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Teacher Pay Bill Gets \$7 Million More Than Budget Recommended

JACKSON (UPI) —A Senate committee is expected to act soon on an amended teachers' pay raise costing about \$7 million more than recommended by the state budget commission.

Sen. Jack Tucker of Tunica, chairman of the Education Committee, confirmed the committee was about ready to act on the measure. Reliable sources said tentative agreement already had been reached on the bill and predicted it would be voted out by committee Thursday morning.

The measure would be an amended version of the bill recommended by the Mississippi Education Association.

It would provide a 10 per cent salary increase for classroom teachers, as asked by the MEA, but leave administrative costs and other items at the same level recommended by the budget commission.

An increase in school transportation costs also would be included.

The MEA's original proposal would have required about \$17 million in "new" money but the committee changes would reduce the additional expenditure to around \$7 million.

Several legislators have indicated they would like to approve a pay raise for teachers if funds are available, but expressed doubt over whether it would be possible to make any substantial tax deductions if a major salary hike is passed.

The Senate is expected to open debate Thursday on an \$11.9 million income tax reduction bill recommended by Sen. Ellis Bodron's Finance Committee.

The tax measure would increase the personal exemptions for single persons from \$4,000 to \$4,500 and raise married couples' exemptions from \$6,000 to \$7,000. In addition, a new \$500

exemption for each dependent child would be authorized.

The education measure also may include a section authorizing local school boards, at their discretion, to set up public kindergartens as part of the state's minimum education program.

A separate bill providing for such kindergartens was introduced by Senators Bob Perry of Horn Lake and Perrin Purvis of Tupelo.

Purvis, a member of the Education Committee, said

Wednesday he felt it was vital that a public kindergarten program be established in the state.

"It is my feeling we are losing the year from 5 to 6 so far as getting our children ready for school. It has been proven that a child is in his most receptive age for knowledge in the early years," Purvis said.

He said it was his intention "to try to include the kindergarten year in the main education bill, and then every school district that wants to

have a kindergarten can get started."

He said it was almost impossible to estimate the cost of the kindergarten proposal because the expenditure would depend on how many districts participate and the number of children who attend the pre-school classes.

Purvis said he felt the state should provide the cost of equipping the classrooms with other expenses on a matching basis between the state and local districts.



Shira said State will play eight Southeastern Conference opponents.

State will play Florida, Alabama and Louisiana State in Memorial Stadium at Jackson; Vanderbilt and Ole Miss at Starkville; Oklahoma State, Georgia, FSU, and Auburn are road trips; while Tennessee is scheduled at Memphis.

The schedule:

Sept. 11—at Oklahoma State; Sept. 18: Florida, Jackson (N); Sept. 25—Vanderbilt, home; Oct. 2—at Georgia; Oct. 9—at Florida State (N); Oct. 16—Houston, pending; Oct. 23—Tennessee, Memphis; Oct. 20—Alabama, Jackson; Nov. 6—at Auburn; Nov. 13—LSU, Jackson; Nov. 25—Ole Miss, home.

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Blue Mountain at Walnut
Wheeler at Marietta
East Union at Jumpertown
Clay High at Tremont

SATURDAY NIGHT
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Burnsville at Iuka
Blue Mountain at Hurricane
Falkner at Hickory Flat

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Tombigbee at Nettleton
Parkway at Hamilton
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(Friday Night)

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(Saturday Night)
Holmes at Northeast
Clarke at IJC

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(Saturday Night)
Alabama at State
Ole Miss at LSU

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and dangerous" drugs were administered to Gray without his consent. The suit names sodium pentobarbital, dextro amphetamine sulphate, chlorpromazine hydrochloride and carbromal as the drugs.

The suit said, "These drugs were knowingly and intentionally given to the plaintiff not for medical reasons but for the purpose of stimulating and exciting his mind and body so that he would perform more violently as a professional football player for the Cardinals."

The suit claims that Gray developed nervousness, sleeplessness, restlessness and severe and persistent headaches, and that his general health and body integrity were diminished

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