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To: Fees, Salaries and
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SENATE BILL NO. 2151

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF
2 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TO PREPARE AND DISTRIBUTE A
3 "MISSISSIPPI DIRECTORY AND GUIDE TO CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL
4 SERVICES" TO INCLUDE A GUIDE TO ALL STATE WORKFORCE TRAINING
5 SERVICES, APPRENTICESHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES;
6 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS INFORMATION DIRECTORY; AND
7 FOR RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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10 SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Economic and
11 Community Development is authorized and directed to develop a
12 "Mississippi Directory and Guide to Career and Educational
13 Services" to provide a comprehensive guide to Mississippi
14 residents regarding the state's current system of workforce
15 related training services, student apprenticeships, student
16 scholarships, labor needs and career opportunities. This
17 directory shall be made available as an interactive website on the
18 internet, and shall be made available in printed form. The
19 Mississippi Directory and Guide to Career and Educational Services
20 shall consist of the following sections:

21 (a) Section One: "Guide to Workforce Training
22 Services." This section shall include descriptions, physical
23 locations, phone/fax/e-mail numbers, and guidelines concerning all
24 current available workforce-related training services and
25 programs, including training programs administered or funded by
26 the State Department of Education, the State Board for Community
27 and Junior Colleges, the Department of Economic and Community
28 Development, the State Department of Rehabilitative Services, the
29 Department of Human Services, the Mississippi Employment Security

30 Commission, the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher
31 Learning and other programs administered through federal or
32 private entities.

33 (b) Section Two: "Guide to Apprenticeships." This
34 section shall include resources available for, and state and
35 federal laws concerning, apprenticeships, including student
36 work-study, job shadowing, and any other paid or non-paid
37 apprenticeships. This section shall also include a summary of
38 employment laws that mandate a minimum age of eighteen (18) and
39 applicable exemptions to these laws, according to O.S.H.A.
40 guidelines, child labor laws, and the Fair Labor Standards Act.

41 (c) Section Three: "Career Opportunities in
42 Mississippi." This section shall include a five-year simple
43 description of labor trends in Mississippi on a regional basis,
44 showing career opportunities in all major recorded career
45 categories, with data showing income, retention, shortage areas,
46 projections and educational levels required for the various
47 occupations.

48 (d) Section Four: "Scholarships and Funding." This
49 section shall include a compilation of all available educational
50 scholarships and training program funding support for vocational
51 programs, community colleges, institutions of higher learning,
52 apprenticeships and all adult workforce related training programs.

53 (2) The Department of Economic and Community Development
54 shall develop a marketing plan to educate the public of the
55 availability of the directory on website and in print. The target
56 for the marketing shall include all public school students,
57 private school students, post-secondary school students, parents
58 of these students, business and industry entities, agencies
59 involved in workforce placement and training, public libraries,
60 chambers of commerce and economic development agencies. The
61 department may enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with
62 any public or private agency for the development, marketing and
63 distribution of the Mississippi Directory and Guide to Career and
64 Educational Services.

65 (3) The Department of Economic and Community Development may
66 apply for public or private funding for the development, marketing

67 and distribution of this directory, and may expend any funds
68 specifically appropriated therefor by the Legislature.

69 SECTION 2. All new programs authorized under this Senate
70 Bill No. 2151, 1999 Regular Session, shall be subject to the
71 availability of funds specifically appropriated therefor by the
72 Legislature during the 1999 Regular Session or any subsequent
73 session. It is the intent of the Legislature that this act shall
74 be codified but that no amendment to a code section or repeal of a
75 code section enacted by this Senate Bill No. 2151, 1999 Regular
76 Session shall take effect until the Legislature has funded any new
77 programs authorized hereunder by line item appropriation, said
78 line item appropriation to be certified by the Legislative Budget
79 Office to the Secretary of State.

80 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
81 and after July 1, 1999.