

By: Representative Weathersby

To: Education;  
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 481

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "MISSISSIPPI SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR"  
2 AWARD PROGRAM AND THE "MISSISSIPPI PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR" AWARD  
3 PROGRAM WITH AN AWARD OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO EACH RECIPIENTS;  
4 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education shall establish and  
7 design an annual program of awards for exemplary performing  
8 superintendents of Mississippi's public school districts, to be  
9 called the "Mississippi Superintendent of the Year" Award Program.

10 The board shall establish criteria and guidelines for making  
11 the annual award to one (1) exemplary performing superintendent in  
12 Mississippi, which shall include a cash award of Five Thousand  
13 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid by the State Department of  
14 Education from funds appropriated therefor and shall be  
15 unrestricted in its use by the recipient. The award shall be paid  
16 as a supplement to the superintendent's contracted salary in the  
17 year after receiving the recognition.

18 The State Board of Education shall utilize those awards to  
19 bring the best practices of superintendents to the attention of  
20 other schools. The awards shall include public recognition by the  
21 local school board and the State Board of Education and the  
22 awarding of plaques, certificates and the monetary award for  
23 superintendents that perform well.

24 **SECTION 2.** The State Board of Education shall establish and  
25 design an annual program of awards for exemplary performing  
26 principals in Mississippi's public school districts, to be called  
27 the "Mississippi Principal of the Year" Award Program.



28           The board shall establish criteria and guidelines for making  
29 the annual award to one (1) exemplary performing principal in  
30 Mississippi, which shall include a cash award of Five Thousand  
31 Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid by the State Department of  
32 Education from funds appropriated therefor and shall be  
33 unrestricted in its use by the recipient. The award shall be paid  
34 as a supplement to the principal's contracted salary in the year  
35 after receiving the recognition.

36           The State Board of Education shall utilize those awards to  
37 bring the best practices of principals to the attention of other  
38 schools. The awards shall include public recognition by the local  
39 school board and the State Board of Education and the awarding of  
40 plaques, certificates and the monetary award for principals that  
41 perform well.

42           **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be codified in  
43 Title 37, Chapter 151, Mississippi Code of 1972.

44           **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
45 and after July 1, 2003.

