

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2298

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE A
3 PERSONNEL SUPERVISOR OR ANOTHER PRINCIPAL EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL
4 DISTRICT TO MAKE OR ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF
5 NONINSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYEES AND TO TRANSMIT APPROVED
6 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 37-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-9-17. On or before April 1 of each year, the principal of
11 each school shall recommend to the superintendent of the school
12 district the licensed employees or noninstructional employees to
13 be employed for the school involved except those licensed
14 employees or noninstructional employees who have been previously
15 employed and who have a contract valid for the ensuing scholastic
16 year. If such recommendations meet with the approval of the
17 superintendent, the superintendent shall recommend the employment
18 of such licensed employees or noninstructional employees to the
19 school board, and, unless good reason to the contrary exists, the
20 board shall elect the employees so recommended. If, for any
21 reason, the school board shall decline to elect any employee so
22 recommended, additional recommendations for the places to be
23 filled shall be made by the principal to the superintendent and
24 then by the superintendent to the school board as provided above.

25 The school board of any school district shall be authorized to
26 designate a personnel supervisor or another principal employed by
27 the school district to recommend to the superintendent licensed
28 employees or noninstructional employees; however, this
29 authorization shall be restricted to no more than two (2)

30 positions for each employment period for each school in the school
31 district. The school board of any school district shall be
32 authorized to designate a personnel supervisor or another
33 principal employed by the school district to accept the
34 recommendations of principals or their designees for licensed
35 employees or noninstructional employees and to transmit approved
36 recommendations to the board; however, this authorization shall be
37 restricted to no more than two (2) positions for each employment
38 period for each school in the school district.

39 When the licensed employees have been elected as provided in
40 the preceding paragraph, the superintendent of the district shall
41 enter into a contract with such persons in the manner provided in
42 this chapter.

43 If, at the commencement of the scholastic year, any licensed
44 employee shall present to the superintendent a license of a higher
45 grade than that specified in such individual's contract, such
46 individual may, if funds are available from minimum education
47 program funds of the district, or from district funds, be paid
48 from such funds the amount to which such higher grade license
49 would have entitled the individual, had the license been held at
50 the time the contract was executed.

51 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
52 and after its passage.