

## REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

**MR. SPEAKER AND MADAM PRESIDENT:**

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1448: Junior ROTC; provide state support for public high school programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

12        SECTION 1. (1) Subject to the availability of funding for  
13 such purpose, the State Superintendent of Public Education shall  
14 employ within the State Department of Education or, in the  
15 alternative, contract with the Mississippi Military Department for  
16 a statewide coordinator for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps  
17 (JROTC) programs in the public schools. If employed by the State  
18 Department of Education, the JROTC statewide coordinator must be  
19 an active or retired member of the military and must meet any  
20 additional qualifications that may be established for the position  
21 by the State Superintendent of Public Education or State Personnel  
22 Board.

23        (2) The following are the powers and duties of the JROTC  
24 statewide coordinator:

25            (a) To coordinate training of new JROTC instructors and  
26 continuing education programs for certified instructors;

27            (b) To facilitate communication between JROTC programs

28 in the various public schools;

29 (c) To assist in organizing competitions among JROTC  
30 units from different high schools;

31 (d) To assist in the development of the JROTC  
32 curriculum;

33 (e) To compile information on scholarships available to  
34 JROTC participants and to solicit support for such scholarships;

35 (f) To assist in establishing support groups for  
36 parents of students participating in a JROTC program;

37 (g) To solicit and accept financial support for JROTC  
38 programs from private sector donors;

39 (h) To promote the involvement of JROTC units within  
40 their local communities;

41 (i) To facilitate interaction between JROTC units and  
42 the Mississippi National Guard and Mississippi Air National Guard;

43 (j) To promote, in general, the JROTC program in high  
44 schools throughout the state;

45 (k) To assist local schools with the application  
46 process for establishing new JROTC programs in high schools; and

47 (l) To perform such other duties relating to the JROTC  
48 program established by the State Superintendent of Public  
49 Education or State Board of Education.

50 SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall study the  
51 issues relating to the funding of Junior Reserve Officer Training  
52 Corps (JROTC) and the licensing of JROTC instructors. In studying  
53 the licensing issue, the board shall consider the credentials  
54 required for certification as a JROTC instructor. The board shall  
55 present a report on its findings concerning these issues along  
56 with any other issues related to JROTC to the Chairmen of the  
57 Education Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate  
58 before December 15, 2001, which report must include recommended

59 legislation necessary to effectuate the board's recommendations  
60 relating to JROTC.

61 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
62 and after July 1, 2001.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS  
2 (JROTC) PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
3 EDUCATION TO EMPLOY OR CONTRACT WITH THE MISSISSIPPI MILITARY  
4 DEPARTMENT FOR A STATEWIDE COORDINATOR FOR JROTC PROGRAMS AND TO  
5 ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE STATEWIDE COORDINATOR; TO REQUIRE THE  
6 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY ISSUES RELATING TO THE FUNDING  
7 OF JROTC AND THE LICENSURE OF JROTC INSTRUCTORS AND TO REQUIRE THE  
8 BOARD TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE  
9 HOUSE AND SENATE BEFORE THE 2002 SESSION; AND FOR RELATED  
10 PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph L. Warren

**X** \_\_\_\_\_  
David Jordan

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Alice Harden