

By: Senator(s) Hopson

To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2299

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; AND FOR RELATED
3 PURPOSES.

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

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

7 37-6-13. (1) Each person serving as a member of the school
8 board of any school district shall receive per diem in the amount
9 of * * * One Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$112.00) for no more than
10 thirty-six (36) meetings of the school board during any one (1)
11 fiscal year or, in his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose
12 to receive as compensation for his or her services an annual
13 salary in the amount of * * * Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00),
14 which choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or
15 periods of service of that member. The receipt of the
16 compensation shall not entitle any member of a school board to
17 receive or be eligible for any state employee group insurance,
18 retirement or other fringe benefits. Each member shall be



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

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

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

42 (b) Before February 1 of each year, the president of
43 each local school board shall submit a report to the State Board



44 of Education containing the names of any members of the school
45 board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board
46 meetings during the preceding calendar year.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2021.

