TO: Governor FROM: Riley SUBJECT: HB 1230

DATE: March 12, 2003

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HB 1230 amends current law to allow local school boards to invest surplus funds in their 16th section lands principal fund in the same investments as other <u>political subdivisions</u> of the state may invest surplus funds.

The auditor wanted this language because current law allows school boards to invest as other agencies, not political subdivisions.

Bill Cheney in 16^{th} Section lands at the Secretary of State's Office supports this bill. MDE doesn't have any problems with it.

I also spoke to John Hartman with the School Board Association. He said that the bill will give them more leeway in investing funds, that the bill is overdue and that you should definitely sign it.

HB 1230 is effective July 1, 2003.

Sign it.