

By: Senator(s) DeBar, Sparks

To: Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2606

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
2 ADMINISTRATION TO RECEIVE REPAYMENTS ON APPROVED LOANS FROM THE
3 EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
5 ADMINISTRATION WITH ALL EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND
6 PROGRAM TERMS OF REPAYMENT AND BALANCES OWED FROM SCHOOL
7 DISTRICTS; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
8 TO DEPOSIT THOSE REPAYMENTS INTO THE EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FUND;
9 TO PROVIDE THAT, IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN ARREARS ON LOAN
10 REPAYMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REMIT THE AMOUNT
11 OWED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION AND SHALL
12 WITHHOLD THAT AMOUNT FROM FUTURE PAYMENTS OF TOTAL FUNDING FORMULA
13 FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER, IN
14 CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER, TO TRANSFER TO THE
15 EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT FUND ALL REMAINING FUNDS IN THE EDUCATIONAL
16 FACILITIES REVOLVING LOAN FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

18 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Finance and Administration is
19 authorized to receive repayments on approved loans from the
20 Educational Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program created in
21 Section 1, Chapter 453, Laws of 2022, which was repealed on July
22 1, 2024, by Section 119, Chapter 484, Laws of 2024.

23 **SECTION 2.** (1) The Department of Education shall provide
24 the Department of Finance and Administration with all Educational
25 Facilities Revolving Loan Fund Program terms of repayment and



26 balances owed from school districts. The Department of Finance
27 and Administration shall deposit those repayments into the
28 Education Enhancement Fund created in Section 37-61-33.

29 (2) If a school district is in arrears on loan repayments,
30 the Department of Finance and Administration shall notify the
31 Department of Education of the amount owed by the school district.
32 The Department of Education shall then remit that amount to the
33 Department of Finance and Administration and shall withhold that
34 amount from future payments of total funding formula funds to the
35 school district.

36 **SECTION 3.** Upon the effective date of this section, the
37 State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer,
38 shall transfer to the Education Enhancement Fund (Fund No.
39 4400100000) all remaining funds in the Educational Facilities
40 Revolving Loan Fund (Fund No. 3320500000).

41 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall stand repealed
42 on July 1, 2034.

43 **SECTION 5.** Section 1 of this act shall take effect and be in
44 force from and after July 1, 2024, and the remainder of this act
45 shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

