

By: Johnson (19th)

To: Education;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 3021

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-79, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE JAZZ EDUCATION
3 CLASSES IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12 AND JAZZ PERFORMANCE
4 CLASSES IN GRADES 6 THROUGH 12 BEGINNING WITH THE 2000-2001 SCHOOL
5 YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR A CURRICULUM COORDINATOR OF JAZZ MUSIC; AND
6 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 37-3-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:[RDD1]

10 37-3-79. (1) The State Department of Education shall employ
11 a Curriculum Coordinator of Music and Art Education who holds
12 certification as a music and/or art teacher. The supervisor's
13 responsibilities shall include the oversight of the elementary
14 music/art programs as well as secondary programs.

15 (2) Beginning with the 2000-2001 school year, the State
16 Board of Education shall, for purposes of accreditation, require
17 all school districts to offer and require attendance in age
18 appropriate jazz music education classes in Grades K through 12
19 and jazz music performance classes in Grades 6 through 12. The
20 State Department of Education shall employ a Curriculum
21 Coordinator of Jazz Music Education and Performance who holds
22 certification as a music educator or a bachelor's degree in
23 applied music. The coordinator's responsibilities shall include
24 the oversight of the jazz music education and jazz music
25 performance programs in the appropriate grades.

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