

By: Representative Eads

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1104

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-87, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER SUPERVISORS
3 EMPLOYED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FROM THREE TO TWO;
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-87, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-13-87. (1) The Director of the Office of Compulsory
9 School Attendance Enforcement shall create a northern region and
10 southern region of the state for the purpose of employing two (2)
11 school attendance officer supervisors, each to maintain an office
12 within the region of the state served by that supervisor. These
13 regions must be established so that as equal a number of school
14 attendance officers as possible are under the supervision of the
15 school attendance officer supervisor in each region. Each
16 supervisor shall be responsible for the enforcement of the
17 Mississippi Compulsory School Attendance Law within his region and
18 shall exercise direct supervision over the school attendance
19 officers in that region. The supervisors, who shall report to the
20 director of the office, shall assist the school attendance
21 officers in the performance of their duties as established by law
22 or otherwise.

23 (2) No person having less than eight (8) years combined
24 actual experience as a school attendance officer, school teacher,
25 school administrator, law enforcement officer possessing a college
26 degree with a major in a behavioral science or a related field,
27 and/or social worker in the state shall be employed as a school
28 attendance officer supervisor. Further, a school attendance



29 officer supervisor shall possess a college degree with a major in
30 a behavioral science or a related field or shall have actual
31 experience as a school teacher, school administrator, law
32 enforcement officer possessing such degree or social worker;
33 however, these requirements shall not apply to persons employed as
34 school attendance officers before January 1, 1987. School
35 attendance officers shall meet any additional qualifications
36 established by the State Personnel Board for school attendance
37 officers or school attendance officer supervisors. The school
38 attendance officer supervisors shall receive an annual salary to
39 be set by the State Superintendent of Public Education, subject to
40 the approval of the State Personnel Board, with consideration
41 given to the increased responsibilities attendant upon the school
42 attendance officer supervisors when the number of such positions
43 is decreased from three (3) to two (2) on July 1, 2002.

44 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after July 1, 2002.

