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To: Universities and
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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.

