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To: Public Property; Finance

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2898

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO
4 TRANSFER CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COAHOMA
5 COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
6 COAHOMA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE WILL USE THE PROPERTY FOR THE
7 OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE COAHOMA COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION
8 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 and Delta State University, is
13 authorized to donate, transfer and convey for no consideration to
14 the Board of Trustees of Coahoma Community College, for the use
15 and benefit of the Coahoma County Higher Education Center, certain
16 real property known as the "Cutrer Mansion lot," "St. Elizabeth
17 School lot," and "St. Elizabeth Gymnasium lot." The real property
18 is located in Coahoma County, Mississippi and is more particularly
19 described as follows:

20 A parcel of land which is situated in Section Fourteen (14),
21 Township Twenty-Seven (27) North, Range Four (4) West,



22 Coahoma County, Mississippi, described by metes and bounds as
23 follows, to wit:

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

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



46 (2) The Board of Trustees of Coahoma Community College shall
47 be responsible for the management and upkeep of the property
48 described in subsection (1), as well as any facilities thereon and
49 any improvements that may be constructed on the site.

50 (3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting on
51 behalf of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
52 Learning, is authorized to convey the property described in
53 subsection (1) subject to the following conditions:

54 (a) That the property shall be used for the purposes of
55 providing higher education, workforce training, and/or other
56 continuing education opportunities to the public. The Board of
57 Trustees of Coahoma Community College shall ensure that the
58 Coahoma County Higher Education Center carries out these purposes;

59 (b) That the property shall revert to the Department of
60 Finance and Administration in the event that the Board of Trustees
61 of Coahoma Community College should operate the Coahoma County
62 Higher Education Center contrary to the purposes set forth in
63 paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

64 (c) That the property shall revert to the Department of
65 Finance and Administration in the event that the Board of Trustees
66 of Coahoma Community College abandons or attempts to sell or
67 transfer all or a portion of such property to another entity.

68 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration shall have
69 the authority to correct any discrepancies in the property
70 descriptions provided in subsection one (1) of this section.



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

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

