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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2164

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-473, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT, IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRENT LAWFUL PROPERTY USE  
3 CONVEYANCES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY CONVEY, SELL, LEASE OR OTHERWISE  
4 DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RESIDENTIAL, MIXED-USE OR OTHER  
5 DEVELOPMENTS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 37-7-471, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
6 OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED  
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-7-471, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 brought forward as follows:

11 37-7-471. Whenever the school board of any school district  
12 shall find and determine, by resolution duly and lawfully adopted  
13 and spread upon its minutes:

14 (a) That any school building, land, property or other  
15 school facility is no longer needed for school or related purposes  
16 and is not to be used in the operation of the schools of the  
17 district, or that such school building, land, property or other  
18 school facility may yield a higher long-term economic value to the  
19 district, in the discretion of the local school board;



20 (b) That the sale of the property in the manner  
21 otherwise provided by law is not necessary or desirable for the  
22 financial welfare of the school district; and

23 (c) That the use of the school building, land, property  
24 or other school facility for the purpose for which it is to be  
25 sold, conveyed or leased will promote and foster the development  
26 and improvement of the community in which it is located and the  
27 civic, social, educational, cultural, moral, economic or  
28 industrial welfare thereof, the school board of such school  
29 district shall be authorized and empowered, in its discretion, and  
30 upon the terms and conditions set forth in Section 37-7-477, to  
31 sell, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of same for any of the  
32 purposes set forth herein. Such sale, conveyance, lease or other  
33 disposition, including retention of partial interest, or undivided  
34 interest or other ownership interest, shall be made upon such  
35 terms and conditions and for such consideration, nominal or  
36 otherwise, as the school board may, in its discretion, deem proper  
37 in consideration of the benefits which will inure to the school  
38 district or the community in which the school building, property  
39 or other facility is located by the use thereof for the purpose  
40 for which it is to be sold, conveyed, leased or otherwise disposed  
41 of. The authority conferred by Sections 37-7-471 through 37-7-483  
42 may be exercised by a school board in the sale, conveyance or  
43 lease of relocatable classrooms to the school board of another  
44 school district. Said sections without reference to another



45 statute shall be deemed full and complete power for the exercise  
46 of the authority conferred hereby.

47 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-7-473, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
48 amended as follows:

49 37-7-473. School buildings, land, property and related  
50 facilities may be sold, conveyed, leased or otherwise disposed of  
51 under Sections 37-7-471 through 37-7-483, to any charter school,  
52 to any group of persons, to any association, club or corporation,  
53 or to any county, municipality or other political subdivision, to  
54 be used as a charter school facility, to be used as a civic,  
55 community, recreational or youth center, or to be used by any  
56 county or district fair association in connection with its  
57 activities, or to be used for church purposes, or to be used as a  
58 library or other public building, or to be used as a factory or  
59 otherwise in connection with an industrial enterprise, or to be  
60 used as part of a residential, mixed-use or other development  
61 activity to stimulate economic development activities within the  
62 district, or to enhance property values within the district, or to  
63 be used for any similar or related purpose or activity.

64 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
65 and after July 1, 2023.

