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To: Economic Dev, Tourism
and Parks;
Universities and
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2971

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-63-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO MAKE THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND
3 VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY A MEMBER OF
4 THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING; TO
5 REQUIRE THE HEADS OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO
6 ASSIST THE SPECIAL TASK FORCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IN
7 AN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND TO MEET WITH THE TASK FORCE AT LEAST ONCE
8 ANNUALLY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE
9 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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11 SECTION 1. Section 57-63-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
12 amended as follows:

13 57-63-11. (1) The Special Task Force for Economic
14 Development Planning, to consist of not more than twenty-three
15 (23) members, is hereby created. The task force shall be composed
16 of:

17 (a) One (1) member from the state's public universities
18 and one (1) member from the state's junior colleges. These
19 members shall be selected by the Governor.

20 (b) One (1) member from the membership or staffs of
21 each of the following organizations: Mississippi Association of
22 Supervisors, Mississippi Municipal Association, Mississippi
23 Association of Planning and Development Districts, and the
24 Mississippi Industrial Development Council. These members will be
25 appointed to the task force by the Governor from recommendations
26 made to the board by the respective organizations.

27 (c) The President of the Mississippi Economic Council.

28 (d) The State Superintendent of Education.

29 (e) The State Treasurer.

30 (f) The Executive Officer of the State Board of Health.

31 (g) The Director of the State Highway Department.

32 (h) The Governor's Special Assistant for Economic
33 Development.

34 (i) The Executive Director of the Department of
35 Economic Development or his designee.

36 (j) The Vice President for Agriculture, Forestry and
37 Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University.

38 (k) Two (2) members from federal agencies to be
39 appointed by the Governor.

40 (l) Eight (8) members to be selected by the Governor as
41 follows: Six (6) members shall be representatives of business
42 and/or professional enterprises in Mississippi; two (2) of the
43 eight (8) members may be representative of business or
44 professional enterprises residing outside Mississippi and may
45 include foreign nationals.

46 (2) The heads of the state institutions of higher learning
47 shall assist the task force in an advisory capacity and shall meet
48 with the task force at least once annually.

49 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the task force
50 will be organized, selected and constituted in such a way that it
51 represents the most talented individuals that could possibly be
52 assembled to address the economic development concerns and issues
53 of this state. Task Force members shall be appointed by July 1,
54 1987, and the Task Force shall have its organizational meeting no
55 later than August 1, 1987. The Governor shall designate from the
56 task force membership a task force chairman. Terms of service of
57 task force members shall coincide with the remaining term of the
58 Governor who makes the appointment.

59 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
60 and after July 1, 1999.