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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 616

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUSPENDING THE DEADLINES FOR THE
2 PURPOSE OF REQUESTING THE DRAFTING, INTRODUCTION, CONSIDERATION
3 AND PASSAGE OF A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT ENTITLED THE "TEACHER
4 OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (TOP)"; TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-7, MISSISSIPPI
5 CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLTEACHERS TO
6 THE SOUTHEASTERN STATES' ESTIMATED AVERAGE OVER A SIX-YEAR PERIOD,
7 BY EARMARKING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS IN THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
8 OFFICE'S OUT-YEAR BUDGET PLAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING
9 TEACHER SALARY PERCENTAGE INCREASES ONLY IN THE EVENT THE
10 PROJECTED STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES INCREASE BY AT LEAST 5% IN
11 EACH OF THE OUT-YEARS AS PROJECTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET
12 OFFICE: 2% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY 2002, 6% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY
13 2003, 6% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY 2004, 8% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY
14 2005 AND 8% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY 2006; TO PROVIDE THAT FOR EACH
15 1% ADDITIONAL REVENUE GROWTH OVER AND ABOVE THE 5% MINIMUM IN ANY
16 OUT-YEAR, THE TEACHER BASE SALARIES SHALL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 1%
17 INCREASE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
18 INCREASE THE MINIMUM PROGRAM ALLOTMENT FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN
19 CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 37-21-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF
20 1972, TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF ASSISTANT TEACHERS IN CONFORMITY
21 THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE
23 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That the Joint Rules
24 of the Senate and the House are hereby suspended for the purpose
25 of requesting the drafting, introduction, consideration and
26 passage, regardless of any deadlines imposed by said rules, of a
27 bill entitled "AN ACT ENTITLED THE "TEACHER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
28 (TOP)"; TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
29 INCREASE THE SALARIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLTEACHERS TO THE SOUTHEASTERN
30 STATES' ESTIMATED AVERAGE OVER A SIX-YEAR PERIOD, BY EARMARKING
31 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS IN THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE'S OUT-YEAR
32 BUDGET PLAN; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FOLLOWING TEACHER SALARY
33 PERCENTAGE INCREASES ONLY IN THE EVENT THE PROJECTED STATE GENERAL
34 FUND REVENUES INCREASE BY AT LEAST 5% IN EACH OF THE OUT-YEARS AS
35 PROJECTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET OFFICE: 2% SALARY INCREASE

36 FOR FY 2002, 6% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY 2003, 6% SALARY INCREASE
37 FOR FY 2004, 8% SALARY INCREASE FOR FY 2005 AND 8% SALARY INCREASE
38 FOR FY 2006; TO PROVIDE THAT FOR EACH 1% ADDITIONAL REVENUE GROWTH
39 OVER AND ABOVE THE 5% MINIMUM IN ANY OUT-YEAR, THE TEACHER BASE
40 SALARIES SHALL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 1% INCREASE; TO AMEND SECTION
41 37-19-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM
42 PROGRAM ALLOTMENT FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN CONFORMITY THERETO;
43 TO AMEND SECTION 37-21-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE
44 THE SALARIES OF ASSISTANT TEACHERS IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR
45 RELATED PURPOSES."