

By: Senator(s) Ross

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2825

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-218, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE THAT UPON THE REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO CORRECT ANY AUDIT  
3 FINDING OF SUBSTANTIAL NONCOMPLIANCE WHICH HAS EXISTED FOR THREE  
4 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, THE STATE AUDITOR SHALL CORRECT AND PUBLISH THE  
5 FINDING OF SUBSTANTIAL NONCOMPLIANCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE  
6 GOVERNING BOARD OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ENTITY INVOLVED; AND  
7 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 7-7-218, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
10 amended as follows:

11 7-7-218. (1) If any officer or employee of the state or  
12 subdivision shall refuse or fail to make any report to the  
13 department, the State Auditor shall proceed to make the report or  
14 cause the report to be made. The expense for such report shall be  
15 personally borne by said officer or employee, and he or she shall  
16 be responsible for the payment of the expense incurred.

17 (2) If any officer or employee of a state agency or  
18 political subdivision refuses or fails to correct any audit  
19 finding of substantial noncompliance that has existed for three

20 (3) consecutive years, the State Auditor shall proceed to cause  
21 the finding to be made in compliance and publish the findings and  
22 action. The expense for such correction and publication of a  
23 finding of substantial noncompliance shall be borne by the  
24 governing board or executive director of the entity involved.

25 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2002.

