

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED
TO**

House Bill No. 1192

BY: Senator(s) DeBar

1 **AMEND** on lines 101 through 102 by striking all of **SECTION 2**
2 and inserting the following language:

3 **SECTION 2** This act shall be known and may be cited as the
4 "Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program."

5 **SECTION 3.** The Mississippi Legislature finds the following:

6 (a) Whereas, a modified school calendar apportioning
7 required instructional days throughout the year can increase
8 student achievement and engagement and provide staff with a more
9 flexible schedule.

10 (b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Mississippi
11 Legislature to incentivize public school districts to maintain or
12 consider adopting a modified school calendar by offsetting costs



13 associated with adopting a modified school calendar through a
14 time-limited grant.

15 **SECTION 4.** For purposes of this act, the following words
16 shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context
17 requires otherwise:

18 (a) "Grant program" means the Mississippi Modified
19 School Calendar Grant Program established in this act.

20 (b) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of
21 Education.

22 (c) "Modified school calendar" means a nontraditional
23 school calendar in which the length of summer break is shortened,
24 there are breaks dispersed throughout the school year, and
25 required instructional days are evenly distributed across the
26 calendar year.

27 (d) "School district" means all public school
28 districts.

29 **SECTION 5.** (1) There is established the Mississippi
30 Modified School Calendar Grant Program which shall be administered
31 by the department for the purpose of offsetting initial costs
32 incurred by school districts which have implemented or intend to
33 implement a modified school calendar.

34 (2) Subject to the provisions of this act and any other
35 applicable state law and regulation, school districts receiving a
36 grant shall have the authority to use the funds provided in this
37 grant program in a way that best facilitates their plan to



38 transition to and maintain a modified school calendar and maximize
39 student achievement and engagement.

40 **SECTION 6.** (1) The department shall:

41 (a) Inform all school districts about the grant
42 program;

43 (b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the
44 administration of the grant program, including application
45 requirements, within two (2) months after enactment; and

46 (c) Subject to appropriation, award school districts
47 meeting the requirements of the program a grant for expenses
48 related to the adoption or maintenance of a modified school
49 calendar beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year. Initial grant
50 awards shall be made by July 1, 2024, and July 1 of each year
51 thereafter.

52 (2) The department shall administer this program with
53 existing personnel and resources and shall not contract for
54 external support.

55 (3) An application for an award from the grant program shall
56 include:

57 (a) The rationale for adopting a modified school
58 calendar, including relevant short- and long-term goals of the
59 school district, which a modified calendar may help achieve;

60 (b) Evidence of community support and engagement to
61 move to a modified school calendar;



62 (c) A detailed budget of operating expenses expected to
63 be incurred as a result of adopting a modified calendar; and

64 (d) A detailed calendar, including plans for any
65 intercession activities.

66 (4) Grants awarded shall be used for expenses incurred as a
67 result of the adoption of a modified school calendar, including,
68 but not limited to:

69 (a) Transportation;

70 (b) Certified and noncertified staffing during
71 intercessions;

72 (c) Remediation and enrichment programs during
73 intercession; and

74 (d) Utilities.

75 **SECTION 7.** (1) School districts shall be eligible for a
76 maximum award of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)
77 per year for a maximum of three (3) years.

78 (2) Eligible school districts shall include those which
79 implement a modified school calendar by the beginning of the
80 2024-2025 academic year. Any school district which implemented a
81 modified school calendar in the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 or
82 2024-2025 academic years shall also be eligible.

83 (3) The amount awarded each year shall be based on the
84 actual budget and plan submitted by the school district, the
85 number of students in the school district, and other factors which



86 may increase the cost of delivery of services, including the rural
87 nature of the school district.

88 (4) The amount of the award shall not exceed the actual
89 budget submitted by the school district related to modified school
90 calendar costs.

91 (5) Grants received by school districts under this chapter
92 shall not be used to purchase land, construct new facilities or to
93 finance or satisfy any existing debt.

94 **SECTION 8.** There is created a special fund in the State
95 Treasury, to be known as the "Mississippi Modified School Calendar
96 Grant Fund," from which the grants authorized by this act shall be
97 disbursed by the department. The fund shall be maintained by the
98 State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart
99 from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining
100 in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the fund
101 and shall not lapse into the State General Fund. Any interest
102 earned or investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the
103 fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

104 **SECTION 9.** The department shall provide a comprehensive
105 report on the use of funds distributed under this grant program
106 and the effectiveness of modified calendar school districts to the
107 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of
108 Representatives, and Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations
109 and Education Committees by October 1, 2024, and October 1 of each
110 year thereafter.



111 **SECTION 10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
112 and after its passage.

113 **FURTHER, AMEND the title to conform.**

