

By: Senator(s) Ferris

To: Education;  
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2277

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 37-19-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE AN ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS UNDER THE MINIMUM EDUCATION  
3 PROGRAM FORMULA FOR THE SALARIES OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS  
4 EMPLOYED IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHERE THERE EXISTS A CRITICAL  
5 SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as

8 Section 37-19-20, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 37-19-20. Each school district in a geographical area of the  
10 state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as  
11 determined by the State Board of Education, shall be allotted a  
12 sufficient amount of funds for the salaries and fringe benefits of  
13 substitute teachers employed by the district for more than a  
14 one-month period of time, to be referred to as "long-term  
15 substitute teachers." Funding for such long-term substitute  
16 teachers shall be limited to minimum program funds that would  
17 otherwise be available to a school district for allotted licensed  
18 teacher unit positions which cannot be utilized by the district  
19 due to the critical teacher shortage. Funding for such long-term  
20 substitute teachers shall be based on the beginning salary scale  
21 for a teacher with a type A certificate, and the documentation for  
22 the necessity of employing such long-term substitute teachers  
23 shall be prescribed and approved by the State Board of Education.

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