

By: Representative Roberson

To: Education;  
Appropriations A

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1447

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC VICTORIES THROUGH  
2 EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SAVED) STUDY  
3 COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE THE  
4 FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AND ADMINISTERING MODEL RURAL  
5 EDUCATION SCHOOL PROGRAMS AT DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY AND  
6 MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE  
7 BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO SERVE STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 WITHIN THE  
8 EIGHTEEN COUNTIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DELTA ENROLLED IN "D" AND "F"  
9 SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Strengthening Academic  
12 Victories through Educational Development (SAVED) Study Committee  
13 to determine the feasibility of establishing and administering  
14 model rural education school programs, to be facilitated by and  
15 located at Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State  
16 University, in conjunction with the State Board of Education, to  
17 serve students in grades K-12 within the eighteen (18) counties of  
18 the Delta region of the state who are enrolled in failing schools  
19 or failing school districts as designated by the State Board of  
20 Education with the assignment of a "D" or "F" school  
21 accountability rating.



22           The committee shall, at a minimum, study and report to the  
23 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature the following:

24           (a) The identification of facilities on the campuses of  
25 Delta State University and Mississippi Valley State University  
26 that would be suitable for serving as the educational facilities  
27 for the program;

28           (b) The initial start-up costs for implementation of  
29 the program based on projected student enrollment, including  
30 capital improvement costs necessary to repair, renovate, refurbish  
31 and equip any facility identified for use as an educational  
32 facility;

33           (c) Long term goals and objectives;

34           (d) Approach to recruiting students in affected school  
35 districts in designated counties; and

36           (e) Curriculum develop and course offering for students  
37 at every grade level of instruction.

38           (2) The Study Committee shall be composed of the following  
39 nine (9) members:

40           (a) Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the  
41 House, one (1) of whom shall be the Chairman of the House  
42 Education Committee;

43           (b) Two (2) members appointed by the Lieutenant  
44 Governor, one (1) of whom shall be the Chairman of the Senate  
45 Education Committee;



46 (c) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor from  
47 the state at large;

48 (d) The President of Delta State University; and

49 (e) The President of Mississippi Valley State  
50 University.

51 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
52 the effective date of this act. The committee shall hold its  
53 first meeting before August 1, 2024. The Presidents of Delta  
54 State University and Mississippi Valley State University shall  
55 serve as co-chairmen of the Study Committee.

56 (4) A majority of the members of the committee shall  
57 constitute a quorum. In the adoption of the rules, resolutions  
58 and reports, an affirmative vote of a majority of the members  
59 shall be required. All members shall be notified in writing of  
60 all meetings, such notices shall be mailed at least five (5) days  
61 before the date on which a meeting is to be held.

62 (5) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any  
63 department, division, board, bureau, committee or agency of the  
64 state or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request  
65 of any member of the committee, provide such facilities,  
66 assistance, information and data as will enable the committee to  
67 properly carry out its duties.

68 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
69 and after July 1, 2024.

