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To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2989

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS UNDER THE MINIMUM
2 EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING ARTS INSTRUCTORS IN
3 GRADES K-8, TO REQUIRE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECEIVING
4 FUNDING UNDER THE PROGRAM TO BE PHASED IN OVER THE NEXT FIFTEEN
5 YEARS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF
6 STATE-FUNDED ARTS INSTRUCTORS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. (1) Beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, in
9 addition to other funds allotted under the minimum education
10 program, the State Department of Education shall allot funding to
11 school districts for the purpose of employing arts education
12 instructors for students in kindergarten through Grade 8.

13 (2) Funding allotted to school districts for arts education
14 instructors shall be sufficient to employ one (1) instructor in
15 each of the disciplines of music, dance, theater and visual arts
16 for every four hundred (400) students in average daily attendance
17 in kindergarten through Grade 8. Funding for arts education
18 instructors shall be phased in over a period of fifteen (15)
19 years, with additional school districts receiving funds each year,
20 in accordance with the following schedule:

	<u>PARTICIPATING</u>	<u>STATE-FUNDED</u>
<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>SCHOOL DISTRICTS</u>	<u>ARTS INSTRUCTORS</u>
23 2000-2001	20	80
24 2001-2002	30	120
25 2002-2003	35	140
26 2003-2004	45	180
27 2004-2005	50	200
28 2005-2006	60	240

29	2006-2007	65	260
30	2007-2008	75	300
31	2008-2009	80	320
32	2009-2010	90	360
33	2010-2011	95	380
34	2011-2012	105	420
35	2012-2013	110	440
36	2013-2014	120	480
37	2014-2015	125	500

38 (3) During the 2000-2001 fiscal year, the State Department
39 of Education shall allot funding for arts education instructors to
40 those school districts that have been trained through the
41 Mississippi Arts Commission's Whole Schools Institute before July
42 1, 2000. The State Board of Education shall establish, by rules
43 and regulations, the process by which school districts shall be
44 selected to receive such funding in subsequent fiscal years.

45 (4) School districts allotted funds for employing arts
46 education instructors shall ensure that every student, regardless
47 of talent or ability, in kindergarten through Grade 8 receives
48 direct instruction from the arts education instructors.

49 (5) A person may not be employed as an arts education
50 instructor using funds allotted under this section unless the
51 individual has completed appropriate training in his discipline
52 and has proper certification, as determined by the State
53 Department of Education.

54 (6) Arts education instructors must be full-time
55 professional personnel and must spend a minimum of seventy-five
56 percent (75%) of work time in direct arts instruction with
57 students. School districts shall afford the arts education
58 instructors sufficient time for curriculum coordination and
59 planning with other instructors.

60 (7) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any school
61 district from employing with local funds more arts education

62 instructors than are provided for in this section.

63 (8) The Mississippi Arts Commission, in collaboration with
64 the State Department of Education, shall employ professional,
65 outside evaluators to document the impact of arts education
66 instruction on student learning and the overall learning
67 environment in those schools having arts education programs.
68 Beginning in 2001, the commission and the department jointly shall
69 prepare an annual written report on the state-funded arts
70 education instruction program in the public schools, to be
71 submitted to the Chairmen of the Education Committees of the House
72 of Representatives and the Senate and the State Board of Education
73 before September 1.

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