

By: Senator(s) Horhn

To: Education;  
Appropriations

## SENATE BILL NO. 3021

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY  
2 AND JUNIOR COLLEGES AND THE COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICTS  
3 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPING ADVANCED  
4 TECHNOLOGY TRAINING SERVICES; TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY  
5 CENTER FUND FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE; AND  
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) The State Board for Community and Junior  
9 Colleges and the Mississippi community and junior college system  
10 are authorized and empowered to develop and implement a system for  
11 delivering advanced technology training services in the state.  
12 During phase one of this program, each community or junior college  
13 may establish an Advanced Technology Center that contains core  
14 services for advanced technology training that would complement  
15 the One Stop Career Center services and technology programs in  
16 place at the community and junior colleges. These centers shall  
17 provide the advanced technology training needed to assist  
18 Mississippi business in making employees and processes more  
19 competitive. The state board and the community and junior college  
20 districts may establish Advanced Technology Training Centers in  
21 cooperation and in conjunction with the local district workforce  
22 councils. During phase two of this program, each community or  
23 junior college may develop advanced technology training  
24 specialties based on data from state and local studies, needs of  
25 local employers and with the advice of local district workforce  
26 councils.

27 (2) There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special  
28 fund to be designated as the "Advanced Technology Center Training

29 Services Fund." Any unexpended balance in said fund at the end of  
30 the fiscal year shall carryover to the succeeding fiscal year and  
31 shall not lapse into the State General Fund. Said fund shall be  
32 credited with any funds appropriated by the Legislature, and funds  
33 from any other source for the implementation of the advanced  
34 technology training services program at the community and junior  
35 colleges of the state.

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