

By: Representative Fleming

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 453

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS COMPLETE A STATE CERTIFIED DRIVER EDUCATION
3 TRAINING PROGRAM IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-16-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-16-7. (1) Each district school board shall establish
9 standards for graduation from its schools which shall include as a
10 minimum:

11 (a) Mastery of minimum academic skills as measured by
12 assessments developed and administered by the State Board of
13 Education.

14 (b) Completion of a minimum number of academic credits,
15 and all other applicable requirements prescribed by the district
16 school board.

17 (c) For high schools, completion of a state certified
18 driver education and training program.

19 (2) A student who meets all requirements prescribed in
20 subsection (1) of this section shall be awarded a standard diploma
21 in a form prescribed by the state board.

22 (3) The State Board of Education may establish student
23 proficiency standards for promotion to grade levels leading to
24 graduation.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
26 and after July 1, 2003.

