

*****Adopted***
AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill NO. 1612

By Senator(s) Burton, Gordon

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The following shall be codified as Section
7 37-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 37-4-15. (1) On or after July 1, 2002, the State Board for
9 Community and Junior Colleges is authorized, in its discretion, to
10 contract with a competent management consulting or accounting firm
11 to study the state funding formula for community and junior
12 colleges. If the board enters into such contract, the study shall
13 accomplish the following specific outcomes:

14 (a) Evaluate the validity of the current student
15 classifications used in the funding formula and make
16 recommendations for change in the classification system if
17 advisable;

18 (b) Evaluate the weights assigned to each student
19 classification and make recommendations for change in the current
20 weights if advisable;

21 (c) Identify the best management practices associated
22 with the production of graduates in each of the student
23 classifications and use such information as a basis for validating
24 any changes in weights referred to in paragraph (b) of this
25 subsection. The study of best practices shall also identify the

26 amount of state funding that is used in program areas at schools
27 exhibiting the best management practices.

28 (2) The report also shall recommend to the State Board for
29 Community and Junior Colleges all reporting requirements and
30 systems needed to collect information necessary to maintain a
31 valid system of weights, student classification and the best
32 practices associated with producing graduates most efficiently.
33 All community and junior colleges shall cooperate with the State
34 Board for Community and Junior Colleges in conducting this study
35 and in providing all further information on an annual basis
36 necessary to update the weights for programs established as a
37 result of this study, the best management practices and the
38 student classifications established as a result of this study.

39 (3) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall
40 report its findings to the Chairs of the House and Senate
41 Education Committees and the House and Senate Appropriations
42 Committees no later than December 15, 2002.

43 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
44 and after its passage.

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

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW CODE SECTION 37-4-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE
2 OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR
3 COLLEGES TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STATE FUNDING STRUCTURE FOR
4 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.