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To: Education; Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2475

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-151-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOCAL CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED BY SCHOOL
3 DISTRICTS UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI ADEQUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM FORMULA
4 SHALL INCLUDE ANY AMOUNTS PAID IN LIEU OF TAXES BY CERTAIN TAX
5 EXEMPT ENTITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-151-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-151-7. The annual allocation to each school district for
10 the operation of the adequate education program shall be
11 determined as follows:

12 (1) **Computation of the basic amount to be included for**
13 **current operation in the adequate education program.** The
14 following procedure shall be followed in determining the annual
15 allocation to each school district:

16 (a) **Determination of average daily attendance.** During
17 months two (2) and three (3) of the current school year, the
18 average daily attendance of a school district shall be computed,
19 or the average daily attendance for the prior school year shall be
20 used, whichever is greater. The district's average daily
21 attendance shall be computed and currently maintained in
22 accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of
23 Education.

24 (b) **Determination of base student cost.** The State
25 Board of Education, on or before August 1, with adjusted estimate
26 no later than January 2, shall annually submit to the Legislative
27 Budget Office and the Governor a proposed base student cost
28 adequate to provide the following cost components of educating a

29 pupil in an average school district meeting Level III
30 accreditation standards required by the Commission on School
31 Accreditation: (i) Instructional Cost; (ii) Administrative Cost;
32 (iii) Operation and Maintenance of Plant; and (iv) Ancillary
33 Support Cost. The department shall utilize a statistical
34 methodology which considers such factors as, but not limited to,
35 (i) school size; (ii) assessed valuation per pupil; (iii) the
36 percentage of students receiving free lunch; (iv) the local
37 district maintenance tax levy; (v) other local school district
38 revenues; and (vi) the district's accreditation level, in the
39 selection of the representative Mississippi school districts for
40 which cost information shall be obtained for each of the above
41 listed cost areas.

42 For the instructional cost component, the department shall
43 determine the instructional cost of each of the representative
44 school districts selected above, excluding instructional cost of
45 self-contained special education programs and vocational education
46 programs, and the average daily attendance in the selected school
47 districts. The instructional cost is then totaled and divided by
48 the total average daily attendance for the selected school
49 districts to yield the instructional cost component. For the
50 administrative cost component, the department shall determine the
51 administrative cost of each of the representative school districts
52 selected above, excluding administrative cost of self-contained
53 special education programs and vocational education programs, and
54 the average daily attendance in the selected school districts.
55 The administrative cost is then totaled and divided by the total
56 average daily attendance for the selected school districts to
57 yield the administrative cost component. For the plant and
58 maintenance cost component, the department shall determine the
59 plant and maintenance cost of each of the representative school
60 districts selected above, excluding plant and maintenance cost of
61 self-contained special education programs and vocational education

62 programs, and the average daily attendance in the selected school
63 districts. The plant and maintenance cost is then totaled and
64 divided by the total average daily attendance for the selected
65 school districts to yield the plant and maintenance cost
66 component. For the ancillary support cost component, the
67 department shall determine the ancillary support cost of each of
68 the representative school districts selected above, excluding
69 ancillary support cost of self-contained special education
70 programs and vocational education programs, and the average daily
71 attendance in the selected school districts. The ancillary
72 support cost is then totaled and divided by the total average
73 daily attendance for the selected school districts to yield the
74 ancillary support cost component. The total base cost for each
75 year shall be the sum of the instructional cost component,
76 administrative cost component, plant and maintenance cost
77 component and ancillary support cost component, and any estimated
78 adjustments for additional state requirements as determined by the
79 State Board of Education. Provided, however, that the base
80 student cost in fiscal year 1998 shall be Two Thousand Six Hundred
81 Sixty-four Dollars (\$2,664.00).

82 (c) **Determination of the basic adequate education**

83 **program cost.** The basic amount for current operation to be
84 included in the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for each
85 school district shall be computed as follows:

86 Multiply the average daily attendance of the district by the
87 base student cost as established by the Legislature, which yields
88 the total base program cost for each school district.

89 (d) **Adjustment to the base student cost for at-risk**

90 **pupils.** The amount to be included for at-risk pupil programs for
91 each school district shall be computed as follows: Multiply the
92 base student cost for the appropriate fiscal year as determined
93 under paragraph (b) by five percent (5%), and multiply that
94 product by the number of pupils participating in the federal free

95 school lunch program in such school district, which yields the
96 total adjustment for at-risk pupil programs for such school
97 district.

98 (e) **Add-on program cost.** The amount to be allocated to
99 school districts in addition to the adequate education program
100 cost for add-on programs for each school district shall be
101 computed as follows:

102 (i) Transportation cost shall be the amount
103 allocated to such school district for the operational support of
104 the district transportation system from state funds.

105 (ii) Vocational or technical education program
106 cost shall be the amount allocated to such school district from
107 state funds for the operational support of such programs.

108 (iii) Special education program cost shall be the
109 amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the
110 operational support of such programs.

111 (iv) Gifted education program cost shall be the
112 amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the
113 operational support of such programs.

114 (v) Alternative school program cost shall be the
115 amount allocated to such school district from state funds for the
116 operational support of such programs.

117 (vi) Extended school year programs shall be the
118 amount allocated to school districts for those programs authorized
119 by law which extend beyond the normal school year.

120 (vii) University-based programs shall be the
121 amount allocated to school districts for those university-based
122 programs for handicapped children as defined and provided for in
123 Section 37-23-131 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

124 (viii) Bus driver training programs shall be the
125 amount provided for those driver training programs as provided for
126 in Section 37-41-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

127 The sum of the items listed above (i) transportation, (ii)
128 vocational or technical education, (iii) special education, (iv)
129 gifted education, (v) alternative school, (vi) extended school
130 year, (vii) university-based, and (viii) bus driver training shall
131 yield the add-on cost for each school district.

132 (f) **Total projected adequate education program cost.**
133 The total Mississippi Adequate Education Program Cost shall be the
134 sum of the total basic adequate education program cost (paragraph
135 (c)), and the adjustment to the base student cost for at-risk
136 pupils (paragraph (d)) for each school district.

137 (g) **Supplemental grant to school districts.** In
138 addition to the adequate education program grant, the State
139 Department of Education shall annually distribute an additional
140 amount as follows: Multiply the base student cost for the
141 appropriate fiscal year as determined under paragraph (b) by
142 thirteen one-hundredths percent (.13%) and multiply that product
143 by the average daily attendance of each school district. Such
144 grant shall not be subject to the local revenue requirement
145 provided in subsection (2).

146 (2) **Computation of the required local revenue in support of**
147 **the adequate education program.** The amount that each district
148 shall provide toward the cost of the adequate education program
149 shall be calculated as follows:

150 (a) The State Board of Education shall certify to each
151 school district that twenty-eight (28) mills, less the estimated
152 amount of the yield of the School Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund
153 grants as determined by the State Department of Education, is the
154 millage rate required to provide the district required local
155 effort for that year, or twenty-seven percent (27%) of the basic
156 adequate education program cost for such school district as
157 determined under subsection (c), whichever is a lesser amount. In
158 the case of an agricultural high school the millage requirement

159 shall be set at a level which generates an equitable amount per
160 pupil to be determined by the State Board of Education.

161 (b) The State Board of Education shall determine (i)
162 the total assessed valuation of nonexempt property for school
163 purposes in each school district; (ii) assessed value of exempt
164 property owned by homeowners aged sixty-five (65) or older or
165 disabled as defined in Section 27-33-67(2), Mississippi Code of
166 1972; (iii) the school district's tax loss from exemptions
167 provided to applicants under the age of sixty-five (65) and not
168 disabled as defined in Section 27-33-67(1), Mississippi Code of
169 1972; and (iv) the school district's homestead reimbursement
170 revenues.

171 (c) The amount of the total adequate education program
172 funding which shall be contributed by each school district shall
173 be the sum of the ad valorem receipts generated by the millage
174 required under this subsection plus the following local revenue
175 sources for the appropriate fiscal year which are or may be
176 available for current expenditure by the school district:

177 One hundred percent (100%) of Grand Gulf income as prescribed
178 in Section 27-35-309.

179 Any in lieu payments to the school district made by any
180 entity qualified under Section 27-31-104, Mississippi Code of
181 1972, to pay fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes.

182 (3) **Computation of the required state effort in support of**
183 **the adequate education program.**

184 (a) The required state effort in support of the
185 adequate education program shall be determined by subtracting the
186 sum of the required local tax effort as set forth in subsection
187 (2)(a) of this section and the other local revenue sources as set
188 forth in subsection (2)(c) of this section in an amount not to
189 exceed twenty-seven percent (27%) of the total projected adequate
190 education program cost as set forth in subsection (1)(f) of this

191 section from the total projected adequate education program cost
192 as set forth in subsection (1)(f) of this section.

193 (b) Provided, however, that in fiscal year 1998 and in
194 the fiscal year in which the adequate education program is fully
195 funded by the Legislature, any increase in the said state
196 contribution, including the supplemental grant to school districts
197 provided under subsection (1)(g), to any district calculated under
198 this section shall be not less than eight percent (8%) in excess
199 of the amount received by said district from state funds for the
200 fiscal year immediately preceding. For purposes of this paragraph
201 (b), state funds shall include minimum program funds less the
202 add-on programs, State Uniform Millage Assistance Grant Funds,
203 Education Enhancement Funds appropriated for Uniform Millage
204 Assistance Grants and state textbook allocations, and State
205 General Funds allocated for textbooks.

206 (c) If the appropriation is less than full funding for
207 fiscal year 2003, allocations for state contributions to school
208 districts in support of the adequate education program will be
209 determined by the State Department of Education in the following
210 manner:

211 (i) Calculation of the full funding amount under
212 this chapter, with proportionate reductions as required by the
213 appropriation level.

214 (ii) Calculation of the amount equal to the state
215 funds allocated to school districts for fiscal year 2002 plus the
216 estimated amount to fund the adequate education program salary
217 schedule for fiscal year 2003. For purposes of this item (ii),
218 state funds shall be those described in paragraph (b) and an
219 amount equal to the allocation for the adequate education program
220 in fiscal year 2002, plus any additional amount required to
221 satisfy fiscal year 2003 pledges in accordance with paragraphs
222 (d), (e) and (f) of subsection (5) of this section. If a school
223 district's fiscal year 2003 pledge is different than the pledge

224 amount for fiscal year 2002, the district shall receive an amount
225 equal to the fiscal year 2003 pledge or the amount of funds
226 calculated under the adequate education formula for fiscal year
227 2002 before any pledge guarantee for fiscal year 2002, whichever
228 is greater. If the pledge is no longer in effect, the district
229 shall receive the amount of funds calculated under the formula for
230 fiscal year 2002 before any pledge guarantee for fiscal year 2002.

231 (iii) The portion of any district's allocation
232 calculated in item (i) of this paragraph which exceeds amounts as
233 calculated in item (ii) shall be reduced by an amount not to
234 exceed twenty-one percent (21%). The amount of funds generated by
235 this reduction of funds shall be redistributed proportionately
236 among those districts receiving insufficient funds to meet the
237 amount calculated in item (ii). In no case may any district
238 receive funds in an amount greater than the amount that the
239 district would have received under full funding of the program for
240 fiscal year 2003.

241 (d) If the school board of any school district shall
242 determine that it is not economically feasible or practicable to
243 operate any school within the district for the full one hundred
244 eighty (180) days required for a school term of a scholastic year
245 as required in Section 37-13-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, due to
246 an enemy attack, a man-made, technological or natural disaster in
247 which the Governor has declared a disaster emergency under the
248 laws of this state or the President of the United States has
249 declared an emergency or major disaster to exist in this state,
250 said school board may notify the State Department of Education of
251 such disaster and submit a plan for altering the school term. If
252 the State Board of Education finds such disaster to be the cause
253 of the school not operating for the contemplated school term and
254 that such school was in a school district covered by the
255 Governor's or President's disaster declaration, it may permit said
256 school board to operate the schools in its district for less than

257 one hundred eighty (180) days and, in such case, the State
258 Department of Education shall not reduce the state contributions
259 to the adequate education program allotment for such district,
260 because of the failure to operate said schools for one hundred
261 eighty (180) days.

262 (4) If during the year for which adequate education program
263 funds are appropriated, any school district experiences a three
264 percent (3%) or greater increase in average daily attendance
265 during the second and third month over the preceding year's second
266 and third month and the school district has requested a minimum
267 increase of four percent (4%) in local ad valorem revenues over
268 the previous year as authorized in Sections 37-57-104 and
269 37-57-105, an additional allocation of adequate education program
270 funds calculated in the following manner shall be granted to that
271 district, using any additional funds available to the Department
272 of Education that exceed the amount of funds due to the school
273 districts under the basic adequate education program distribution
274 as provided for in this chapter:

275 (a) Determine the percentage increase in average daily
276 attendance for the second and third months of the year for which
277 adequate education program funds are appropriated over the
278 preceding year's second and third month average daily attendance.

279 (b) For those districts that have a three percent (3%)
280 or greater increase as calculated in paragraph (a) of this
281 subsection, multiply the total increase in students in average
282 daily attendance for the second and third months of the year for
283 which adequate education program funds are appropriated over the
284 preceding year's second and third month average daily attendance
285 times the base student cost used in the appropriation.

286 (c) Subtract the percentage of the district's local
287 contribution arrived at in subsection (2) of this section from the
288 amount calculated in paragraph (b) of this subsection. The

289 remainder is the additional allocation in adequate education
290 program funds for that district.

291 If the funds available to the Department of Education are not
292 sufficient to fully fund the additional allocations to school
293 districts eligible for those allocations, then the department
294 shall prorate the available funds among the eligible school
295 districts, using the same percentage of the total funds that the
296 school district would have received if the allocations were fully
297 funded. The State Department of Education shall study and develop
298 a report to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on
299 Education by January 1, 2005, with options for legislative
300 consideration that will insure that the Mississippi Adequate
301 Education funds are distributed to school districts based on
302 current year student attendance or enrollment.

303 This subsection (4) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2006.

304 (5) The Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund is
305 hereby established in the State Treasury which shall be used to
306 distribute any funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature
307 to such fund to school districts entitled to increased allocations
308 of state funds under the adequate education program funding
309 formula prescribed in Sections 37-151-3 through 37-151-7,
310 Mississippi Code of 1972, until such time as the said adequate
311 education program is fully funded by the Legislature. The
312 following percentages of the total state cost of increased
313 allocations of funds under the adequate education program funding
314 formula shall be appropriated by the Legislature into the Interim
315 School District Capital Expenditure Fund to be distributed to all
316 school districts under the formula: Nine and two-tenths percent
317 (9.2%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 1998, twenty percent
318 (20%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 1999, forty percent
319 (40%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2000, sixty percent
320 (60%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2001, eighty percent
321 (80%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2002, and one hundred

322 percent (100%) shall be appropriated in fiscal year 2003 into the
323 State Adequate Education Program Fund created in subsection (4).
324 Until July 1, 2002, such money shall be used by school districts
325 for the following purposes:

326 (a) Purchasing, erecting, repairing, equipping,
327 remodeling and enlarging school buildings and related facilities,
328 including gymnasiums, auditoriums, lunchrooms, vocational training
329 buildings, libraries, school barns and garages for transportation
330 vehicles, school athletic fields and necessary facilities
331 connected therewith, and purchasing land therefor. Any such
332 capital improvement project by a school district shall be approved
333 by the State Board of Education, and based on an approved
334 long-range plan. The State Board of Education shall promulgate
335 minimum requirements for the approval of school district capital
336 expenditure plans.

337 (b) Providing necessary water, light, heating, air
338 conditioning, and sewerage facilities for school buildings, and
339 purchasing land therefor.

340 (c) Paying debt service on existing capital improvement
341 debt of the district or refinancing outstanding debt of a district
342 if such refinancing will result in an interest cost savings to the
343 district.

344 (d) From and after October 1, 1997, through June 30,
345 1998, pursuant to a school district capital expenditure plan
346 approved by the State Department of Education, a school district
347 may pledge such funds until July 1, 2002, plus funds provided for
348 in paragraph (e) of this subsection (5) that are not otherwise
349 permanently pledged under such paragraph (e) to pay all or a
350 portion of the debt service on debt issued by the school district
351 under Sections 37-59-1 through 37-59-45, 37-59-101 through
352 37-59-115, 37-7-351 through 37-7-359, 37-41-89 through 37-41-99,
353 37-7-301, 37-7-302 and 37-41-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, or debt
354 issued by boards of supervisors for agricultural high schools

355 pursuant to Section 37-27-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, or
356 lease-purchase contracts entered into pursuant to Section 31-7-13,
357 Mississippi Code of 1972, or to retire or refinance outstanding
358 debt of a district, if such pledge is accomplished pursuant to a
359 written contract or resolution approved and spread upon the
360 minutes of an official meeting of the district's school board or
361 board of supervisors. It is the intent of this provision to allow
362 school districts to irrevocably pledge their Interim School
363 District Capital Expenditure Fund allotments as a constant stream
364 of revenue to secure a debt issued under the foregoing code
365 sections. To allow school districts to make such an irrevocable
366 pledge, the state shall take all action necessary to ensure that
367 the amount of a district's Interim School District Capital
368 Expenditure Fund allotments shall not be reduced below the amount
369 certified by the department or the district's total allotment
370 under the Interim Capital Expenditure Fund if fully funded, so
371 long as such debt remains outstanding.

372 (e) From and after October 1, 1997, through June 30,
373 1998, in addition to any other authority a school district may
374 have, any school district may issue State Aid Capital Improvement
375 Bonds secured in whole by a continuing annual pledge of any
376 Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds available to the
377 district, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Dollars
378 (\$160.00) per pupil based on the latest completed average daily
379 attendance count certified by the department prior to the issuance
380 of the bonds. Such State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds may be
381 issued for the purposes enumerated in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and
382 (g) of this section. Prior to issuing such bonds, the school
383 board of the district shall adopt a resolution declaring the
384 necessity for and its intention of issuing such bonds and
385 borrowing such money, specifying the approximate amount to be so
386 borrowed, how such money is to be used and how such indebtedness
387 is to be evidenced. Any capital improvement project financed with

388 State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds shall be approved by the
389 department, and based on an approved long-range plan. The State
390 Board of Education shall promulgate minimum requirements for the
391 approval of such school district capital expenditure plans. The
392 State Board of Education shall not approve any capital expenditure
393 plan for a pledge of funds under this paragraph unless it
394 determines (i) that the quality of instruction in such district
395 will not be reduced as a result of this pledge, and (ii) the
396 district has other revenue available to attain and maintain at
397 least Level III accreditation.

398 A district issuing State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds may
399 pledge for the repayment of such bonds all funds received by the
400 district from the state, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred
401 Sixty Dollars (\$160.00) per pupil in average daily attendance in
402 the school district as set forth above, and not otherwise
403 permanently pledged under paragraph (d) of this subsection or
404 under Section 37-61-33(2)(d), Mississippi Code of 1972. The
405 district's school board shall specify by resolution the amount of
406 state funds, which are being pledged by the district for the
407 repayment of the State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds. Once such a
408 pledge is made to secure the bonds, the district shall notify the
409 department of such pledge. Upon making such a pledge, the school
410 district may request the department which may agree to irrevocably
411 transfer a specified amount or percentage of the district's state
412 revenue pledged to repay the district's State Aid Capital
413 Improvement Bonds directly to a state or federally chartered bank
414 serving as a trustee or paying agent on such bonds for the payment
415 of all or portion of such State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds.
416 Such instructions shall be incorporated into a resolution by the
417 school board for the benefit of holders of the bonds and may
418 provide that such withholding and transfer of such other available
419 funds shall be made only upon notification by a trustee or paying
420 agent on such bonds that the amounts available to pay such bonds

421 on any payment date will not be sufficient. It is the intent of
422 this provision to allow school districts to irrevocably pledge a
423 certain, constant stream of revenue as security for State Aid
424 Capital Improvement Bonds issued hereunder. To allow school
425 districts to make such an irrevocable pledge, the state shall take
426 all action necessary to ensure that the amount of a district's
427 state revenues up to an amount equal to One Hundred Sixty Dollars
428 (\$160.00) per pupil as set forth above which have been pledged to
429 repay debt as set forth herein shall not be reduced so long as any
430 State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds are outstanding.

431 Any such State Aid Capital Improvement Bonds shall mature as
432 determined by the district's school bond over a period not to
433 exceed twenty (20) years. Such bonds shall not bear a greater
434 overall maximum interest rate to maturity than that allowed in
435 Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972. The further details
436 and terms of such bonds shall be as determined by the school board
437 of the district.

438 The provisions of this subsection shall be cumulative and
439 supplemental to any existing funding programs or other authority
440 conferred upon school districts or school boards. Debt of a
441 school district secured in whole by a pledge of revenue pursuant
442 to this section shall not be subject to any debt limitation.

443 For purposes of this paragraph (e), "State Aid Capital
444 Improvement Bond" shall mean any bond, note, or other certificate
445 of indebtedness issued by a school district under the provisions
446 hereof.

447 This paragraph (e) shall stand repealed from and after June
448 30, 1998.

449 (f) As an alternative to the authority granted under
450 paragraph (e), a school district, in its discretion, may authorize
451 the State Board of Education to withhold an amount of the
452 district's adequate education program allotment equal to up to One
453 Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$160.00) per student in average daily

454 attendance in the district to be allocated to the State Public
455 School Building Fund to the credit of such school district. A
456 school district may choose the option provided under this
457 paragraph (e) or paragraph (f), but not both. In addition to the
458 grants made by the state pursuant to Section 37-47-9, a school
459 district shall be entitled to grants based on the allotments to
460 the State Public School Building Fund credited to such school
461 district under this paragraph. This paragraph (f) shall stand
462 repealed from and after June 30, 1998.

463 (g) The State Board of Education may authorize the
464 school district to expend not more than twenty percent (20%) of
465 its annual allotment of such funds or Twenty Thousand Dollars
466 (\$20,000.00), whichever is greater, for technology needs of the
467 school district, including computers, software,
468 telecommunications, cable television, interactive video, film
469 low-power television, satellite communications, microwave
470 communications, technology-based equipment installation and
471 maintenance, and the training of staff in the use of such
472 technology-based instruction. Any such technology expenditure
473 shall be reflected in the local district technology plan approved
474 by the State Board of Education under Section 37-151-17,
475 Mississippi Code of 1972.

476 (h) To the extent a school district has not utilized
477 twenty percent (20%) of its annual allotment for technology
478 purposes under paragraph (g), a school district may expend not
479 more than twenty percent (20%) of its annual allotment or Twenty
480 Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), whichever is greater, for
481 instructional purposes. The State Board of Education may
482 authorize a school district to expend more than said twenty
483 percent (20%) of its annual allotment for instructional purposes
484 if it determines that such expenditures are needed for
485 accreditation purposes.

486 (i) The State Department of Education or the State
487 Board of Education may require that any project commenced under
488 this section with an estimated project cost of not less than Five
489 Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be done only pursuant to
490 program management of the process with respect to design and
491 construction. Any individuals, partnerships, companies or other
492 entities acting as a program manager on behalf of a local school
493 district and performing program management services for projects
494 covered under this subsection shall be approved by the State
495 Department of Education.

496 Any interest accruing on any unexpended balance in the
497 Interim School District Capital Expenditure Fund shall be invested
498 by the State Treasurer and placed to the credit of each school
499 district participating in such fund in its proportionate share.

500 The provisions of this subsection (5) shall be cumulative and
501 supplemental to any existing funding programs or other authority
502 conferred upon school districts or school boards.

503 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
504 and after July 1, 2005.