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To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2741

1 AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-125-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
2 1972, TO CREATE A PROGRAM WITHIN THE BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS
3 AND REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
4 ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW FOOTBALL
5 STADIUM FOR THE USE OF JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY; TO REQUIRE THE
6 UNIVERSITY, IN COORDINATION WITH THE BUREAU, TO CONSTRUCT A NEW
7 FOOTBALL STADIUM; TO AUTHORIZE THE BUREAU AND THE UNIVERSITY TO
8 PURCHASE LAND, CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECTS, EMPLOY SURVEYORS,
9 CONTRACT WITH CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS AND/OR CONTRACT WITH
10 CONSTRUCTION CREWS IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS
11 SECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROJECT SHALL NOT BE EXEMPT FROM ANY
12 CONTRACTING, BIDDING OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS CURRENTLY EXISTING IN
13 STATUTE OR ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
14 OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OR OTHER STATE AUTHORITY
15 PERTAINING TO SUCH CONSTRUCTION; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO
16 COOPERATE WITH THE UNIVERSITY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS
17 SECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN ULTIMATE
18 OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE PROGRAM; AND FOR
19 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

21 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
22 37-125-11, Mississippi Code of 1972:

23 37-125-11. (1) As used in this section,

24 (a) "Bureau" means Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real
25 Property Management within the Department of Finance and
26 Administration.



27 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and
28 Administration.

29 (c) "Program" means the program established within the
30 Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management in
31 subsection (2) of this section.

32 (d) "University" means Jackson State University.

33 (2) There is established a program within the Bureau of
34 Building, Grounds and Real Property Management within the
35 Department of Finance and Administration for the purposes of
36 constructing a new football stadium for the use of Jackson State
37 University.

38 (3) (a) The university, in coordination with the bureau,
39 shall construct a new football stadium.

40 (b) The bureau and the university are authorized to
41 purchase land, contract with architects, employ surveyors,
42 contract with construction engineers and/or contract with
43 construction crews in order to effectuate the purposes of this
44 section.

45 (4) This section shall not exempt such construction or
46 purchases from any contracting, bidding or other restrictions
47 currently existing in statute or any rule or regulation adopted by
48 the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or
49 other state authority pertaining to such construction.

50 (5) The department shall cooperate with the university to
51 effectuate the purposes of this act. The department shall



52 maintain ultimate oversight and administrative authority of the
53 program.

54 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
55 and after July 1, 2023.

