

By: Representative Owen

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1522

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-459, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF
3 COMPUTERS, PERIPHERAL EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTIVE DEVICES TO STUDENTS
4 WHO HAVE SATISFIED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION, AS
5 ESTABLISHED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE RESIDUAL VALUE OF THE
6 COST OF SUCH DEVICES OR EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-7-459, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-7-459. (1) Upon a resolution duly adopted by a majority
11 of its members, the board of trustees of local public school
12 districts may adopt a policy authorizing the sale of computers,
13 peripheral equipment and adaptive devices to students to whom such
14 devices and equipment have been issued during the course of an
15 academic school year. However, the sale of computers by a public
16 school district shall be limited to those students enrolled in
17 Grade 12, who are in possession of a district-issued computer
18 device or equipment, and who have satisfied all the requirements
19 for graduation, as established by the school district. Students
20 meeting the criteria established in this paragraph * * * shall be



21 required to pay * * * the residual value for the cost of the
22 district-issued computer device or peripheral equipment or
23 adaptive device. * * *

24 (2) All sales shall be final and without warranty of
25 merchantability, given the prior and extended use of the computer,
26 equipment or adaptive device by the purchasing student. All
27 proceeds received from the sale of property authorized under
28 paragraph (1) of this section shall be deposited into the school
29 maintenance fund as provided under Section 37-7-457.

30 (3) For purposes of this section the term "school board"
31 also means the governing board of a charter school authorized by
32 the Mississippi Charter School Authorizer Board. As used in this
33 section, the term "school of enrollment" also means a charter
34 school.

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

