

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Education

## SENATE BILL NO. 2283

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 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 within  
49 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



and necessary expenses in accordance with state law, and members who are not state officers or employees shall receive per diem as authorized in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(4) Immediately upon receiving notice of the appointment of all members, the State Superintendent of Education shall call an organizational meeting. At this meeting the State Superintendent of Education shall preside as temporary chairman, and the council shall elect from among the members a chairman and any other officers it deems necessary, and define the duties of the officers.

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

(6) The duties and responsibilities of the council shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

(c) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

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

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

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

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

(h) The Governor of the State of Mississippi;



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

(c) The Commissioner of Higher Education;

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



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

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

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

(h) The Governor of the State of Mississippi;

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

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Center;

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Department of Rehabilitation Services;

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Authority and the Governor's private business sector appointee to  
the state council shall serve as the cochairs of the state  
council.

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

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

