

By: Representative Warren

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 642

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-63-3, 37-151-17, 37-151-69 AND
2 37-153-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE
3 SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TO DESIGNATE AN APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL
4 TO SERVE IN HIS PLACE ON CERTAIN STATE BOARDS AND COUNCILS; AND
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-63-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-63-3. The Authority for Educational Television shall
10 consist of the State Superintendent of Public Education, or his
11 designee, and six (6) members appointed, with the advice and
12 consent of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint four (4)
13 members, one (1) of whom shall be actively engaged as a teacher or
14 principal in a secondary school system in the State of Mississippi
15 and one (1) of whom shall be actively engaged as a teacher or
16 principal in an elementary school system in the State of
17 Mississippi. Beginning July 1, 1994, the appointee actively
18 engaged as a teacher or principal in a secondary school shall be
19 appointed for an initial term of three (3) years. The member
20 actively engaged as a teacher or principal in an elementary school
21 shall be appointed for an initial term of four (4) years. The
22 remaining two (2) gubernatorial appointees shall serve until July
23 1, 1996. Beginning July 1, 1996, the Governor shall appoint two
24 (2) members for initial terms of three (3) and four (4) years,
25 with the Governor specifically designating which member shall be
26 appointed for three (3) years and which shall be appointed for
27 four (4) years. The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges
28 shall appoint one (1) member, and the Board of Trustees of the



29 State Institutions of Higher Learning shall appoint one (1)
30 member. After the expiration of the initial terms, all members
31 shall serve for terms of four (4) years. An appointment to fill a
32 vacancy among the gubernatorial appointees, other than by
33 expiration of a term of office, shall be made by the Governor for
34 the balance of the unexpired term.

35 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-151-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
36 amended as follows:

37 37-151-17. (1) There is established the Council for
38 Education Technology which shall be an advisory group attached to
39 the State Board of Education. The council shall develop a master
40 plan for education technology.

41 (2) The council shall consist of the State Superintendent of
42 Public Education or his designee, the Executive Director of the
43 Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, the
44 Executive Director of Mississippi Educational Television (ETV),
45 the Executive Director of the Mississippi Library Commission, the
46 Executive Director of the State Board for Community and Junior
47 Colleges and the Commissioner of Higher Education, who shall serve
48 as ex officio voting members, and four (4) members appointed
49 within thirty (30) days after July 1, 1994, as follows:

50 (a) One (1) member appointed by the State Board of
51 Education;

52 (b) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor; and

53 (c) One (1) member appointed by the Executive Director
54 of the Mississippi Development Authority. All appointed members
55 of the council shall have a demonstrated knowledge in an area of
56 technology as defined in Section 37-151-15(2). All appointments
57 to the council shall be made with the advice and consent of the
58 Senate. A majority of the membership present at any meeting shall
59 constitute a quorum for the official conduct of business.

60 (3) Members shall be appointed for four-year terms and may
61 be reappointed. Members may be reimbursed for mileage and actual



62 and necessary expenses in accordance with state law, and members
63 who are not state officers or employees shall receive per diem as
64 authorized in Section 25-3-69.

65 (4) Immediately upon receiving notice of the appointment of
66 all members, the State Superintendent of Public Education shall
67 call an organizational meeting. At this meeting the State
68 Superintendent of Public Education or his designee shall preside
69 as temporary chairman, and the council shall elect from among the
70 members a chairman and any other officers it deems necessary, and
71 define the duties of the officers.

72 (5) Meetings shall be held at least four (4) times per year,
73 or upon call of the chairman, at a time and place designated by
74 the chairman. The State Department of Education shall provide
75 staff support for the council.

76 (6) The duties and responsibilities of the council shall
77 include, but are not * * * limited to, the following:

78 (a) Developing a long-range master plan for the
79 efficient and equitable use of technology at all levels from
80 primary school through higher education, including vocational and
81 adult education. The plan shall focus on the technology
82 requirements of classroom instruction, literacy laboratories,
83 student record management, financial and administrative
84 management, distance learning and communications as they relate to
85 the state's performance goals for students. The plan shall be
86 presented to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology
87 Services for approval;

88 (b) Creating, overseeing and monitoring a well-planned
89 and efficient statewide network of technology services designed to
90 meet the educational and informational needs of the schools;

91 (c) Working with private enterprise to encourage the
92 development of technology products specifically designed to answer
93 Mississippi's educational needs;



94 (d) Encouraging an environment receptive to
95 technological progress in education throughout the state; and

96 (e) Working with other state entities to maximize the
97 use and benefit of the state's technology infrastructure, to avoid
98 duplication of public and private resources and to maximize the
99 purchasing ability of the state. When appropriate, shared
100 resources and competitive bidding shall be used.

101 All contracts, requests for proposals and bid awards shall be
102 subject to the approval of the Mississippi Department of
103 Information Technology Services.

104 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-151-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
105 amended as follows:

106 37-151-69. (1) There is created the Mississippi Work Force
107 Development Advisory Council, which shall have the following
108 duties:

109 (a) To provide a forum for developing the necessary
110 collaboration among state agencies at the highest level for
111 accomplishing the purposes of this article;

112 (b) To monitor the effectiveness of the career centers
113 and district councils created pursuant to this article;

114 (c) To advise the Governor and public schools,
115 community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning
116 on effective school-to-work transition policies and programs that
117 link students moving from high school to higher education and
118 students moving between community colleges and four-year
119 institutions in pursuit of academic and technical skills training;

120 (d) To work with industry to identify barriers that
121 inhibit the delivery of quality work force education and the
122 responsiveness of educational institutions to the needs of
123 industry; and

124 (e) To provide periodic assessments on effectiveness
125 and results of the system of career centers and district councils.



126 (2) The state council shall be composed of the following
127 twenty-seven (27) persons:

128 (a) A private sector representative from each of the
129 fifteen (15) district councils, who will have initial terms as
130 follows: one (1) year for the representatives of Coahoma
131 Community College District, Itawamba Community College District,
132 Hinds Community College District, Jones Junior College District
133 and Southwest Mississippi Community College District; two (2)
134 years for representatives of Northeast Mississippi Community
135 College District, Copiah-Lincoln Community College District, Pearl
136 River Community College District, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community
137 College District and East Mississippi Community College District;
138 and three (3) years for representatives of Northwest Mississippi
139 Community College District, Mississippi Delta Community College
140 District, Meridian Community College District, East Central
141 Community College District and Holmes Community College District.
142 All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years
143 and continue until their successors are appointed and qualify. An
144 appointment to fill a vacancy which arises for reasons other than
145 by expiration of a term of office shall be for the unexpired term
146 only;

147 (b) The State Superintendent of Public Education, or
148 his designee;

149 (c) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

150 (d) The Executive Director of the State Board for
151 Community and Junior Colleges;

152 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
153 Employment Security Commission;

154 (f) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
155 Department of Human Services;

156 (g) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
157 Development Authority;

158 (h) The Governor of the State of Mississippi;



159 (i) A representative of the private business sector
160 appointed by the Governor;

161 (j) A representative of the State Literacy Resource
162 Center;

163 (k) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
164 Department of Rehabilitation Services;

165 (l) An employee representing an employee group or
166 association appointed by the Lieutenant Governor; and

167 (m) An executive of a major service provider appointed
168 by the Lieutenant Governor.

169 (3) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Development
170 Authority and the Governor's private business sector appointee to
171 the state council shall serve as the cochairs of the state
172 council.

173 (4) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall
174 provide the necessary staff and administrative support to the
175 state council.

176 **SECTION 4.** Section 37-153-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
177 amended as follows:

178 37-153-7. (1) There is created the Mississippi Work Force
179 Development Advisory Council, which shall have the following
180 duties:

181 (a) To provide a forum for developing the necessary
182 collaboration among state agencies at the highest level for
183 accomplishing the purposes of this chapter;

184 (b) To monitor the effectiveness of the career centers
185 and district councils created pursuant to this chapter;

186 (c) To advise the Governor and public schools,
187 community and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning
188 on effective school-to-work transition policies and programs that
189 link students moving from high school to higher education and
190 students moving between community colleges and four-year
191 institutions in pursuit of academic and technical skills training;



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194 responsiveness of educational institutions to the needs of
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212 District, Meridian Community College District, East Central
213 Community College District and Holmes Community College District.
214 All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years
215 and continue until their successors are appointed and qualify. An
216 appointment to fill a vacancy which arises for reasons other than
217 by expiration of a term of office shall be for the unexpired term
218 only;

219 (b) The State Superintendent of Public Education, or
220 his designee;

221 (c) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

222 (d) The Executive Director of the State Board for
223 Community and Junior Colleges;



224 (e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
225 Employment Security Commission;

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227 Department of Human Services;

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234 Center;

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244 council.

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246 provide the necessary staff and administrative support to the
247 state council.

248 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
249 and after July 1, 2002.

