

By: Senator(s) Boyd

To: Municipalities; County
Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2797

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-19-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES, MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND
3 SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS TO CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF
4 PRIVATE, NONPROFIT SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SECURITY SERVICES;
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 21-19-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 21-19-49. (1) The governing authority of any municipality
10 or the board of supervisors of any county are hereby authorized
11 and empowered to appropriate money or dedicate and convey
12 municipally owned buildings and property or county-owned buildings
13 and property, as the case may be, to the school district or
14 districts situated within that municipality or county for the
15 purpose of erecting, purchasing or otherwise providing the school
16 building or a site for such school building of such school
17 district, in cases where the governing authority or board of
18 supervisors are of the opinion that the location of such school
19 building within the corporate limits of the municipality or the



20 county, or in close proximity thereto, will be of special benefit
21 to the inhabitants of the municipality or county.

22 (2) Municipalities, municipal police departments and the
23 sheriffs' departments may contract with the school board of any
24 school district, including private nonprofit schools, to provide
25 additional Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy-certified
26 police protection to said school district on such terms and for
27 such reimbursement as the school district and the entity may agree
28 in their discretion.

29 (3) (a) The governing authority of any municipality or the
30 board of supervisors of any county may allow off-duty municipal or
31 county law enforcement officers who are hired individually for
32 security purposes by the school district or districts within that
33 municipality or county to use municipal or county law enforcement
34 uniforms and equipment, which includes vehicles, during such
35 off-duty employment.

36 (b) If the person or entity, and the person's or
37 entity's insurer, fails or refuses to endorse, indemnify and hold
38 harmless the employing jurisdiction, the employing jurisdiction
39 shall not approve the use of the official vehicle of the employing
40 jurisdiction for private security services.

41 (4) The governing authority of any municipality, in its
42 discretion, may donate funds, equipment or in-kind services to any
43 school district located within the boundaries of the municipality



44 to assist the voluntary character development or public service
45 programs of that school district.

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

