

By: Representatives Formby, Scott, Young

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS FROM ESTABLISHING AS THE OPENING
3 DATE OF THE SCHOOL TERM ANY DATE THAT IS BEFORE LABOR DAY; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-13-61. The local school board shall have the power and
9 authority to fix the date for the opening of the school term,
10 which may not be before the first Monday of September (Labor Day),
11 and the date for the closing of the school term * * *. In
12 establishing the opening and closing dates of the school term, the
13 school board must satisfy the required minimum number of days
14 which schools must be in session during a scholastic year, as
15 prescribed under Section 37-13-63. However, local school boards
16 are authorized to keep school in session in excess of the minimum
17 number of days prescribed in Section 37-13-63.

18 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
19 and after July 1, 2016.

