To: Universities and Colleges

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
By: Senator(s) Harden

SENATE BILL NO. 2190

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges are hereby authorized and directed to enter into an articulation agreement providing for the transfer of appropriate
ST: Articulation agreement between the Child Technology Degree Program at the community colleges and the universities; require.