

By: Senator(s) Thames

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2993

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-31-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO CLARIFY THE APPROPRIATE USE OF TITLES BY SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS  
3 PRACTICING IN SCHOOL SETTINGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-31-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 73-31-27. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to  
8 limit:

9 (a) The activities, services, and use of an official  
10 title on the part of a person in the employ of a federal, state,  
11 county or municipal agency, or of other political subdivisions, or  
12 any educational institution chartered by the state, insofar as  
13 such activities, services and use of an official title are a part  
14 of the duties of his office or position with such agency or  
15 institution; or

16 (b) The activities, services and use of an official  
17 title on the part of a person in the employ of an exempt  
18 organization (in any state) who may be employed by another exempt  
19 organization for a consulting fee; or

20 (c) The activities and services of a student, intern or  
21 trainee in psychology pursuing a course of study in psychology at  
22 an institution of higher education, if these activities and  
23 services constitute a part of his supervised course of study; or

24 (d) The services and activities of members of other  
25 professional groups licensed or certified by the State of  
26 Mississippi who perform work of a psychological nature consistent  
27 with their training, work experience history, and with any code of



28 ethics of their respective professions, provided they do not hold  
29 themselves out to be psychologists. The practice of psychology as  
30 defined by this act overlaps with the activities of other  
31 professional groups and it is not the intent of this act to  
32 regulate the activities of these professional groups.

33 (2) Individuals certified by the Mississippi State  
34 Department of Education may use appropriate titles such as "school  
35 psychologist," "certified school psychologist," "educational  
36 psychologist" or "psychometrist" only when employed by, or under  
37 contract with, a school and practicing in an educational setting.

38 (3) Lecturers from any school or college may utilize their  
39 academic or research title when invited to present lectures to  
40 institutions or organizations.

41 This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1,  
42 2011.

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

