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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.

