

By: Representative Warren

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICERS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF
3 COMPLETION FOR THEIR ANNUAL COURSE OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION FROM
4 THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RATHER THAN THE JUDICIAL
5 COLLEGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 37-13-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-13-107. (1) Every school attendance officer shall be
10 required annually to attend and complete a comprehensive course of
11 training and education which is provided or approved by the Office
12 of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement of the State
13 Department of Education. Attendance shall be required beginning
14 with the first training seminar conducted after the school
15 attendance officer is employed as a school attendance officer.

16 (2) The Office of Compulsory School Attendance Enforcement
17 shall provide or approve a course of training and education for
18 school attendance officers of the state. The course shall consist
19 of at least twelve (12) hours of training per year. The content
20 of the course of training and when and where it is to be conducted
21 shall be approved by the office. A certificate of completion
22 shall be furnished by the State Department of Education to those
23 school attendance officers who complete the course. Each
24 certificate shall be made a permanent record of the school
25 attendance officer supervisor's office where the school attendance
26 officer is employed.

27 (3) Upon the failure of any person employed as a school
28 attendance officer to receive the certificate of completion from

29 the State Department of Education within the first year of his
30 employment, the person shall not be allowed to carry out any of
31 the duties of a school attendance officer and shall not be
32 entitled to compensation for the period of time during which the
33 certificate has not been obtained * * *.

34 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2001.