

## House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2928

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE:

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE HOUSE HAS ADOPTED THE AMENDMENTS SET OUT BELOW:

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

19        **SECTION 1.** This act shall be known as "The Energy Academy  
20 Act."

21        **SECTION 2. Intent.** The intent of the Legislature is to  
22 provide an opportunity for motivated students to participate in a  
23 curriculum that will prepare them for a career of employment in  
24 the energy industry in their home state.

25        **SECTION 3. Definitions.** For purposes of this act:

26           (a) "The Board of Trustees" means the Board of Trustees  
27 of the Vicksburg-Warren School District.

28           (b) "The Board of Education" means the Claiborne County  
29 Board of Education.

30           (c) "Nuclear Facility" means any nuclear generating  
31 plant in the State of Mississippi.

32           (d) "Energy Academy" means an energy high school  
33 created under this act.

34           (e) "Partnership Council" means the Energy High School  
35 Academy Partnership Council.

36 (f) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

37 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Board of Trustees of the

38 Vicksburg-Warren School District and the Claiborne County Board of  
39 Education are authorized to make application to the Mississippi  
40 Development Authority for the approval of entering into a  
41 Memorandum of Understanding with a nuclear facility and Warren  
42 County and the State of Mississippi for the establishment of a  
43 partnership for the operation of an Energy High School Academy.  
44 The purpose of the Energy High School Academy shall be to provide  
45 qualified students attending school in Warren and/or Claiborne  
46 County in the eighth through twelfth grade with career education,  
47 potential student internships and continuing education for careers  
48 in the energy industry.

49 (2) (a) The Energy High School Academy shall be under the  
50 administrative direction of the Energy High School Academy  
51 Partnership Council (Partnership Council) consisting of one (1)  
52 member from each of the following entities:

53 (i) The Chief Executive Officer of an enterprise  
54 engaged in the generation of nuclear energy located in Claiborne  
55 County, or his designee, who shall serve for four (4) years;

56 (ii) The superintendent of the Vicksburg-Warren  
57 School District, who shall serve for four (4) years;

58 (iii) The superintendent of the Claiborne County  
59 School District, who shall serve for four (4) years;

60 (iv) A designee of the Mississippi Development  
61 Authority, appointed by the executive director of MDA, and which  
62 may be the executive director, who shall serve three (3) years;

63 (v) A member of the Board of Trustees of the  
64 Vicksburg-Warren School District, appointed by the Vicksburg Mayor  
65 and Board of Alderman, who shall serve two (2) years;

66 (vi) A member of the Claiborne County Board of  
67 Education, appointed by the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors,  
68 who shall serve two (2) years;

69 (vii) A member of the Claiborne County Chamber of  
70 Commerce, appointed by the chairman of the board of directors, who  
71 may appoint himself or herself, and who shall serve one (1) year;

72 (viii) A member of the Vicksburg Chamber of  
73 Commerce, appointed by the chairman of the board of directors, who  
74 may appoint himself or herself, and who shall serve one (1) year;

75 and

76 (ix) The President of Alcorn State University, or  
77 his designee, who shall serve for four (4) years.

78 (b) Members of the Partnership Council shall serve  
79 staggered terms, as prescribed in paragraph (a) of this  
80 subsection, commencing with the initial appointments made in 2019,  
81 and shall thereafter, upon the expiration of the initial term, the  
82 succeeding appointees shall serve a term of four (4) years.

83 Members of the council may be reappointed to the council by the  
84 original appointing authority without limitation on the number of  
85 terms served. In the event of a vacancy on the council, the

86 original appointing authority shall appoint a replacement to  
87 complete the unexpired term of the member creating the vacancy.

88 (c) The Partnership Council shall meet on or before  
89 August 1, 2019, and organize for business, elect officers and  
90 adopt necessary regulations for the operation of the Energy High  
91 School Academy. Meetings shall be held upon the call of the  
92 chairman.

93 (3) The Energy High School Academy Partnership Council shall  
94 promulgate administrative rules and regulations to prescribe the  
95 criteria to be used in the establishment of the Energy High School  
96 Academy, which shall include student qualifications, application  
97 requirements and curriculum components.

98 (4) (a) There is established in the State Treasury a fund  
99 to be known as the "Energy High School Academy Fund." The purpose  
100 of the fund is to provide necessary financial support to  
101 Vicksburg-Warren/Claiborne County School Districts and the  
102 Mississippi Development Authority for start-up costs and costs  
103 associated with implementing and operating the Energy Academy  
104 established under this section. The fund may consist of monies  
105 obtained from grants from any public or private source. The  
106 Mississippi Development Authority shall administer the fund  
107 pursuant to appropriation by the Legislature, and may apply for  
108 any grants from the federal government or private sources.

109 (b) The Mississippi Development Authority shall prepare  
110 a three-year budget proposal for the operation of the Energy  
111 Academy which shall include staff and liaison salary estimates,

112 equipment and facility costs and job demand estimates. This  
113 budget shall be submitted to the Governor, the Legislative Budget  
114 Office and the Partnership Council and updated annually.

115 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
116 and after July 1, 2019, and shall stand repealed from and after  
117 June 30, 2019.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
2 VICKSBURG-WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CLAIBORNE COUNTY BOARD OF  
3 EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ENERGY INDUSTRY  
4 LOCATED WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WARREN COUNTY AND THE  
5 MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR AN ENERGY HIGH SCHOOL  
6 ACADEMY; TO PRESCRIBE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENERGY HIGH SCHOOL  
7 ACADEMY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE ACADEMY; TO PROVIDE  
8 THAT THE ACADEMY MODEL SHALL PROVIDE QUALIFIED STUDENTS FROM  
9 EIGHTH GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL WITH CAREER EXPLORATION AND  
10 POTENTIAL INTERNSHIPS WITHIN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY LOCATED WITHIN  
11 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR THE ENERGY HIGH  
12 SCHOOL ACADEMY; TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF BUILDINGS, TEACHERS AND  
13 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ACADEMY TO BE  
14 PROVIDED ON A PHASED-IN BASIS; TO ESTABLISH AN ENERGY ACADEMY FUND  
15 FOR START-UP AND OPERATIONAL COSTS ADMINISTERED BY THE MISSISSIPPI  
16 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS; AND  
17 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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