

By: Representative Markham

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM OPENING THEIR ANNUAL SCHOOL TERM
3 BEFORE AUGUST 15; 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 fifteenth day of August, and the date
10 for the closing of the school term. In establishing the opening
11 and closing dates of the school term, the school board must
12 satisfy the required minimum number of days which schools must be
13 in session during a scholastic year, as prescribed under Section
14 37-13-63. However, local school boards are authorized to keep
15 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.

