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To: Universities and
Colleges

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 700

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE
3 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO CONVEY CERTAIN STATE-OWNED
4 REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN COAHOMA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, TO THE BOARD
5 OF TRUSTEES OF COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF
6 TRUSTEES OF COAHOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN
7 FUNCTIONS RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE COAHOMA
8 COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) The Department of Finance and
11 Administration, acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees of State
12 Institutions of Higher Learning, is authorized to donate, transfer
13 and convey for no consideration to the Board of Trustees of
14 Coahoma Community College, for the use and benefit of the Coahoma
15 County Higher Education Center, the following real property in
16 Coahoma County, Mississippi, known as the Cutrer Mansion lot, St.
17 Elizabeth School lot, and St. Elizabeth Gymnasium lot:

18 A parcel of land which is situate in Section Fourteen
19 (14), Township Twenty-Seven (27) North, Range Four (4)
20 West, Coahoma County, Mississippi, described by metes
21 and bounds as follows, to wit:



22 Beginning at a point where the center line of John
23 Street, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, intersects the north
24 line of Clark Street in Clarksdale, Mississippi, thence
25 South seventy-five (75) degrees, thirty-eight (38)
26 minutes West three hundred ninety-six and 25/100
27 (396.25) feet along the north line of Clark Street to a
28 point, which point is the point of beginning; thence
29 North fourteen (14) degrees, twenty-two (22) minutes
30 West two hundred two (202) feet to a point; thence North
31 two (2) degrees forty-six (46) minutes East four hundred
32 forty-seven and two-tenths (447.2) feet to a stake in
33 the center of Mill Bayou; thence in a westerly direction
34 along the center line of Mill Bayou to its intersection
35 with the East line of the Clarksdale-Friars Point public
36 road; thence South twenty-nine (29) minutes West along
37 said East line of said public road to the intersection
38 with the North line of Clark Street extended in a
39 westerly direction; thence in an easterly direction
40 along the North line of Clark Street extended in a
41 westerly direction along the North line of Clark Street
42 to the point of beginning.

43 Together with all improvements situated thereon and
44 all appurtenances thereunto belonging, LESS AND EXCEPT
45 all easements and rights-of-way record.



46 (2) The Board of Trustees of Coahoma Community College shall
47 be responsible for the management and upkeep of the above-
48 described property, as well as any facilities thereon and any
49 improvements that may at some future date be constructed on the
50 site.

51 (3) The Board of Trustees of Coahoma Community College shall
52 ensure that the Coahoma County Higher Education Center carries out
53 the purposes of providing higher education, workforce training,
54 and/or other continuing education opportunities to the public at
55 the above-described property. The Department of Finance and
56 Administration and the institutions of higher learning are
57 authorized to convey the above described property on the condition
58 that it shall be used for such purposes and further provided that
59 the property shall revert to the state in the event that the Board
60 of Trustees of Coahoma Community College should operate the center
61 contrary to such purposes, abandons such property or attempts to
62 sell or transfer all or a portion of such property to another
63 entity.

64 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration is
65 authorized to correct any discrepancies in the legal description
66 of the property provided in subsection (1) of this section.

67 (5) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights
68 to the real property conveyed and transferred under this section.

69 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
70 and after its passage.

