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To: Education

## SENATE BILL NO. 2491

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-306, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE ALL LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SELECTED AFTER JULY 1,  
3 2000, TO HAVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AND TO  
4 REQUIRE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS OF SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE LOST THEIR  
5 ACCREDITATION TO COMPLETE ANNUAL TRAINING COURSES IN ORDER TO  
6 RETAIN THEIR OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 37-7-306, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
9 amended as follows:[JU1]

10 37-7-306. (1) Every school board member selected after July  
11 1, 2000, shall have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

12 (2) Every school board member selected after July 1, 1993,  
13 shall be required to complete a basic course of training and  
14 education for local school board members, in order for board  
15 members to carry out their duties more effectively and be exposed  
16 to new ideas involving school restructuring. Such basic course of  
17 training, approved by the State Board of Education, shall be  
18 conducted by the School Executive Management Institute of the  
19 State Department of Education. Upon completion of the basic  
20 course of training, the School Executive Management Institute  
21 shall file a certificate of completion for the school board member  
22 with the office of the local school board. In the event that a  
23 board member fails to complete such training within six (6) months  
24 of his selection, or six (6) months from April 15, 1993, such  
25 board member shall no longer be qualified to serve and shall be  
26 removed from office.

27 (3) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection  
28 (2) of this section, after taking office, each school board member

29 shall be required to file annually in the office of the school  
30 board a certificate of completion of a course of continuing  
31 education conducted by the Mississippi School Boards Association.

32 (4) Upon the failure of any local school board member to  
33 file with the school board the certificate of completion of the  
34 basic course of training as provided in subsection (2) of this  
35 section, the school board member shall be removed from office.

36 (5) Upon the failure of any local school board member of a  
37 school district with a school failing to meet minimum  
38 accreditation standards to file with the school board the  
39 certificate of completion of the continuing education course of  
40 training provided in subsection (3) of this section, the school  
41 board member shall be removed from office.

42 SECTION 2. The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi  
43 is hereby directed to submit this act, immediately upon approval  
44 by the Governor, or upon approval by the Legislature subsequent to  
45 a veto, to the Attorney General of the United States or to the  
46 United States District Court for the District of Columbia in  
47 accordance with the provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965,  
48 as amended and extended.

49 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
50 and after the date it is effectuated under Section 5 of the Voting  
51 Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended.