

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
June 16, 2016

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N. Compensation for financial advisor and/or facilitator as stated in House Bill 926 and Senate Bill 2495

As stated in House Bill 926 and Senate Bill 2495: "The State Board of Education shall determine compensation to be paid to the financial advisor and/or facilitator which shall be paid by the local school district to which the financial advisor and/or facilitator is assigned."

The compensation shall be set at \$75.00 per hour (plus travel and per diem) for the financial advisor and/or facilitator and paid by the local school district to which the financial advisor and/or facilitator is assigned.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

By: Representative Barker

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 926
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE HOLMES COUNTY AND DURANT PUBLIC
2 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THERE SHALL BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION
3 INTO ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE HOLMES COUNTY
4 CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018; TO PROVIDE
5 FOR THE COMPOSITION AND SELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
6 NEW HOLMES COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO DIRECT THE
7 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CONSOLIDATE ANY
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH DOES NOT VOLUNTARILY FOLLOW THE
9 CONSOLIDATION ORDER; TO ABOLISH THE FORMER SCHOOL DISTRICTS
10 FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION AND PROVIDE FOR THE
11 TRANSFER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR
12 EXECUTION OF TEACHER AND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS AND
13 THE PREPARATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET IN THE NEW SCHOOL
14 DISTRICT; TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE
15 REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION; TO
16 AMEND SECTIONS 37-7-103 AND 37-5-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN
17 CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

19 **SECTION 1.** (1) In Holmes County, Mississippi, in which are
20 located, as of January 1, 2016, two (2) school districts, there
21 shall be an administrative consolidation of all of those school
22 districts in the county into one (1) new countywide school
23 district to be designated as Holmes County Consolidated School
24 District which shall consist of the territory of the former Holmes
25 County School District and the Durant Public School District,



26 effective on July 1, 2018. At such time that the administrative
27 consolidation becomes effective, the central administrative office
28 of the Holmes County Consolidated School District shall be located
29 in Lexington, Mississippi.

30 (2) Within two (2) years prior to the date of consolidation,
31 or as soon as practicable after July 1, 2016, a financial advisor
32 and/or other facilitator with school district experience may be
33 assigned by the Mississippi Department of Education to oversee the
34 budgeting and financial matters relating to the consolidation of
35 the districts slated for consolidation. The financial advisor
36 and/or facilitator may, at the discretion of the Mississippi
37 Department of Education, continue duties for one (1) year after
38 the consolidation to ensure that all financial matters are in
39 place. All financial expenditures of districts that are closing
40 must be approved by the financial advisor and/or facilitator. If
41 the superintendent and/or school board approves expenditures
42 outside of this approval, they shall be personally liable for the
43 excess expenditures. The State Board of Education shall determine
44 the compensation to be paid to the financial advisor and/or
45 facilitator which shall be paid by the local school district to
46 which the financial advisor and/or facilitator is assigned.

47 (3) (a) On or before July 1, 2017, the State Board of
48 Education shall serve the local school boards of the Holmes County
49 School District and the Durant Public School District with notice
50 and instructions regarding the timetable for action to be taken to



51 comply with the administrative consolidation required in this
52 section. The State Board of Education shall provide for the
53 administrative consolidation of Holmes County School District and
54 the Durant Public School District on or before July 1, 2018. In
55 the new Holmes County Consolidated School District, there shall be
56 a new county board of education elected in a November 2017 special
57 election, which shall be called by the Governor for that purpose.
58 The new county board of education shall be elected and the terms
59 of office established as provided in Section 37-5-7(3). The State
60 Board of Education shall declare that the territory embraced by
61 Holmes County, Mississippi, shall be the boundary lines for the
62 territory of the new Holmes County Consolidated School District
63 and shall spread a legal description of the new school district on
64 the minutes of its August 2017 meeting and shall serve the
65 applicable school boards and the board of supervisors with an
66 adequate legal description of these new boundaries. It shall be
67 the responsibility of the board of supervisors of such county to
68 apportion the newly consolidated school district into five (5) new
69 single member board of education election districts, which shall
70 be consistent with the supervisors district lines in the county.
71 The board of supervisors of the county shall thereafter publish
72 the same in some newspaper of general circulation in the county
73 for at least three (3) consecutive weeks and after having given
74 notice of publication and recording the same upon the minutes of
75 the school boards of each appropriate school district in the



76 county, the new district lines will thereafter be effective for
77 the November 2017 special election.

78 (b) Any school district affected by the required
79 administrative consolidation in Holmes County that does not
80 voluntarily consolidate as ordered by the State Board of Education
81 shall be administratively consolidated by the State Board of
82 Education, to be effective on July 1 following the November 2017
83 special election of the new school board members. The State Board
84 of Education shall promptly move on its own motion to
85 administratively consolidate a school district which does not
86 voluntarily consolidate in order to enable the affected school
87 districts to reasonably accomplish the resulting administrative
88 consolidation into the Holmes County Consolidated School District
89 by July 1, 2018, following the election of the new board of
90 trustees. The affected school districts shall comply with any
91 consolidation order issued by the State Board of Education on or
92 before July 1 following the election of the new board of trustees.

93 (4) (a) On July 1, 2018, following the election of the new
94 board of trustees of the Holmes County Consolidated School
95 District, the former county board of education for Holmes County
96 and the former board of trustees of the Durant Public School
97 Districts shall be abolished. All real and personal property
98 which is owned or titled in the name of the school district
99 located in such former school districts shall be transferred to
100 the new Holmes County Consolidated School District.



101 (b) The new board of trustees of the Holmes County
102 Consolidated School District shall be responsible for establishing
103 the contracts for teachers, principals, clerical and
104 administrative staff personnel for the 2018-2019 school year and
105 each school year thereafter.

106 (c) The new board of trustees for the Holmes County
107 Consolidated School District shall appoint the superintendent of
108 schools for the school district. The superintendent of schools
109 for the Holmes County Consolidated School District may appoint an
110 assistant superintendent of schools for the district, but in no
111 instance shall the administrative leadership of the Holmes County
112 Consolidated School District have more than one (1) assistant
113 superintendent of education. The subsequent superintendent of
114 schools of the consolidated school district shall not be elected,
115 but shall thereafter be appointed by the successor board of
116 trustees in the manner provided in Section 37-9-25. It shall be
117 the responsibility of the successor board of trustees to prepare
118 and approve the budget of the new consolidated district, and the
119 successor board of trustees may use staff from the former school
120 districts to prepare the budget. Any proposed order of the State
121 Board of Education directing the transfer of the assets, real or
122 personal property of an affected school district in the county,
123 shall be final and conclusive for the purposes of the transfer of
124 property required by such administrative consolidation.



125 (d) Any person or school district aggrieved by an order
126 of the successor newly selected board of trustees of the Holmes
127 County Consolidated School District pursuant to the required
128 administrative consolidation may appeal therefrom within ten (10)
129 days from the date of the adjournment of the meeting at which such
130 order is entered. The appeal shall be taken in the same manner as
131 appeals are taken from judgments or decisions of the board of
132 supervisors as provided in Section 11-51-75, the provisions of
133 which shall be fully applicable to appeals taken hereunder. The
134 board of trustees of the Holmes County Consolidated School
135 District shall not pass upon or approve or disapprove any such
136 order until the time for an appeal therefrom has expired, nor
137 shall the board pass upon or approve or disapprove any such order
138 from which an appeal is taken until said appeal has been finally
139 determined.

140 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
141 the closing of any school or school facility, unless the facility
142 is an unneeded administrative office located within a school
143 district which has been abolished under the provisions of this
144 section. All administrative consolidations under this section
145 shall be accomplished so as not to delay or in any manner
146 negatively affect the desegregation of another school district in
147 the county pursuant to court order.

148 (6) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and
149 regulations to facilitate the administrative consolidation of the

150 school districts in Holmes County pursuant to this section. The
151 consolidated districts shall make an election within one (1) year
152 of consolidation concerning the group term life insurance
153 described in subsection (6) of Section 25-15-9.

154 (7) The County Board of Education and the Superintendent of
155 Education of the former Holmes County School District and the
156 local school board and Superintendent of Schools of the Durant
157 Public School District shall cooperate with the State Department
158 of Education, as soon as practicable after the effective date of
159 this act, for the planning and transition of programs, services
160 and alignment of curriculum for the administratively consolidated
161 school districts.

162 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-7-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
163 amended as follows:

164 37-7-103. From and after July 1, 1987, the school board of
165 any school district shall have full jurisdiction, power and
166 authority, at any regular meeting thereof or at any special
167 meeting called for that purpose, to abolish such existing
168 district, or to reorganize, change or alter the boundaries of any
169 such district. In addition thereto, with the consent of the
170 school board of the school district involved, the school board may
171 add to such school district any part of the school district
172 adjoining same, and with the consent of the school board of the
173 school district involved, may detach territory from such school
174 district and annex same to an adjoining district. Provided,



175 however, that the consent of the school board of the school
176 districts involved in implementing the provisions of Section
177 37-7-104 or * * * Section 1 of this act shall not be required for
178 the administrative consolidation of such school districts pursuant
179 to the order of the State Board of Education.

180 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-5-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
181 amended as follows:

182 37-5-7. (1) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
183 May, 1954, an election shall be held in each county in this state
184 in the same manner as general state and county elections are held
185 and conducted, which election shall be held for the purpose of
186 electing the county boards of education established under the
187 provisions of this chapter. At such election, the members of the
188 said board from Supervisors Districts One and Two shall be elected
189 for the term expiring on the first Monday of January, 1957;
190 members of the board from Supervisors Districts Three and Four
191 shall be elected for a term expiring on the first Monday of
192 January, 1959; and the member of the board from Supervisors
193 District Five shall be elected for a term expiring on the first
194 Monday of January, 1955. Except as otherwise provided in
195 subsection (2), all subsequent members of the board shall be
196 elected for a term of six (6) years at the regular general
197 election held on the first Monday in November next preceding the
198 expiration of the term of office of the respective member or
199 members of such board. All members of the county board of



200 education as herein constituted, shall take office on the first
201 Monday of January following the date of their election.

202 (2) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November,
203 in any year in which any county shall elect to utilize the
204 authority contained in Section 37-5-1(2), an election shall be
205 held in each such county in this state for the purpose of electing
206 the county boards of education in such counties. At said election
207 the members of the said county board of education from Districts
208 One and Two shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, the
209 members from Districts Three and Four shall be elected for a term
210 of six (6) years, and the member from District Five shall be
211 elected for a term of (2) years. Thereafter, members shall be
212 elected at general elections as vacancies occur for terms of six
213 (6) years each. All members of the county board of education
214 shall take office on the first Monday of January following the
215 date of their election.

216 (3) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November
217 2017, an election shall be held in Holmes County for the purpose
218 of electing the county board of education in the new Holmes County
219 Consolidated School District. At the election, the members of the
220 said county board of education shall be elected from single member
221 board of education districts, which shall be consistent with the
222 supervisors district lines in the county, and shall be elected for
223 an initial term of six (6) years. Subsequent elections for the
224 Holmes County Board of Education shall be held on the first



225 Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2023 and every four (4)
226 years thereafter at the same time and manner as other general
227 elections are held, and the member shall be elected for a term of
228 four (4) years. All members of the county board of education in
229 the new Holmes County Consolidated School District shall take
230 office on the first Monday of January following the date of their
231 election.

232 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
233 and after July 1, 2016.

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2495
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND WINONA
2 MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THERE SHALL BE AN
3 ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION INTO ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE
4 DESIGNATED AS THE WINONA-MONTGOMERY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
5 WHICH SHALL BE A LINE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT EFFECTIVE JULY
6 1, 2018; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7 OF THE NEW WINONA-MONTGOMERY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO
8 DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADMINISTRATIVELY
9 CONSOLIDATE ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH DOES NOT VOLUNTARILY FOLLOW
10 THE CONSOLIDATION ORDER; TO ABOLISH THE FORMER SCHOOL DISTRICTS
11 FOLLOWING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION AND PROVIDE FOR THE
12 TRANSFER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR
13 EXECUTION OF TEACHER AND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS AND
14 THE PREPARATION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET IN THE NEW SCHOOL
15 DISTRICT; TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROMULGATE
16 REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE CONSOLIDATION; TO
17 AMEND SECTION 37-7-103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY;
18 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

20 **SECTION 1.** (1) In Montgomery County, Mississippi, in which
21 are located, as of January 1, 2016, two (2) school districts,
22 there shall be an administrative consolidation of all of those
23 school districts in the county into one (1) new countywide
24 municipal separate school district to be designated as
25 Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District which shall consist
26 of the territory of the former Montgomery County School District



27 and the Winona Municipal Separate School District, effective on
28 July 1, 2018. At such time that the administrative consolidation
29 becomes effective, the central administrative office of the
30 Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District shall be located in
31 Winona, Mississippi.

32 (2) As soon as practicable, a financial advisor and/or other
33 facilitator with school district experience may be assigned by the
34 Mississippi Department of Education to oversee the budgeting and
35 financial matters relating to the consolidation of the districts
36 slated for consolidation. The financial advisor and/or
37 facilitator may, at the discretion of the Mississippi Department
38 of Education, continue duties for one (1) year after the
39 consolidation to ensure that all financial matters are in place.
40 All financial expenditures of districts that are closing must be
41 approved by the financial advisor and/or facilitator. If the
42 superintendent and/or school board approves expenditures outside
43 of this approval, they shall be personally liable for the excess
44 expenditures. The State Board of Education shall determine the
45 compensation to be paid to the financial advisor and/or
46 facilitator which shall be paid by the local school district to
47 which the financial advisor and/or facilitator is assigned.

48 (3) (a) On or before September 1, 2017, the State Board of
49 Education shall serve the local school board of the Winona
50 Municipal Separate School District and the local school board of
51 the Montgomery County School District with notice and instructions



52 regarding the timetable for action to be taken to comply with the
53 administrative consolidation required in this section.

54 (b) In the new Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School
55 District, there shall be a new countywide municipal separate
56 school district board of trustees comprised of five (5) members,
57 which shall consist of the existing members of the Board of
58 Trustees of the Winona Municipal Separate School District.
59 However, when consolidation becomes effective, the two (2)
60 appointed board members of the Winona Municipal Separate School
61 District whose terms are nearest to expiration shall expire on
62 January 1, 2019, shall thereafter become elected positions to be
63 filled by the election of board members in a manner prescribed in
64 subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (b). The new countywide
65 municipal separate school district board of trustees of the
66 Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District shall be comprised
67 as follows:

68 (i) The three (3) members of the existing Board of
69 Trustees of the Winona Municipal Separate School District
70 appointed by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Winona with the
71 most years remaining in their terms shall serve until the
72 expiration of such appointed term and thereafter, appointments
73 shall each be selected for a term of four (4) years beginning on
74 January 1 of the year next succeeding the appointment;

75 (ii) The two (2) members of the board elected
76 after the appropriate appointments become permanently elected



77 positions, shall be elected for a term of four (4) years by the
78 electors of Montgomery County residing outside of the Winona
79 corporate limits who shall be residents of that territory and who
80 shall be elected in an election held on Tuesday after the first
81 Monday in November 2018, in the manner prescribed in Section
82 37-7-203, and the elected members will take office on January 1,
83 2019. All subsequent members of the board elected from the
84 territory outside of the Winona corporate limits shall be elected
85 for a term of four (4) years at the regular general election held
86 on the first Monday in November next preceding the expiration of
87 the term of office of the respective member or members, and shall
88 take office on January 1 next succeeding the election; and

89 (iii) The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery
90 County and the State Board of Education, with the assistance of
91 the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and
92 Expenditure Review (PEER), shall apportion the territory of the
93 new consolidated school district located outside the Winona
94 corporate limits into two (2) new proportionately equal single
95 member board of trustee election districts. The board of
- 96 supervisors shall thereafter publish the same in some newspaper of
97 general circulation in the county for at least three (3)
98 consecutive weeks and after having given notice of publication and
99 recording the same upon the minutes of the school boards of each
100 school district in the county, the new district lines will
101 thereafter be effective for the November 2017 special election.



102 Any school board member of the former school districts residing in
103 the proper territory shall be eligible for appointment or election
104 to the new Board of Trustees for Winona-Montgomery Consolidated
105 School District.

106 (c) Any school district affected by the required
107 administrative consolidation in the county that does not
108 voluntarily consolidate as ordered by the State Board of Education
109 shall be administratively consolidated by the State Board of
110 Education, to be effective immediately upon action of the State
111 Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall promptly
112 move on its own motion to administratively consolidate a school
113 district which does not voluntarily consolidate in order to enable
114 the affected school districts to reasonably accomplish the
115 resulting administrative consolidation into one (1) consolidated
116 school district by July 1 following the motion to consolidate.
117 The affected school districts shall comply with any consolidation
118 order issued by the State Board of Education.

119 (4) (a) On July 1, 2018, following the motion of the State
120 Board of Education to consolidate school districts in Montgomery
121 County, the Montgomery County School District shall be abolished.
122 All real and personal property which is owned or titled in the
123 name of the school district located in such former school district
124 shall be transferred to the Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School
125 District as of July 1, 2018.



126 (b) The new board of trustees of the Winona-Montgomery
127 Consolidated School District shall be responsible for establishing
128 the contracts for operations, teachers, principals, clerical and
129 administrative staff personnel for the 2018-2019 school year and
130 each school year thereafter.

131 (c) The superintendent of the Winona-Montgomery
132 Consolidated School District shall be appointed by the board and
133 is authorized to appoint an assistant superintendent, but in no
134 instance shall the administrative leadership of the
135 Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District exceed three (3)
136 assistant superintendents to be appointed by the superintendent of
137 the Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District.

138 (d) It shall be the responsibility of the board of
139 trustees to prepare and approve the budget of the respective new
140 reorganized district, and the board of trustees may use staff from
141 the former school district to prepare the budget. Any transfer of
142 the assets, real or personal property of the Montgomery County
143 School District mandated by this section shall be final and
144 conclusive for the purposes of the transfer of property required
145 by this section to effectuate the administrative consolidation.

146 (e) Any person or school district aggrieved by an order
147 of the successor newly selected board of trustees of the
148 Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District pursuant to the
149 required administrative consolidation may appeal therefrom within
150 ten (10) days from the date of the adjournment of the meeting at



151 which such order is entered. The appeal shall be taken in the
152 same manner as appeals are taken from judgments or decisions of
153 the board of supervisors as provided in Section 11-51-75, the
154 provisions of which shall be fully applicable to appeals taken
155 hereunder. The board of trustees of the Winona-Montgomery
156 Consolidated School District shall not pass upon or approve or
157 disapprove any such order until the time for an appeal therefrom
158 has expired, nor shall the board pass upon or approve or
159 disapprove any such order from which an appeal is taken until said
160 appeal has been finally determined.

161 (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require
162 the closing of any school or school facility, unless the facility
163 is an unneeded administrative office located within a school
164 district which has been abolished under the provisions of this
165 section. All administrative consolidations under this section
166 shall be accomplished so as not to delay or in any manner
167 negatively affect the desegregation of another school district in
168 the county pursuant to court order.

169 (6) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and
170 regulations to facilitate the administrative consolidation of the
171 school districts in Montgomery County pursuant to the requirements
172 of this section. Beginning with the insurance cafeteria plan year
173 of November 1, 2018, the consolidated districts shall fall under
174 all insurance plans and policies elected by the Winona-Montgomery



175 Consolidated School District, including the group term life
176 insurance described in Section 25-15-9(7).

177 (7) The County Board of Education and the Superintendent of
178 Education of the former Montgomery County School District and the
179 local school board and Superintendent of Schools of the Winona
180 Municipal Separate School District shall cooperate with the State
181 Department of Education, as soon as practicable after the
182 effective date of this act, for the planning and transition of
183 programs, services and alignment of curriculum for the
184 administratively consolidated school districts.

185 (8) It shall be the responsibility of the Board of
186 Supervisors of Montgomery County to provide office, furnishing and
187 utilities for the administrative Office of the Superintendent of
188 the Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District.

189 (9) One (1) year prior to the date of consolidation, a
190 financial advisor and/or other facilitator with school district
191 experience may be assigned by the Mississippi Department of
192 Education to oversee the budgeting and financial matters relating
193 to the consolidation of the districts slated for consolidation.
194 The financial advisor and/or facilitator may, at the discretion of
195 the Mississippi Department of Education, continue duties for one
196 year after the consolidation to ensure that all financial matters
197 are in place. All financial expenditures of districts that are
198 closing must be approved by the financial advisor and/or
199 facilitator. If the superintendent and/or school board approves



200 expenditures outside of this approval, they shall be personally
201 liable for the excess expenditures. . The State Board of Education
202 shall determine the compensation to be paid to the financial
203 advisor and/or facilitator which shall be paid by the local school
204 district.

205 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-7-103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
206 amended as follows:

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208 any school district shall have full jurisdiction, power and
209 authority, at any regular meeting thereof or at any special
210 meeting called for that purpose, to abolish such existing
211 district, or to reorganize, change or alter the boundaries of any
212 such district. In addition thereto, with the consent of the
213 school board of the school district involved, the school board may
214 add to such school district any part of the school district
215 adjoining same, and with the consent of the school board of the
216 school district involved, may detach territory from such school
217 district and annex same to an adjoining district. Provided,
218 however, that the consent of the school board of the school
219 districts involved in implementing the provisions of Section
220 37-7-104 or * * * Section 1 of this act shall not be required for
221 the administrative consolidation of such school districts pursuant
222 to the order of the State Board of Education.

223 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
224 and after July 1, 2016.