

By: Representatives Morgan, Weathersby

To: Public Property

HOUSE BILL NO. 1343  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 386, LAWS OF 2017, AS AMENDED BY  
2 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 449, LAWS OF 2018, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTIONS  
3 1 AND 2, CHAPTER 363, LAWS OF 2019, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
4 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSFER AND CONVEY CERTAIN REAL  
5 PROPERTY LOCATED AT COLUMBIA TRAINING SCHOOL IN MARION COUNTY,  
6 MISSISSIPPI, TO THE MARION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT;  
7 TO AMEND SECTION 43-27-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM;  
8 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

10 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 386, Laws of 2017, as amended by Section  
11 3, Chapter 449, Laws of 2018, as last amended by Sections 1 and 2,  
12 Chapter 363, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

13 Section 3. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration  
14 is authorized to transfer and convey to the Marion County Economic  
15 Development District certain real property located at Columbia  
16 Training School in Marion County, Mississippi. The real property  
17 contains approximately 1,148.92 acres, more or less, and is more  
18 particularly described as follows:

19 **Parcel 1 Description:**

20 Commencing at a found iron pin at the Northwest Corner  
21 of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence



22 South 88 degrees 44 minutes 13 seconds East a distance  
23 of 1,320.20 feet to the NE corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the of  
24 the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West  
25 and the point beginning, thence South 88 degrees 44  
26 minutes 13 seconds East a distance of 4,066.30 feet to  
27 the NE corner of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 18  
28 West, thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds West  
29 a distance of 242.83 feet along the East line of Section  
30 15, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 47  
31 degrees 12 minutes 45 seconds West a distance of  
32 4,789.95 feet along the north boundary of the  
33 Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority property,  
34 thence South 44 degrees 56 minutes 53 seconds West a  
35 distance of 761.75 feet along the north boundary of the  
36 Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority property to the  
37 center of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 4 North,  
38 Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 35  
39 seconds East a distance of 4,125.33 feet to the NE  
40 corner of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 4  
41 North, Range 18 West back to an iron pin and the point  
42 of beginning, Said parcel containing 202.11 acres, more  
43 or less.

44 **Parcel 2 Description:**

45 Commencing at a found pine stake at the Southeast Corner  
46 of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North,



47 Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 56  
48 seconds East a distance of 6,028.64 feet to a point on  
49 the East line of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 18  
50 West to the point beginning, thence South 89 degrees 44  
51 minutes 33 seconds West a distance of 4,068.43 feet to  
52 the SE corner of the N ½ of the SW ¼ of the of the NW ¼  
53 of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence  
54 North 00 degrees 49 minutes 42 seconds East a distance  
55 of 1,648.69 feet to the South boundary of  
56 Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property,  
57 thence North 62 degrees 00 minutes 33 seconds East a  
58 distance of 181.98 feet along the South boundary of the  
59 Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property,  
60 thence North 62 degrees 00 minutes 33 seconds East a  
61 distance of 1,448.60 feet along the South boundary of  
62 the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property,  
63 thence North 59 degrees 44 minutes 40 seconds East a  
64 distance of 3,023.35 feet along the South boundary of  
65 the Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority Property to  
66 a point on the East line of Section 15, Township 4  
67 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes  
68 56 seconds West a distance of 3,918.86 feet to a point  
69 on the east line of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range  
70 18 West back to the point of beginning, Said parcel  
71 containing 256.81 acres, more or less.



72 **Parcel 3 Description:**

73 Beginning at a found pine stake at the Southeast Corner  
74 of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4 North,  
75 Range 18 West, thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 39  
76 seconds West a distance of 1,323.60 feet to the NW  
77 corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4  
78 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 23 minutes  
79 21 seconds West a distance of 1,320.0 feet to the SW  
80 corner of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Township 4  
81 North, Range 18 West, thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes  
82 39 seconds East a distance of 662.10 feet to the NE  
83 corner of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27,  
84 Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees  
85 23 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 1,320.0 feet to  
86 the SE corner of the W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
87 Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence  
88 South 89 degrees 42 minutes 37 seconds East a distance  
89 of 662.50 feet to the SE corner of Section 27, Township  
90 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 00 degrees 23  
91 minutes 21 seconds West a distance of 114.57 feet to a  
92 point on the north right of way line of Old Highway 44,  
93 thence South 84 degrees 05 minutes 37 seconds West a  
94 distance of 2,278.91 feet along said north right of way,  
95 thence South 82 degrees 30 minutes 32 seconds West a  
96 distance of 1,164.47 feet along said north right of way,



97           thence South 73 degrees 56 minutes 48 seconds West a  
98           distance of 1,400.42 feet along said north right of way,  
99           thence South 64 degrees 06 minutes 42 seconds West a  
100          distance of 277.68 feet along said north right of way,  
101          thence South 38 degrees 11 minutes 49 seconds West a  
102          distance of 240.36 feet along said north right of way,  
103          thence South 38 degrees 11 minutes 49 seconds West a  
104          distance of 69.88 feet along said north right of way to  
105          the north line of the S ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 34,  
106          Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence South 89 degrees  
107          45 minutes 36 seconds West a distance of 127.05 feet to  
108          the NW corner of the S ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 34,  
109          Township 4 North, Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees  
110          04 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 3,929.52 feet  
111          to the NW corner of the SW ¼ of Section 27, Township 4  
112          North, Range 18 West, thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes  
113          47 seconds West a distance of 1,294.10 feet to the NE  
114          corner NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 28, Township 4 North,  
115          Range 18 West, thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 38  
116          seconds West a distance of 2,649.20 feet to the NE  
117          corner of the W ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 4  
118          North, Range 18 West. thence East a distance of 265.82  
119          feet to the west right of way line of Airport Road,  
120          thence along said west right of way line as follows:  
121          thence South 42 degrees 05 minutes 14 seconds East a



122 distance of 107.03 feet, thence South 27 degrees 31  
123 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 185.56 feet,  
124 thence South 21 degrees 40 minutes 56 seconds East a  
125 distance of 1,482.37 feet, thence North 43 degrees 56  
126 minutes 03 seconds East a distance of 497.83 feet  
127 crossing Airport Road and running along the south  
128 boundary of Marion County Economic Development District  
129 property, thence continuing along said south boundary  
130 North 43 degrees 58 minutes 36 seconds East a distance  
131 of 1,761.55 feet to the north line of Section 27  
132 Township 4 North, Range 18 West. thence run East a  
133 distance of 4,097.68 feet to the NE corner of Section  
134 27, Township 4 North, Range 18 East, thence South 00  
135 degrees 05 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of  
136 2,684.70 feet along the east line of Section 27,  
137 Township 4 North, Range 18 West back to the point of  
138 beginning said parcel containing 690.0 acres, more or  
139 less.

140 (2) The State of Mississippi shall retain any mineral rights  
141 to the property transferred and conveyed under subsection (1) of  
142 this section. The Department of Finance and Administration shall  
143 have the authority to correct any discrepancies in the property  
144 descriptions provided in subsection (1) of this section.

145 (3) The parcels of property conveyed under this section must  
146 be conveyed to the Marion County Economic Development District



147 without any assumption of liability or financial responsibility by  
148 the State of Mississippi for any known or unknown environmental  
149 defects contained thereon. Upon receipt of the deed of title to  
150 the property, the Marion County Economic Development District  
151 shall indemnify the State of Mississippi for any damage, injury or  
152 loss.

153 (4) Upon sale or conveyance of the parcels of property  
154 conveyed hereunder, the Marion County Economic Development  
155 District shall first be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses for  
156 development of the parcels of property for water, sewer, roads,  
157 bridges, and electrical, and any remaining funds from the sale or  
158 conveyance shall be divided equally between the Marion County  
159 Economic Development District and the state.

160 (5) The parcels of property conveyed hereunder shall be sold  
161 for not less than the fair market value as determined by the  
162 average of at least two (2) appraisals by qualified appraisers,  
163 one (1) of which shall be selected by the Department of Finance  
164 and Administration and both of whom shall be certified and  
165 licensed by the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and  
166 Certification Board.

167 (6) The Columbia-Marion County Airport Authority and the  
168 Marion County Economic Development District shall provide the  
169 Mississippi Department of Human Services six (6) months to harvest  
170 and sell any timber located on the property transferred using a  
171 company of the department's preference prior to any improvement or



172 development being made on the property by such entities, the  
173 revenue generated from which shall be deposited into the State  
174 Treasury and earmarked for use by the Department of Human Services  
175 for all administrative and program purposes deemed necessary by  
176 the executive director. Upon harvesting the timber on the  
177 property described in subsection (1) of this section within the  
178 time specified in this subsection (6), the Department of Human  
179 Services shall forfeit all future rights to any timber remaining  
180 on or regrown on the property, as well as any right of easement  
181 for accessing the property, and such rights shall then rest with  
182 the Marion County Economic Development District.

183       **SECTION 2.** Section 43-27-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
184 amended as follows:

185       43-27-39. (1) The purpose of this section is to ensure that  
186 Mississippi's juvenile justice system is cost-efficient and  
187 effective at reducing juvenile crime and to create a continuum of  
188 options for Mississippi's youth court judges so that they are  
189 better equipped to protect our communities and to care for our  
190 children.

191       (2) The Columbia Training School shall no longer operate as  
192 a secure training school for juvenile delinquents. All youth,  
193 both male and female, committed to the custody of the Department  
194 of Human Services and adjudicated to training school shall be  
195 housed at the Oakley Youth Development Center. The Oakley Youth





196 Development Center shall provide gender-specific treatment for  
197 youth who are adjudicated delinquent.

198 (3) Any portion of Columbia Training School property and  
199 facilities described in Section 1 of Chapter 553, Laws of 2012,  
200 may be conveyed or transferred to the Board of Supervisors of  
201 Marion County, Mississippi.

202 (4) Any portion of Columbia Training School property and  
203 facilities described in Section 2 of Chapter 386, Laws of 2017,  
204 may be conveyed or transferred to the Marion County Economic  
205 Development District for the purposes prescribed under that  
206 section.

207 (5) Any portion of Columbia Training School property and  
208 facilities described in Section 1 of this act may be conveyed or  
209 transferred to the Marion County Economic Development District.

210 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
211 and after July 1, 2022.

