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AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO

House Bill NO. 175

By Senator(s) Committee

5 Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting
6 in lieu thereof the following:

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8 SECTION 1. Section 31-3-14, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 31-3-14. (1) In addition to the fees required for
11 application and renewal for certification and registration of all
12 contractors in Section 31-3-13, all holders of a certificate of
13 responsibility shall pay a fee equal to One Hundred Dollars
14 (\$100.00) at the time of application or renewal of certificates of
15 responsibility. Any residential builder licensed under the
16 provisions of Section 73-59-1 et seq. shall be exempt from the fee
17 imposed under this section. The revenue derived from such
18 additional fees shall be deposited into the "Construction
19 Education Fund," a special fund hereby created in the State
20 Treasury, and distributed by the State Board of Contractors
21 created in Section 31-3-3, to * * * public high schools and
22 community colleges that participate in the Mississippi
23 Construction Education Foundation's "school-to-work" program and
24 state universities that have construction technology programs and
25 certain construction educational trusts approved by the State
26 Board of Contractors in the manner hereinafter provided to offer
27 courses for construction education and construction craft training

28to meet the needs of the construction industry of the State of
29Mississippi.

30 (2) The State Board of Contractors shall, on an annual
31basis, solicit from the Mississippi state institutions of higher
32learning, all the public community and junior colleges, the
33Mississippi Construction Education Foundation, public high schools
34that participate in the Mississippi Construction Education
35Foundation's "school-to-work" program and certain construction
36educational trusts, applications for the use of such funds in
37construction education and craft training programs in a manner
38prescribed by the board. The board may appoint a technical
39advisory committee to advise the board on the most needed areas of
40construction education and craft training, continuing education or
41research relating to the construction education and craft training
42in the state, based on significant changes in the construction
43industry's practices, economic development or on problems costing
44public or private contractors substantial waste. The board shall
45ensure that the monies distributed from this fund are properly
46spent to promote construction education and craft training in
47programs in the state which are approved by the board. At least
48seventy-five percent (75%) of the monies distributed by the board,
49pursuant to this section, must be used for construction craft
50training.

51 (3) Each university, junior college, community college, the
52Mississippi Construction Education Foundation, public high schools
53that participate in the foundation's "school-to-work" program or
54construction educational trust receiving funds pursuant to this
55section for construction education or construction craft training
56programs shall utilize such funds only for construction education
57and craft training curricula and program development, faculty
58development, equipment, student scholarships, student
59assistantships, and for continuing education programs related to
60construction education and craft training. Such funds shall not
61be commingled with the normal operating funds of the educational
62institution, regardless of the source of such funds.

63 (4) The State Board of Contractors shall ensure the
64distribution of reports and the availability of construction
65education programs established pursuant to this section to all
66segments of the construction industry that are subject to the fee
67provided under this section. The board shall cause a report to be
68made to the Legislature in October of each year, summarizing the
69allocation of funds by institution or program and summarizing the
70new projects funded and the status of previously funded projects.

71 (5) All monies deposited into the "Construction Education
72Fund" shall be used exclusively for construction education and
73craft training and any unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year
74shall not revert to the General Fund of the State Treasury but
75shall be available for construction education and craft training
76in subsequent fiscal years.

77 (6) All expenditures from the "Construction Education Fund"
78shall be by requisition to the State Auditor, signed by the
79executive secretary of the board and countersigned by the chairman
80or vice chairman of the board, and the State Treasurer shall issue
81his warrants thereon.

82 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
83and after July 1, 2000.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-3-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2REVISE THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION EDUCATION
3FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.