

By: Representative Ketchings

To: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILL NO. 1100

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-76-34, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAY NOT TEACH PERSONS TO GAMBLE OR  
3 TO OPERATE GAMING DEVICES, BUT TO ALLOW SUCH SCHOOLS TO TEACH  
4 PERSONS TO BE EMPLOYEES IN THE GAMING INDUSTRY; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 75-76-34, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 75-76-34. (1) The Mississippi Gaming Commission is  
10 authorized to regulate all schools or training institutions that  
11 teach or train gaming employees. Such schools shall only be  
12 located in counties where gaming is legal aboard a cruise vessel  
13 or vessel or in counties where cruise vessels were legally  
14 operating out of a port at the time of passage of the Mississippi  
15 Gaming Control Act pursuant to Section 19-3-79. No such school  
16 shall be located on publicly owned property, and no public school  
17 shall teach or train persons to gamble or to operate a gaming  
18 device. The gaming activities of schools or training institutions  
19 regulated by the commission shall be deemed to be legal under the  
20 laws of the State of Mississippi. Any person desiring to operate  
21 a school or training institution must file a license application  
22 with the executive director to be licensed by the commission.

23 (2) The commission may adopt regulations it deems necessary  
24 to regulate schools and training institutions. These regulations  
25 shall, without limiting the general powers of the commission,  
26 include the following:

27 (a) Prescribing the method and form of application  
28 which any applicant for a school or training institution must



29 follow and complete before consideration of his application by the  
30 executive director or commission.

31 (b) Prescribing the information to be furnished by the  
32 applicant relating to his employees.

33 (c) Requiring fingerprinting of the applicant,  
34 employees and students of the school or institution or other  
35 methods of identification and the forwarding of all fingerprints  
36 taken pursuant to regulation of the Federal Bureau of  
37 Investigation.

38 (d) Requiring any applicant to pay all or part of the  
39 fees and costs of investigation of the applicant as may be  
40 determined by the commission.

41 (e) Prescribing the manner and method of collection and  
42 payment of fees and costs and issuance of licenses to schools or  
43 training institutions.

44 (f) Prescribing under what conditions a licensee  
45 authorized by this section may be deemed subject to revocation or  
46 suspension of his license.

47 (g) Defining the curriculum of the school or training  
48 institution, the games and devices permitted, the use of tokens  
49 only for instruction purposes, and the method of operation of  
50 games and devices.

51 (h) Requiring the applicant to submit its location of  
52 the school or training institution, which shall be at least four  
53 hundred (400) feet from any church, school, kindergarten or  
54 funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or  
55 business, the minimum distance shall not be less than one hundred  
56 (100) feet.

57 (i) Requiring that all employees and students of the  
58 school or training institution be at least twenty-one (21) years  
59 of age and be a resident of the State of Mississippi.

60 (j) Requiring all employees and students of the school  
61 or training institution to wear identification cards issued by the



62 commission while on the premises of the school or training  
63 institution.

64 (k) Requiring the commission to investigate each  
65 applicant, employee and student and determine that the individual  
66 does not fall within any one (1) of the following categories:

67 (i) Is under indictment for, or has been convicted  
68 in any court of, a felony;

69 (ii) Is a fugitive from justice;

70 (iii) Is an unlawful user of any controlled  
71 substance, is addicted to any controlled substance or alcoholic  
72 beverage, or is an habitual drunkard;

73 (iv) Is a mental defective, has been committed to  
74 a mental institution, or has been voluntarily committed to a  
75 mental institution on more than one (1) occasion;

76 (v) Has been discharged from the Armed Forces  
77 under dishonorable conditions; or

78 (vi) Has been found at any time by the executive  
79 director or commission to have falsified any information.

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

