

By: Representative Formby

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM OPENING THE ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM
3 BEFORE LABOR DAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 37-13-61. The local school board shall have the power and
8 authority to fix the date for the opening of the school term,
9 which may not be before the first Monday of September (Labor Day),
10 and the date for the closing of the school term. In establishing
11 the opening and closing dates of the school term, the school board
12 must satisfy the required minimum number of days which schools
13 must be in session during a scholastic year, as prescribed under
14 Section 37-13-63. However, local school boards are authorized to
15 keep school in session in excess of the minimum number of days
16 prescribed in Section 37-13-63.

17 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
18 and after July 1, 2007.