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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 527

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A
 2 FINANCIAL LITERACY CURRICULUM FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON OR BEFORE THE
 3 2018-2019 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURSE IN
 4 FINANCIAL LITERACY SHALL ACCOUNT FOR A ONE-HALF CARNEGIE UNIT; TO
 5 REQUIRE SUCCESSFUL PASSAGE OF THE COURSE AS A GRADUATION
 6 REQUIREMENT; TO ESTABLISH THE "FINANCIAL LITERACY TRUST FUND" AS A
 7 SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDS
 8 ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
 9 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED
 10 PURPOSES.

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

12 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Board of Education shall implement
 13 a financial literacy curriculum on or before the 2018-2019
 14 academic school year. This section is applicable to all schools,
 15 including but not limited to, public charter schools.

16 (2) There is established in the State Treasury a special
 17 fund to be known as the "Financial Literacy Trust Fund" to provide
 18 financial literacy education for this program. The fund shall be
 19 administered by the State Board of Education, shall be eligible to
 20 accept private contributions, publicly or privately funded grants,
 21 and funds appropriated by the state or federal government. No
 22 expenditure from the fund shall cause the fund to be in deficiency



23 at the close of the fiscal year. Unexpended monies remaining in
24 the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse to the
25 General Fund, but shall be available for expenditure in the
26 subsequent fiscal year. The fund shall be an expendable trust
27 fund and shall not be subject to appropriation or allotment.

28 (3) The State Board of Education shall develop rules and
29 regulations for the implementation of the trust. The trust may
30 expend funds to administer the fund, which shall include an annual
31 independent audit of the financial activities of the fund. The
32 trust may also enter into contracts with private corporations to
33 manage and implement the programmatic, fiduciary or administrative
34 goals of the trust subject to the approval of the board. The
35 trust may also, to the extent necessary, create a 501(c)(3)
36 corporation to fulfill the purposes of the trust. The board shall
37 annually report to the Legislature all programmatic and financial
38 activities and balances of the fund on or before December 31 of
39 each year.

40 **SECTION 2.** Department of Banking and Consumer Finance shall
41 have the authority to contribute portion of funds generated from
42 penalties and fees to financial literacy education.

43 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-7-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
44 amended as follows:

45 37-7-301. The school boards of all school districts shall
46 have the following powers, authority and duties in addition to all
47 others imposed or granted by law, to wit:



48 (a) To organize and operate the schools of the district
49 and to make such division between the high school grades and
50 elementary grades as, in their judgment, will serve the best
51 interests of the school;

52 (b) To introduce public school music, art, manual
53 training and other special subjects into either the elementary or
54 high school grades, as the board shall deem proper;

55 (c) To be the custodians of real and personal school
56 property and to manage, control and care for same, both during the
57 school term and during vacation;

58 (d) To have responsibility for the erection, repairing
59 and equipping of school facilities and the making of necessary
60 school improvements;

61 (e) To suspend or to expel a pupil or to change the
62 placement of a pupil to the school district's alternative school
63 or homebound program for misconduct in the school or on school
64 property, as defined in Section 37-11-29, on the road to and from
65 school, or at any school-related activity or event, or for conduct
66 occurring on property other than school property or other than at
67 a school-related activity or event when such conduct by a pupil,
68 in the determination of the school superintendent or principal,
69 renders that pupil's presence in the classroom a disruption to the
70 educational environment of the school or a detriment to the best
71 interest and welfare of the pupils and teacher of such class as a



72 whole, and to delegate such authority to the appropriate officials
73 of the school district;

74 (f) To visit schools in the district, in their
75 discretion, in a body for the purpose of determining what can be
76 done for the improvement of the school in a general way;

77 (g) To support, within reasonable limits, the
78 superintendent, principal and teachers where necessary for the
79 proper discipline of the school;

80 (h) To exclude from the schools students with what
81 appears to be infectious or contagious diseases; provided,
82 however, such student may be allowed to return to school upon
83 presenting a certificate from a public health officer, duly
84 licensed physician or nurse practitioner that the student is free
85 from such disease;

86 (i) To require those vaccinations specified by the
87 State Health Officer as provided in Section 41-23-37;

88 (j) To see that all necessary utilities and services
89 are provided in the schools at all times when same are needed;

90 (k) To authorize the use of the school buildings and
91 grounds for the holding of public meetings and gatherings of the
92 people under such regulations as may be prescribed by said board;

93 (l) To prescribe and enforce rules and regulations not
94 inconsistent with law or with the regulations of the State Board
95 of Education for their own government and for the government of



96 the schools, and to transact their business at regular and special
97 meetings called and held in the manner provided by law;

98 (m) To maintain and operate all of the schools under
99 their control for such length of time during the year as may be
100 required;

101 (n) To enforce in the schools the courses of study and
102 the use of the textbooks prescribed by the proper authorities;

103 (o) To make orders directed to the superintendent of
104 schools for the issuance of pay certificates for lawful purposes
105 on any available funds of the district and to have full control of
106 the receipt, distribution, allotment and disbursement of all funds
107 provided for the support and operation of the schools of such
108 school district whether such funds be derived from state
109 appropriations, local ad valorem tax collections, or otherwise.
110 The local school board shall be authorized and empowered to
111 promulgate rules and regulations that specify the types of claims
112 and set limits of the dollar amount for payment of claims by the
113 superintendent of schools to be ratified by the board at the next
114 regularly scheduled meeting after payment has been made;

115 (p) To select all school district personnel in the
116 manner provided by law, and to provide for such employee fringe
117 benefit programs, including accident reimbursement plans, as may
118 be deemed necessary and appropriate by the board;



119 (q) To provide athletic programs and other school
120 activities and to regulate the establishment and operation of such
121 programs and activities;

122 (r) To join, in their discretion, any association of
123 school boards and other public school-related organizations, and
124 to pay from local funds other than minimum foundation funds, any
125 membership dues;

126 (s) To expend local school activity funds, or other
127 available school district funds, other than minimum education
128 program funds, for the purposes prescribed under this paragraph.
129 "Activity funds" shall mean all funds received by school officials
130 in all school districts paid or collected to participate in any
131 school activity, such activity being part of the school program
132 and partially financed with public funds or supplemented by public
133 funds. The term "activity funds" shall not include any funds
134 raised and/or expended by any organization unless commingled in a
135 bank account with existing activity funds, regardless of whether
136 the funds were raised by school employees or received by school
137 employees during school hours or using school facilities, and
138 regardless of whether a school employee exercises influence over
139 the expenditure or disposition of such funds. Organizations shall
140 not be required to make any payment to any school for the use of
141 any school facility if, in the discretion of the local school
142 governing board, the organization's function shall be deemed to be
143 beneficial to the official or extracurricular programs of the



144 school. For the purposes of this provision, the term
145 "organization" shall not include any organization subject to the
146 control of the local school governing board. Activity funds may
147 only be expended for any necessary expenses or travel costs,
148 including advances, incurred by students and their chaperons in
149 attending any in-state or out-of-state school-related programs,
150 conventions or seminars and/or any commodities, equipment, travel
151 expenses, purchased services or school supplies which the local
152 school governing board, in its discretion, shall deem beneficial
153 to the official or extracurricular programs of the district,
154 including items which may subsequently become the personal
155 property of individuals, including yearbooks, athletic apparel,
156 book covers and trophies. Activity funds may be used to pay
157 travel expenses of school district personnel. The local school
158 governing board shall be authorized and empowered to promulgate
159 rules and regulations specifically designating for what purposes
160 school activity funds may be expended. The local school governing
161 board shall provide (i) that such school activity funds shall be
162 maintained and expended by the principal of the school generating
163 the funds in individual bank accounts, or (ii) that such school
164 activity funds shall be maintained and expended by the
165 superintendent of schools in a central depository approved by the
166 board. The local school governing board shall provide that such
167 school activity funds be audited as part of the annual audit
168 required in Section 37-9-18. The State Department of Education



169 shall prescribe a uniform system of accounting and financial
170 reporting for all school activity fund transactions;

171 (t) To enter into an energy performance contract,
172 energy services contract, on a shared-savings, lease or
173 lease-purchase basis, for energy efficiency services and/or
174 equipment as provided for in Section 31-7-14;

175 (u) To maintain accounts and issue pay certificates on
176 school food service bank accounts;

177 (v) (i) To lease a school building from an individual,
178 partnership, nonprofit corporation or a private for-profit
179 corporation for the use of such school district, and to expend
180 funds therefor as may be available from any nonminimum program
181 sources. The school board of the school district desiring to
182 lease a school building shall declare by resolution that a need
183 exists for a school building and that the school district cannot
184 provide the necessary funds to pay the cost or its proportionate
185 share of the cost of a school building required to meet the
186 present needs. The resolution so adopted by the school board
187 shall be published once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks
188 in a newspaper having a general circulation in the school district
189 involved, with the first publication thereof to be made not less
190 than thirty (30) days prior to the date upon which the school
191 board is to act on the question of leasing a school building. If
192 no petition requesting an election is filed prior to such meeting
193 as hereinafter provided, then the school board may, by resolution



194 spread upon its minutes, proceed to lease a school building. If
195 at any time prior to said meeting a petition signed by not less
196 than twenty percent (20%) or fifteen hundred (1500), whichever is
197 less, of the qualified electors of the school district involved
198 shall be filed with the school board requesting that an election
199 be called on the question, then the school board shall, not later
200 than the next regular meeting, adopt a resolution calling an
201 election to be held within such school district upon the question
202 of authorizing the school board to lease a school building. Such
203 election shall be called and held, and notice thereof shall be
204 given, in the same manner for elections upon the questions of the
205 issuance of the bonds of school districts, and the results thereof
206 shall be certified to the school board. If at least three-fifths
207 (3/5) of the qualified electors of the school district who voted
208 in such election shall vote in favor of the leasing of a school
209 building, then the school board shall proceed to lease a school
210 building. The term of the lease contract shall not exceed twenty
211 (20) years, and the total cost of such lease shall be either the
212 amount of the lowest and best bid accepted by the school board
213 after advertisement for bids or an amount not to exceed the
214 current fair market value of the lease as determined by the
215 averaging of at least two (2) appraisals by certified general
216 appraisers licensed by the State of Mississippi. The term "school
217 building" as used in this paragraph (v) (i) shall be construed to
218 mean any building or buildings used for classroom purposes in



219 connection with the operation of schools and shall include the
220 site therefor, necessary support facilities, and the equipment
221 thereof and appurtenances thereto such as heating facilities,
222 water supply, sewage disposal, landscaping, walks, drives and
223 playgrounds. The term "lease" as used in this paragraph (v) (i)
224 may include a lease-purchase contract;

225 (ii) If two (2) or more school districts propose
226 to enter into a lease contract jointly, then joint meetings of the
227 school boards having control may be held but no action taken shall
228 be binding on any such school district unless the question of
229 leasing a school building is approved in each participating school
230 district under the procedure hereinabove set forth in paragraph
231 (v) (i). All of the provisions of paragraph (v) (i) regarding the
232 term and amount of the lease contract shall apply to the school
233 boards of school districts acting jointly. Any lease contract
234 executed by two (2) or more school districts as joint lessees
235 shall set out the amount of the aggregate lease rental to be paid
236 by each, which may be agreed upon, but there shall be no right of
237 occupancy by any lessee unless the aggregate rental is paid as
238 stipulated in the lease contract. All rights of joint lessees
239 under the lease contract shall be in proportion to the amount of
240 lease rental paid by each;

241 (w) To employ all noninstructional and noncertificated
242 employees and fix the duties and compensation of such personnel



243 deemed necessary pursuant to the recommendation of the
244 superintendent of schools;

245 (x) To employ and fix the duties and compensation of
246 such legal counsel as deemed necessary;

247 (y) Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board
248 of Education, to purchase, own and operate trucks, vans and other
249 motor vehicles, which shall bear the proper identification
250 required by law;

251 (z) To expend funds for the payment of substitute
252 teachers and to adopt reasonable regulations for the employment
253 and compensation of such substitute teachers;

254 (aa) To acquire in its own name by purchase all real
255 property which shall be necessary and desirable in connection with
256 the construction, renovation or improvement of any public school
257 building or structure. Whenever the purchase price for such real
258 property is greater than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), the
259 school board shall not purchase the property for an amount
260 exceeding the fair market value of such property as determined by
261 the average of at least two (2) independent appraisals by
262 certified general appraisers licensed by the State of Mississippi.
263 If the board shall be unable to agree with the owner of any such
264 real property in connection with any such project, the board shall
265 have the power and authority to acquire any such real property by
266 condemnation proceedings pursuant to Section 11-27-1 et seq.,
267 Mississippi Code of 1972, and for such purpose, the right of



268 eminent domain is hereby conferred upon and vested in said board.
269 Provided further, that the local school board is authorized to
270 grant an easement for ingress and egress over sixteenth section
271 land or lieu land in exchange for a similar easement upon
272 adjoining land where the exchange of easements affords substantial
273 benefit to the sixteenth section land; provided, however, the
274 exchange must be based upon values as determined by a competent
275 appraiser, with any differential in value to be adjusted by cash
276 payment. Any easement rights granted over sixteenth section land
277 under such authority shall terminate when the easement ceases to
278 be used for its stated purpose. No sixteenth section or lieu land
279 which is subject to an existing lease shall be burdened by any
280 such easement except by consent of the lessee or unless the school
281 district shall acquire the unexpired leasehold interest affected
282 by the easement;

283 (bb) To charge reasonable fees related to the
284 educational programs of the district, in the manner prescribed in
285 Section 37-7-335;

286 (cc) Subject to rules and regulations of the State
287 Board of Education, to purchase relocatable classrooms for the use
288 of such school district, in the manner prescribed in Section
289 37-1-13;

290 (dd) Enter into contracts or agreements with other
291 school districts, political subdivisions or governmental entities
292 to carry out one or more of the powers or duties of the school



293 board, or to allow more efficient utilization of limited resources
294 for providing services to the public;

295 (ee) To provide for in-service training for employees
296 of the district;

297 (ff) As part of their duties to prescribe the use of
298 textbooks, to provide that parents and legal guardians shall be
299 responsible for the textbooks and for the compensation to the
300 school district for any books which are not returned to the proper
301 schools upon the withdrawal of their dependent child. If a
302 textbook is lost or not returned by any student who drops out of
303 the public school district, the parent or legal guardian shall
304 also compensate the school district for the fair market value of
305 the textbooks;

306 (gg) To conduct fund-raising activities on behalf of
307 the school district that the local school board, in its
308 discretion, deems appropriate or beneficial to the official or
309 extracurricular programs of the district; provided that:

310 (i) Any proceeds of the fund-raising activities
311 shall be treated as "activity funds" and shall be accounted for as
312 are other activity funds under this section; and

313 (ii) Fund-raising activities conducted or
314 authorized by the board for the sale of school pictures, the
315 rental of caps and gowns or the sale of graduation invitations for
316 which the school board receives a commission, rebate or fee shall
317 contain a disclosure statement advising that a portion of the



318 proceeds of the sales or rentals shall be contributed to the
319 student activity fund;

320 (hh) To allow individual lessons for music, art and
321 other curriculum-related activities for academic credit or
322 nonacademic credit during school hours and using school equipment
323 and facilities, subject to uniform rules and regulations adopted
324 by the school board;

325 (ii) To charge reasonable fees for participating in an
326 extracurricular activity for academic or nonacademic credit for
327 necessary and required equipment such as safety equipment, band
328 instruments and uniforms;

329 (jj) To conduct or participate in any fund-raising
330 activities on behalf of or in connection with a tax-exempt
331 charitable organization;

332 (kk) To exercise such powers as may be reasonably
333 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section;

334 (ll) To expend funds for the services of nonprofit arts
335 organizations or other such nonprofit organizations who provide
336 performances or other services for the students of the school
337 district;

338 (mm) To expend federal No Child Left Behind Act funds,
339 or any other available funds that are expressly designated and
340 authorized for that use, to pay training, educational expenses,
341 salary incentives and salary supplements to employees of local
342 school districts; except that incentives shall not be considered



343 part of the local supplement as defined in Section 37-151-5(o),
344 nor shall incentives be considered part of the local supplement
345 paid to an individual teacher for the purposes of Section
346 37-19-7(1). Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds or any
347 other state funds may not be used for salary incentives or salary
348 supplements as provided in this paragraph (mm);

349 (nn) To use any available funds, not appropriated or
350 designated for any other purpose, for reimbursement to the
351 state-licensed employees from both in state and out of state, who
352 enter into a contract for employment in a school district, for the
353 expense of moving when the employment necessitates the relocation
354 of the licensed employee to a different geographical area than
355 that in which the licensed employee resides before entering into
356 the contract. The reimbursement shall not exceed One Thousand
357 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the documented actual expenses incurred in
358 the course of relocating, including the expense of any
359 professional moving company or persons employed to assist with the
360 move, rented moving vehicles or equipment, mileage in the amount
361 authorized for county and municipal employees under Section
362 25-3-41 if the licensed employee used his personal vehicle or
363 vehicles for the move, meals and such other expenses associated
364 with the relocation. No licensed employee may be reimbursed for
365 moving expenses under this section on more than one (1) occasion
366 by the same school district. Nothing in this section shall be
367 construed to require the actual residence to which the licensed



368 employee relocates to be within the boundaries of the school
369 district that has executed a contract for employment in order for
370 the licensed employee to be eligible for reimbursement for the
371 moving expenses. However, the licensed employee must relocate
372 within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi. Any individual
373 receiving relocation assistance through the Critical Teacher
374 Shortage Act as provided in Section 37-159-5 shall not be eligible
375 to receive additional relocation funds as authorized in this
376 paragraph;

377 (oo) To use any available funds, not appropriated or
378 designated for any other purpose, to reimburse persons who
379 interview for employment as a licensed employee with the district
380 for the mileage and other actual expenses incurred in the course
381 of travel to and from the interview at the rate authorized for
382 county and municipal employees under Section 25-3-41;

383 (pp) Consistent with the report of the Task Force to
384 Conduct a Best Financial Management Practices Review, to improve
385 school district management and use of resources and identify cost
386 savings as established in Section 8 of Chapter 610, Laws of 2002,
387 local school boards are encouraged to conduct independent reviews
388 of the management and efficiency of schools and school districts.
389 Such management and efficiency reviews shall provide state and
390 local officials and the public with the following:

391 (i) An assessment of a school district's
392 governance and organizational structure;



393 (ii) An assessment of the school district's
394 financial and personnel management;

395 (iii) An assessment of revenue levels and sources;

396 (iv) An assessment of facilities utilization,
397 planning and maintenance;

398 (v) An assessment of food services, transportation
399 and safety/security systems;

400 (vi) An assessment of instructional and
401 administrative technology;

402 (vii) A review of the instructional management and
403 the efficiency and effectiveness of existing instructional
404 programs; and

405 (viii) Recommended methods for increasing
406 efficiency and effectiveness in providing educational services to
407 the public;

408 (qq) To enter into agreements with other local school
409 boards for the establishment of an educational service agency
410 (ESA) to provide for the cooperative needs of the region in which
411 the school district is located, as provided in Section 37-7-345;

412 (rr) To implement a financial literacy program for
413 students in Grades 9, 10, * * * 11 and 12 as each local school
414 board deems most appropriate. The board may review the national
415 programs and obtain free literature from various nationally
416 recognized programs. After review of the different programs, the
417 board * * * shall certify a program that is most appropriate for



418 the school districts' needs. * * * Students in Grade 9, 10, * * *
419 11 or 12 * * * shall participate in the program to be implemented
420 in all schools. The financial literacy program shall include, but
421 is not limited to, instruction in the same areas of personal
422 business and finance as required under Section 37-1-3(2) (b). The
423 school board may coordinate with volunteer teachers from local
424 community organizations, including, but not limited to, the
425 following: United States Department of Agriculture Rural
426 Development, United States Department of Housing and Urban
427 Development, * * * bankers and other nonprofit organizations.

428 * * * The financial literacy program shall further include:

- 429 (i) Decision making;
430 (ii) Earning an income;
431 (iii) Saving and spending;
432 (iv) Use of credit; and
433 (v) Budgeting;

434 (ss) To collaborate with the State Board of Education,
435 Community Action Agencies or the Department of Human Services to
436 develop and implement a voluntary program to provide services for
437 a prekindergarten program that addresses the cognitive, social,
438 and emotional needs of four-year-old and three-year-old children.
439 The school board may utilize any source of available revenue to
440 fund the voluntary program. Effective with the 2013-2014 school
441 year, to implement voluntary prekindergarten programs under the



442 Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013 pursuant to state funds
443 awarded by the State Department of Education on a matching basis;

444 (tt) With respect to any lawful, written obligation of
445 a school district, including, but not limited to, leases
446 (excluding leases of sixteenth section public school trust land),
447 bonds, notes, or other agreement, to agree in writing with the
448 obligee that the Department of Revenue or any state agency,
449 department or commission created under state law may:

450 (i) Withhold all or any part (as agreed by the
451 school board) of any monies which such local school board is
452 entitled to receive from time to time under any law and which is
453 in the possession of the Department of Revenue, or any state
454 agency, department or commission created under state law; and

455 (ii) Pay the same over to any financial
456 institution, trustee or other obligee, as directed in writing by
457 the school board, to satisfy all or part of such obligation of the
458 school district.

459 The school board may make such written agreement to withhold
460 and transfer funds irrevocable for the term of the written
461 obligation and may include in the written agreement any other
462 terms and provisions acceptable to the school board. If the
463 school board files a copy of such written agreement with the
464 Department of Revenue, or any state agency, department or
465 commission created under state law then the Department of Revenue
466 or any state agency, department or commission created under state



467 law shall immediately make the withholdings provided in such
468 agreement from the amounts due the local school board and shall
469 continue to pay the same over to such financial institution,
470 trustee or obligee for the term of the agreement.

471 This paragraph (tt) shall not grant any extra authority to a
472 school board to issue debt in any amount exceeding statutory
473 limitations on assessed value of taxable property within such
474 school district or the statutory limitations on debt maturities,
475 and shall not grant any extra authority to impose, levy or collect
476 a tax which is not otherwise expressly provided for, and shall not
477 be construed to apply to sixteenth section public school trust
478 land;

479 (uu) With respect to any matter or transaction that is
480 competitively bid by a school district, to accept from any bidder
481 as a good-faith deposit or bid bond or bid surety, the same type
482 of good-faith deposit or bid bond or bid surety that may be
483 accepted by the state or any other political subdivision on
484 similar competitively bid matters or transactions. This paragraph
485 (uu) shall not be construed to apply to sixteenth section public
486 school trust land. The school board may authorize the investment
487 of any school district funds in the same kind and manner of
488 investments, including pooled investments, as any other political
489 subdivision, including community hospitals;

490 (vv) To utilize the alternate method for the conveyance
491 or exchange of unused school buildings and/or land, reserving a



492 partial or other undivided interest in the property, as
493 specifically authorized and provided in Section 37-7-485;

494 (ww) To delegate, privatize or otherwise enter into a
495 contract with private entities for the operation of any and all
496 functions of nonacademic school process, procedures and operations
497 including, but not limited to, cafeteria workers, janitorial
498 services, transportation, professional development, achievement
499 and instructional consulting services materials and products,
500 purchasing cooperatives, insurance, business manager services,
501 auditing and accounting services, school safety/risk prevention,
502 data processing and student records, and other staff services;
503 however, the authority under this paragraph does not apply to the
504 leasing, management or operation of sixteenth section lands.
505 Local school districts, working through their regional education
506 service agency, are encouraged to enter into buying consortia with
507 other member districts for the purposes of more efficient use of
508 state resources as described in Section 37-7-345;

509 (xx) To partner with entities, organizations and
510 corporations for the purpose of benefiting the school district;

511 (yy) To borrow funds from the Rural Economic
512 Development Authority for the maintenance of school buildings;

513 (zz) To fund and operate voluntary early childhood
514 education programs, defined as programs for children less than
515 five (5) years of age on or before September 1, and to use any
516 source of revenue for such early childhood education programs.



517 Such programs shall not conflict with the Early Learning
518 Collaborative Act of 2013;

519 (aaa) To issue and provide for the use of procurement
520 cards by school board members, superintendents and licensed school
521 personnel consistent with the rules and regulations of the
522 Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration under Section
523 31-7-9; and

524 (bbb) To conduct an annual comprehensive evaluation of
525 the superintendent of schools consistent with the assessment
526 components of paragraph (pp) of this section and the assessment
527 benchmarks established by the Mississippi School Board Association
528 to evaluate the success the superintendent has attained in meeting
529 district goals and objectives, the superintendent's leadership
530 skill and whether or not the superintendent has established
531 appropriate standards for performance, is monitoring success and
532 is using data for improvement.

533 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
534 and after July 1, 2017.

