

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 2885

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:

14 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-69-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
15 reenacted as follows:

16 37-69-1. This chapter shall be known as "The Energy Academy
17 Act."

18 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-69-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
19 reenacted as follows:

20 37-69-3. **Intent.** The intent of the Legislature is to
21 provide an opportunity for motivated students to participate in a
22 curriculum that will prepare them for a career of employment in
23 the energy industry in their home state.

24 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-69-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
25 reenacted as follows:

26 37-69-5. **Definitions.** For purposes of this chapter:

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-69-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
39 reenacted as follows:

40 37-69-7. (1) The Board of Trustees of the Vicksburg-Warren
41 School District and the Claiborne County Board of Education are
42 authorized to make application to the Mississippi Development
43 Authority for the approval of entering into a Memorandum of
44 Understanding with a nuclear facility and Warren County and the
45 State of Mississippi for the establishment of a partnership for
46 the operation of an Energy High School Academy. The purpose of
47 the Energy High School Academy shall be to provide qualified
48 students attending school in Warren and/or Claiborne County in the
49 eighth through twelfth grade with career education, potential
50 student internships and continuing education for careers in the
51 energy industry.

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

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

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

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

63 (iv) A designee of the Mississippi Development
64 Authority, appointed by the executive director of MDA, and * * *
65 who may be the executive director, who shall serve three (3)
66 years;

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

70 (vi) A member of the Claiborne County Board of
71 Education, appointed by the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors,
72 who shall serve two (2) years;

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

77 (viii) A member of the Vicksburg Chamber of
78 Commerce, appointed by the chairman of the board of directors, who
79 may appoint himself or herself, and who shall serve one (1) year.

80 (b) Members of the Partnership Council shall serve
81 staggered terms, as prescribed in paragraph (a) of this

82 subsection, commencing with the initial appointments made in 2019,
83 and shall thereafter, upon the expiration of the initial term, the
84 succeeding appointees shall serve a term of four (4) years.
85 Members of the council may be reappointed to the council by the
86 original appointing authority without limitation on the number of
87 terms served. In the event of a vacancy on the council, the
88 original appointing authority shall appoint a replacement to
89 complete the unexpired term of the member creating the vacancy.

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

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

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

108 Mississippi Development Authority shall administer the fund
109 pursuant to appropriation by the Legislature, and may apply for
110 any grants from the federal government or private sources.

111 (b) The Mississippi Development Authority shall prepare
112 a three-year budget proposal for the operation of the Energy
113 Academy which shall include staff and liaison salary estimates,
114 equipment and facility costs and job demand estimates. This
115 budget shall be submitted to the Governor, the Legislative Budget
116 Office and the Partnership Council and updated annually.

117 **SECTION 5.** Section 5, Chapter 482, Laws of 2019, is amended
118 as follows:

119 Section 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from
120 and after July 1, 2019, and shall stand repealed from and after
121 July 1, * * * 2025.

122 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
123 and after July 1, 2022.

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

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 37-69-1, 37-69-3, 37-69-5,
2 37-69-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE
3 PROVISIONS THAT AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
4 VICKSBURG-WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CLAIBORNE COUNTY BOARD OF
5 EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH WITH THE ENERGY INDUSTRY LOCATED WITHIN THE
6 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WARREN COUNTY AND THE MISSISSIPPI
7 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR AN ENERGY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY AND THAT
8 PRESCRIBE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ENERGY HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY
9 PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL TO ADMINISTER THE ACADEMY; TO AMEND SECTION 5,
10 CHAPTER 482, LAWS OF 2019 TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON SECTIONS
11 37-69-1, 37-69-3, 37-69-5 AND 37-69-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972;
12 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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