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To: Universities and
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2546

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS
2 OF HIGHER LEARNING AND THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR
3 COLLEGES TO ENTER INTO AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHILD
4 TECHNOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND THE
5 APPROPRIATE COLLEGE PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITIES; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 WHEREAS, the key to quality programs is the preparation of
8 personnel with whom young children spend a significant portion of
9 their time; and

10 WHEREAS, during the fall of 1998, there were approximately
11 644 students majoring in child development at the community/junior
12 colleges in Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, twelve out of fifteen community colleges offer this
14 Child Technology Degree, however, these students cannot transfer
15 their technical degree credits into a 4-year institution within
16 the State of Mississippi; and

17 WHEREAS, the Child Development Technology degree programs in
18 the community colleges have a sound curriculum and are based on
19 national standards for preparation of professional early childhood
20 personnel; and

21 WHEREAS, if a student chooses to continue his or her
22 education and obtain a 4-year degree, a system of cooperation
23 needs to exist between the two educational systems: NOW,

24 THEREFORE,

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

26 SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of
27 Higher Learning and the State Board for Community and Junior
28 Colleges are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an
29 articulation agreement providing for the transfer of appropriate
30 credits from the Child Technology Degree program at the various
31 community colleges to the appropriate college program at the
32 various universities. The State Board for Community and Junior
33 Colleges and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher
34 Learning shall jointly develop a report on the articulation
35 agreement required under this section, and submit this report to
36 the Committees on Education and Universities and Colleges of each
37 house of the Legislature, on or before December 1, 2000.

38 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
39 and after July 1, 2000.