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To: Universities and
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2621
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-29-63 AND 37-29-67, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGE BOARDS OF
3 TRUSTEES MAY DESIGNATE A PERSON TO RECOMMEND TEACHERS FOR
4 EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-29-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-29-63. The president of any community/junior college, or
9 such other person designated or authorized by the board of
10 trustees, shall have the power to recommend to the board of
11 trustees all teachers to be employed in the district. The
12 president may remove or suspend any member of the faculty subject
13 to the approval of the trustees. He shall be the general manager
14 of all fiscal and administrative affairs of the district with full
15 authority to select, direct, employ and discharge any and all
16 employees other than teachers; however, the board may make
17 provisions and establish policies for leave for faculty members
18 and other key personnel.

19 The president shall have the authority, subject to the
20 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 to 37-29-273 and the approval of
21 the trustees, to arrange and survey courses of study, fix
22 schedules, and establish and enforce rules and discipline for the
23 governing of teachers and students. He shall be the general
24 custodian of the property of the district.

25 This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2004.

26 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-29-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
27 amended as follows:



28 37-29-67. (1) The duties of the board of trustees shall be
29 the general government of the community/junior college and
30 directive of the administration thereof. Subject to the
31 provisions of Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273, the board shall
32 have full power to do all things necessary to the successful
33 operation of the district and the college or colleges or
34 attendance centers located therein to insure educational
35 advantages and opportunities to all the enrollees within the
36 district. The board of trustees shall be authorized to designate
37 a personnel supervisor or other person employed by the district to
38 recommend teachers and to transmit such recommendations to the
39 board of trustees; however, this authorization shall be restricted
40 to no more than two (2) positions for each employment period in
41 the district.

42 This subsection shall be repealed on July 1, 2004.

43 (2) The delineation and enumeration of the powers and
44 purposes set out in Sections 37-29-1 through 37-29-273 shall be
45 deemed to be supplemental and additional, and shall not be
46 construed to restrict the powers of the board of trustees of the
47 district or of any college located therein so as to deny to the
48 said district and the college or colleges therein the rights,
49 privileges, and powers previously authorized by statute.

50 (3) The board of trustees shall have the power to contract,
51 on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy
52 efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section
53 31-7-14, not to exceed ten (10) years.

54 (4) The board of trustees shall be authorized with the
55 approval of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, to
56 change the name of the junior college to community college. The
57 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall establish
58 guidelines for the implementation of any junior college name
59 change. Any reference to junior college district in this chapter



60 shall hereinafter refer to the junior college district or its
61 successor in name as changed by the board of trustees.

62 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after its passage.

