SENATE BILL NO. 2993

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) The services and activities of members of other 
professional groups licensed or certified by the State of 
Mississippi who perform work of a psychological nature consistent 
with their training, work experience history, and with any code of
ethics of their respective professions, provided they do not hold
themselves out to be psychologists. The practice of psychology as
defined by this act overlaps with the activities of other
professional groups and it is not the intent of this act to
regulate the activities of these professional groups.

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

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

This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2011.

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