

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.

