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To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations A

HOUSE BILL NO. 1568

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
2 ADMINISTRATION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
3 STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, ACTING ON BEHALF OF JACKSON  
4 STATE UNIVERSITY, TO EXPAND THE LEGAL PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE  
5 FLAGSHIP CAMPUS OF JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY, LOCATED AT 1400 JOHN  
6 R. LYNCH STREET IN JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR  
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) (a) The Department of Finance and  
10 Administration, in consultation with the Board of Trustees of  
11 State Institutions of Higher Learning, and acting on behalf of  
12 Jackson State University, is authorized to undertake necessary and  
13 proper action under the implements of the law governing the  
14 acquisition of real estate, to expand the legal physical  
15 boundaries of the flagship campus of Jackson State University,  
16 located at 1400 John R. Lynch Street, in the City of Jackson,  
17 Hinds County, Mississippi. To the extent agreed upon by Jackson  
18 State University and the board, the expansion of institutional  
19 boundaries shall, at a minimum, be concentrated in the  
20 southeastern quadrant of existing boundaries of the university, as



21 those boundaries existed on January 1, 2024, such limitation of  
22 real property inclusion being more particularly described as  
23 follows:

24 Beginning at the intersection of Dalton Street with its  
25 point of connection at the southernmost boundary of  
26 Florence Avenue, which traverses in a southeasterly  
27 direction to the point where the southernmost boundary  
28 of its eastern boundary and point of terminus connects  
29 at the intersection of University Boulevard.

30 (b) Upon a determination by Jackson State University  
31 and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
32 Learning, to expand the boundaries beyond those described in  
33 paragraph (a) of this section, in the best interest of the  
34 university to accomplish the purpose of this act, the Department  
35 of Finance and Administration may negotiate all aspects of any  
36 agreement pertaining to the expansion of the university's legal  
37 physical boundaries.

38 (2) Upon the completion of all transactions to facilitate  
39 the acquisition and transfer of any property encompassed within  
40 the description of the real property described in subsection (1),  
41 upon verification by a licensed professional surveyor, shall  
42 become a part of Jackson State University, with all recorded  
43 instruments reflecting the same.

44 (3) (a) The boundary expansion granted under the authority  
45 of this section shall place the real property described in



46 subsection (1) within the law enforcement jurisdiction of Jackson  
47 State University Department of Public Safety.

48 (b) In furtherance of adequately ensuring the health,  
49 safety and well-being of students, faculty, staff and authorized  
50 campus visitors, the university is authorized to erect or  
51 construct such security accoutrements, including, but not limited  
52 to, guard houses or arms as determined necessary by the president  
53 of the university.

54 (4) The Department of Finance and Administration is  
55 authorized to correct any discrepancies in the property described  
56 in this section.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after its passage.

