

By: Senator(s) Blackwell

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2043

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PRESCRIBE THE SALARY FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS BASED ON
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ENROLLMENT; AND FOR RELATED 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) (a) Until July 1, 2022, each person serving
8 as a member of the school board of any school district shall
9 receive per diem in the amount of Sixty-seven Dollars (\$67.00) for
10 no more than thirty-six (36) meetings of the school board during
11 any one (1) fiscal year or, in his or her discretion, irrevocably
12 may choose to receive as compensation for his or her services an
13 annual salary in the amount of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars
14 (\$2,400.00), which choice shall remain in force for all successive
15 terms or periods of service of that member.

16 (b) Effective July 1, 2022, the salary for school board
17 members shall be determined by the number of students enrolled in



18 the school district as of October 1 in each fiscal year as
19 follows:

20 The school board members' annual salary shall be:

21 (i) Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,600.00)
22 for school districts with an enrollment up to five thousand
23 (5,000) students;

24 (ii) Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00)
25 for school districts with an enrollment from five thousand (5,000)
26 up to ten thousand (10,000) students;

27 (iii) Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars
28 (\$4,800.00) for school districts with an enrollment from ten
29 thousand (10,000) to twenty thousand (20,000) students;

30 (iv) Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars
31 (\$5,400.00) for school districts with an enrollment from twenty
32 thousand (20,000) to thirty thousand (30,000) students; and

33 (v) Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for school
34 districts with an enrollment of over thirty thousand (30,000)
35 students.

36 (c) The receipt of the compensation shall not entitle
37 any member of a school board to receive or be eligible for any
38 state employee group insurance, retirement or other fringe
39 benefits.

40 (d) Each member shall be reimbursed for the necessary
41 expenses and mileage in attending meetings of the school board.
42 In addition to the foregoing, all members may be reimbursed for



43 mileage and actual expenses incurred in the further performance of
44 their duties, including attendance at any mandatory school board
45 training session or at regional and national education meetings,
46 when such mileage and other expenses are authorized by the board
47 prior to the date on which they occur. Detailed vouchers shall be
48 submitted for reimbursement for all expenses authorized by this
49 section. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with Section
50 25-3-41. Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board
51 by pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school
52 district involved against the funds available for payment of the
53 administrative expense of the district.

54 (2) (a) If a member of a school board misses twenty percent
55 (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during a
56 calendar year, except for absences caused by required military
57 duty, the member must reimburse the school district that portion
58 of the total salary paid to the member that year which is
59 proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in
60 relation to the total number of school board meetings held during
61 that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be
62 given only to meetings of which public notice is required.

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



68 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
69 and after July 1, 2022.

