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention
387 of the Legislature that it shall be the agency's responsibility to
388 make certain that funds required to be appropriated for "Personal
389 Services" for Fiscal Year 2009 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2008

390 funds appropriated for that purpose, unless programs or positions
391 are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2009 budget by the
392 Mississippi Legislature. Based on data provided by the
393 Legislative Budget Office, the State Personnel Board shall
394 determine and publish the projected annual cost to fully fund all
395 appropriated positions in compliance with the provisions of this
396 act. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to insure
397 that no single personnel action increases this projected annual
398 cost and/or the Fiscal Year 2008 appropriation for "Personal
399 Services" when annualized, with the exception of escalated funds.
400 If, at the time the agency takes any action to change "Personal
401 Services," the State Personnel Board determines that the agency
402 has taken an action that would cause the agency to exceed this
403 projected annual cost or the Fiscal Year 2008 "Personal Services"
404 appropriated level, when annualized, then only those actions that
405 reduce the projected annual cost and/or the appropriation
406 requirement will be processed by the State Personnel Board until
407 such time as the requirements of this provision are met.

408 Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with
409 the terms, conditions and procedures established by law or
410 allowable under the terms set forth in this act. The State
411 Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
412 approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The
413 Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written
414 approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions
415 without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the
416 appropriated level.

417 **SECTION 30.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the
418 State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and
419 personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds
420 appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the
421 same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year
422 2007. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the

423 budget requests for Fiscal Year 2009 shall be submitted to the
424 Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail
425 comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the
426 Fiscal Year 2008 budget request process for each agency and
427 institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

428 **SECTION 31.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 to the
429 State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-four Million Eight
430 Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Forty-eight Dollars (\$24,897,048.00)
431 shall be used for National Board Certification.

432 **SECTION 32.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
433 than Fourteen Million Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$14,065,000.00)
434 shall be used for the Educable Child Program.

435 **SECTION 33.** It is the intention of the Legislature that at
436 least Twenty-one Million Dollars (\$21,000,000.00) be expended for
437 textbooks as defined in Section 37-43-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.
438 The State Department of Education shall report to the Legislature
439 the amount of expenditures for each school district no later than
440 October 31, 2008.

441 **SECTION 34.** The public school districts of the state are
442 authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred
443 percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the
444 State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired
445 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are
446 employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the
447 intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for
448 this purpose.

449 **SECTION 35.** Of the funds appropriated for Fiscal Year 2008
450 for the Educable Child Program, the Mississippi Department of
451 Education is authorized to pay the remaining balance up to Two
452 Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) for fiscal year 2007 claims.

453 **SECTION 36.** Of the funds appropriated for Orthopedic and
454 Aphasic, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be for
455 the Dubard School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

456 **SECTION 37.** It is the intention of the Legislature that
457 whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the
458 purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things
459 stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price,
460 quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind
461 shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to
462 the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are
463 made without competitive bids.

464 **SECTION 38.** It is the intention of the Legislature that in
465 any year that the Mississippi Adequate Education Program is not
466 fully funded, the State Department of Education shall prorate the
467 underfunded amount to local school districts for that year.

468 **SECTION 39.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less
469 than Six Million Five Hundred Fifty-five Thousand One Hundred
470 Fifty-three Dollars (\$6,555,153.00) shall be used for the
471 Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance
472 Officers.

473 **SECTION 40.** The money appropriated in this act shall be paid
474 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or
475 funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State
476 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his
477 warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or
478 officers in the manner provided by law.

479 **SECTION 41.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
480 and after July 1, 2007.