

By: Representative Manning

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
2 EDUCATION TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE CERTIFICATION
3 PROCESSES OF THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING
4 STANDARDS AND OTHER NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR
5 EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO SUBMIT A REPORT
6 OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE THE
7 2000 SESSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. The State Superintendent of Public Education
10 shall appoint a committee to study the Master Teacher
11 certification program of the National Board for Professional
12 Teaching Standards and any similar national certification or
13 professional recognition programs for school counselors, social
14 workers, speech pathologists and audiologists, school nurses,
15 vocational and technical instructors and any other professional,
16 nonadministrative school employees. The committee shall be
17 comprised of employees of the State Department of Education, a
18 representative from the primary association or organization in
19 Mississippi representing the education professionals named in this
20 section and representatives of such other organizations deemed
21 appropriate by the State Board of Education. The committee shall
22 review the requirements for certification or professional
23 recognition under the various national programs and shall assess
24 whether the national certification or professional recognition is
25 an appropriate indicator of the professional's ability and quality
26 of service to the school.

27 Before November 1, 1999, the committee shall submit a written
28 report of its findings to the Education Committees of the House of

29 Representatives and the Senate. The report shall include: a
30 comparison of the certification or professional recognition
31 requirements of the various national programs; recommendations on
32 whether or not the state should offer incentives for the education
33 professionals to seek the national certification or professional
34 recognition available to their specific profession;
35 recommendations on the appropriate amount of any financial
36 incentives; and such other information deemed relevant by the
37 State Board of Education.

38 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 1999.