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To: Education; Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2597  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-321, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT SECURITY GUARDS OR RESOURCE  
3 OFFICERS WITH POLICE POWER SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM LEVEL OF BASIC LAW  
4 ENFORCEMENT TRAINING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 37-7-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[RDD1]

8 37-7-321. (1) The school board of any school district  
9 within the State of Mississippi may, in its discretion, employ one  
10 or more persons as security personnel and shall be authorized to  
11 designate them as peace officers in or on any property operated  
12 for school purposes by such board upon taking such oath and making  
13 such bond as required of a constable of said county. Individuals  
14 employed or appointed within a school district as security guards,  
15 school resource officers or who will have as their primary duty  
16 the powers of a peace officer shall receive, within two (2) years  
17 of initial employment, a minimum level of basic law enforcement  
18 training as jointly determined and prescribed by the State Board  
19 of Law Enforcement Training and Standards and the State Board of  
20 Education. Individuals employed or appointed in said positions  
21 who do not have as their primary duty the powers of a peace  
22 officer shall be exempt from this requirement.

23 (2) The school board is authorized and empowered, in its  
24 discretion, and subject to the approval of the Federal  
25 Communications Commission, to install and operate a noncommercial  
26 radio broadcasting and transmission station for educational and  
27 vocational educational purposes.

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