

By: Senator(s) Harden

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2317

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-339, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL SCHOOL
3 BOARDS TO PROVIDE EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY AND EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR
4 PROGRAMS AND ON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL HOME RULE
5 AUTHORITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-7-339, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 37-7-339. (1) The school board of any local school
10 district, in its discretion, may provide extended day and extended
11 school year programs for kindergarten or compulsory-school-age
12 students, or both, and may expend any funds for these purposes
13 which are available from nonminimum or nonadequate education
14 program sources. It is not the intent of the Legislature, in
15 enacting this section, to interfere with the Headstart program.
16 School boards, in their discretion, may charge participants a
17 reasonable fee for such programs.

18 (2) The school board of any school district may adopt any
19 orders, policies, rules or regulations with respect to instruction
20 within that school district for which no specific provision has
21 been made by general law and which are not inconsistent with the
22 Mississippi Constitution of 1890, the Mississippi Code of 1972, or
23 any order, policy, rule or regulation of the State Board of
24 Education; those school boards also may alter, modify and repeal
25 any orders, policies, rules or regulations enacted under this
26 subsection. Any such program pertaining to reading must further
27 the goal that Mississippi students will demonstrate a growing



28 proficiency in reading and will reach or exceed the national
29 average within the next decade.

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31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after June 30, 2002.

