

By: Representative Ford

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 764

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-4-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 EXTEND THE REPEALER ON PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF  
3 CERTAIN PROGRAMS TO THE WORKFORCE EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND FOR  
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-4-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 37-4-11. (1) The purpose of this section is to insure the  
9 uniform management, oversight and accountability of the  
10 state-funded Industrial Training Programs, and postsecondary Adult  
11 Short-term Training Programs and Workforce Education Programs  
12 administered by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges  
13 for adults provided to the citizens of Mississippi.

14 (2) Effective July 1, 1999, all state-funded Industrial  
15 Training Programs and postsecondary Adult Short-term Training  
16 Programs administered by and through the State Department of  
17 Education on June 30, 1999, shall be transferred to the Workforce  
18 Education Program of the State Board for Community and Junior  
19 Colleges. The Legislature shall appropriate annually to the State  
20 Board for Community and Junior Colleges funds necessary to  
21 administer these programs.

22 (3) Effective July 1, 1999, all funds, unexpended balances,  
23 assets, liabilities and property of the State Department of  
24 Education which are used in the delivery of postsecondary Adult  
25 Short-term Training Programs and Industrial Training Programs,  
26 excluding funds, unexpended balances, assets, liabilities and  
27 property associated with the Research and Curriculum Unit at  
28 Mississippi State University, shall be transferred to the



29 Workforce Education Program funds of the State Board for Community  
30 and Junior Colleges. The State Department of Education also shall  
31 transfer to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges all  
32 positions and funds employed by the State Department of Education  
33 and community colleges which render industrial training,  
34 postsecondary adult short-term training or workforce education  
35 services, including the seven (7) administrative and support  
36 positions providing support to these programs. Sufficient staff  
37 positions shall be transferred from the State Department of  
38 Education, which will have a reduction in training and educational  
39 responsibilities by virtue of this act, to the State Board for  
40 Community and Junior Colleges to assure that the transferred  
41 responsibilities will be properly managed and administered. Any  
42 funds available to the State Department of Education for  
43 Industrial Training Programs and state-funded postsecondary Adult  
44 Short-term Training Programs which are subject to carryover shall  
45 be transferred to the Work Force Carryover Fund established by  
46 Chapter 498, Laws of 1995, for use by the State Board for  
47 Community and Junior Colleges, on or before August 15, 1999.

48 (4) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall  
49 develop an accountability system that shall report and describe  
50 all classes taught in the area of workforce education, the number  
51 of persons taught in these classes, and the location and cost of  
52 each class taught. To assess the impact of these programs, the  
53 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges also shall report:

54 (a) Whether the needs of industry have been met through  
55 training program offerings;

56 (b) Any changes in the income of trainees between the  
57 completion of training and the date of the report;

58 (c) The number of jobs created and the number of jobs  
59 retained through the programs; and

60 (d) Trainee success in passing proficiency tests, where  
61 applicable.



62           This information shall be reported on a fiscal year basis and  
63 shall be provided to the House and Senate Education Committees  
64 before December 15 of each year.

65           (5) This section shall be repealed on July 1, 2004.

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

