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To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2749
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-6-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCREASE THE COMPENSATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS BASED ON THE
3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS' ENROLLMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 37-6-13. (1) Each person serving as a member of the school
8 board of any school district shall receive per diem in the amount
9 of * * * One Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$112.00) for no more than
10 thirty-six (36) meetings of the school board during any one (1)
11 fiscal year or, in his or her discretion, irrevocably may choose
12 to receive as compensation for his or her services an annual
13 salary * * *, subject to the following provisions:

14 (a) For a person serving as a member of the school
15 board of a school district with less than five thousand (5,000)
16 students enrolled in the school district, the person shall receive
17 an annual salary of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00);



18 (b) For a person serving as a member of the school
19 board of a school district with at least five thousand (5,000)
20 students but less than ten thousand (10,000) students enrolled in
21 the school district, the person shall receive an annual salary of
22 not less than Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) but not more than
23 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); and

24 (c) For a person serving as a member of the school
25 board of a school district with greater than ten thousand (10,000)
26 students enrolled in the school district, the person shall receive
27 an annual salary of not less than Four Thousand Dollars
28 (\$4,000.00) but not more than Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

29 This choice shall remain in force for all successive terms or
30 periods of service of that member. The receipt of the
31 compensation shall not entitle any member of a school board to
32 receive or be eligible for any state employee group insurance,
33 retirement or other fringe benefits. Each member shall be
34 reimbursed for the necessary expenses and mileage in attending
35 meetings of the school board. In addition to the foregoing, all
36 members may be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred
37 in the further performance of their duties, including attendance
38 at any mandatory school board training session or at regional and
39 national education meetings, when such mileage and other expenses
40 are authorized by the board prior to the date on which they occur.
41 Detailed vouchers shall be submitted for reimbursement for all



42 expenses authorized by this section. Such reimbursement shall be
43 in accordance with Section 25-3-41.

44 Such expenses shall be paid on order of the school board by
45 pay certificates issued by the superintendent of the school
46 district involved against the funds available for payment of the
47 administrative expense of the district.

48 (2) (a) If a member of a school board misses twenty percent
49 (20%) or more of the meetings of the school board during a
50 calendar year, except for absences caused by required military
51 duty, the member must reimburse the school district that portion
52 of the total salary paid to the member that year which is
53 proportionate to the number of meetings missed by the member in
54 relation to the total number of school board meetings held during
55 that year. For purposes of this subsection, consideration may be
56 given only to meetings of which public notice is required.

57 (b) Before February 1 of each year, the president of
58 each local school board shall submit a report to the State Board
59 of Education containing the names of any members of the school
60 board who missed twenty percent (20%) or more of the school board
61 meetings during the preceding calendar year.

62 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
63 and after July 1, 2023.

