

By: Senator(s) Smith

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2654

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE TEACHERS APPLYING FOR CERTIFICATION TO
2 TEACH IN GRADES K-4 TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION IN ALL
3 READING METHODS FOR THE PUPILS IN SAID GRADES, ACCORDING TO
4 STANDARDS SET FORTH BY THE COLLEGE BOARD AND THE STATE BOARD OF
5 EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. For persons applying for certification to teach
8 in Mississippi Kindergarten through Grade 4 after July 1, 1999,
9 such certification shall require the completion of a program of
10 instruction addressing all reading methods for pupils in
11 Kindergarten through Grade 4, in accordance with standards set
12 forth by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
13 Learning and the State Board of Education.

14 It shall be a requirement for any person to be certified as a
15 teacher in Mississippi that the person meet and comply with the
16 requirements set forth in the foregoing part of this section.

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