

By: Representative Lamar

To: Accountability,
Efficiency, Transparency;
Agriculture

HOUSE BILL NO. 1468

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A STATE AGENCY OWNING OR HAVING OVERSIGHT
2 OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS TO EMPLOY AN ACCREDITED FARM MANAGER TO
3 ASSIST THE AGENCY IN LAND INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND DAY-TO-DAY
4 OPERATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPTIMIZING THE VALUE OF THE LAND;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** A state agency or department owning, leasing,
8 administering or having supervision and managerial oversight over
9 agricultural land shall solicit requests for proposals consistent
10 with the best practices provided in Sections 31-7-401 through
11 31-7-423 for the purpose of employing an accredited farm manager
12 to assist such agency or department with applicable land
13 investment analysis and management of the day-to-day operations of
14 the property in order to optimize the value of the land. The
15 accredited farm manager employed by the agency or department shall
16 provide professional management services including, but not
17 limited to, financial analysis and accounting, crop and livestock
18 production, commodity marketing and soil conservation. The
19 services provided to the agency or department by the accredited



20 farm manager shall be in addition to the managerial operations
21 relating to the agricultural land being performed by employees of
22 that agency or department.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
24 and after July 1, 2025.

