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To: Universities and  
Colleges; Appropriations A

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
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 Dr.  
26 Robert Smith, Sr., Parkway and traversing in a southerly  
27 direction to the point where Dalton Street intersects  
28 with the southernmost boundary of Morehouse Street.

29 (b) Upon a determination by Jackson State University  
30 and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher  
31 Learning, to expand the boundaries beyond those described in  
32 paragraph (a) of this section, in the best interest of the  
33 university to accomplish the purpose of this act, the Department  
34 of Finance and Administration may negotiate all aspects of any  
35 agreement pertaining to the expansion of the university's legal  
36 physical boundaries with regard to incorporating portions of  
37 municipal roadways which traverse through or immediately adjacent  
38 to the university's campus.

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



45           (3)   (a)   The boundary expansion granted under the authority  
46 of this section shall place the real property described in  
47 subsection (1) within the law enforcement jurisdiction of Jackson  
48 State University Department of Public Safety, and within the  
49 campus parameters for purposes of being considered and defined  
50 within the meaning of "educational property" as prescribed under  
51 Section 97-37-17.

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

58           (4)   The Department of Finance and Administration is  
59 authorized to correct any discrepancies in the property described  
60 in this section.

61           (5)   The City of Jackson shall retain responsibility for  
62 maintenance, repair and upkeep of all roadways and underlying  
63 water and sewer service utility lines.

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

