

By: Representatives Smith, Hughes

To: Education;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1158

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE ANNUAL SALARY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; TO DELETE THE
3 OPTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO RECEIVE PER DIEM COMPENSATION
4 FOR ATTENDING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS INSTEAD OF AN ANNUAL SALARY;
5 TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION AGAINST SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS BEING IN
6 THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

10 37-6-13. (1) Each person serving as a member of the school
11 board of any school district shall receive * * * as compensation
12 for his or her services an annual salary in the amount of * * *
13 Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$7,200.00). The receipt of
14 the compensation shall not entitle any member of a school board to
15 receive or be eligible for any state employee group
16 insurance * * * or * * * fringe benefits other than membership in
17 the Public Employees' Retirement System. Each member also shall
18 be reimbursed for the necessary expenses and mileage in attending
19 meetings of the school board. In addition to the foregoing, all
20 members may be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred



21 in the further performance of their duties, including attendance
22 at any mandatory school board training session or at regional and
23 national education meetings, when such mileage and other expenses
24 are authorized by the board prior to the date on which they occur.
25 Detailed vouchers shall be submitted for reimbursement for all
26 expenses authorized by this section. Such reimbursement shall be
27 in accordance with Section 25-3-41.

28 Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by
29 pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school
30 district involved against the funds available for payment of the
31 administrative expense of the district.

32 (2) (a) If a member of a school board misses twenty percent
33 (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during a
34 calendar year, except for absences caused by required military
35 duty, the member must reimburse the school district that portion
36 of the total salary paid to the member that year which is
37 proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in
38 relation to the total number of school board meetings held during
39 that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be
40 given only to meetings of which public notice is required.

41 (b) Before February 1 of each year, the president of
42 each local school board shall submit a report to the State Board
43 of Education containing the names of any members of the school
44 board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board
45 meetings during the preceding calendar year.



46 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2019.

