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To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1318

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON HOLDING A TEACHER'S LICENSE WHO IS
3 FIFTY-FIVE OR OLDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE ADDITIONAL COURSES TO
4 RENEW HIS OR HER TEACHER'S LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State
9 Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and
10 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
11 Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission
12 to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding
13 standards for the certification and licensure and continuing
14 professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an
15 educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

16 (2) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15)
17 qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be
18 composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from
19 each congressional district: four (4) classroom teachers; three
20 (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of
21 education of institutions of higher learning located within the
22 state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State
23 Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the
24 schools of education of independent institutions of higher
25 learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi
26 Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from
27 public community and junior colleges located within the state to
28 be recommended by the State Board for Community and Junior



29 Colleges; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) lay
30 persons. All appointments shall be made by the State Board of
31 Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of
32 Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of
33 Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be
34 appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be
35 appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall
36 be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all
37 members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

38 (3) The State Board of Education when making appointments
39 shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least
40 once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the
41 commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as
42 authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and
43 necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

44 (4) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of
45 Education shall be designated and assigned by the State
46 Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary
47 and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other
48 appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education
49 shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of
50 Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

51 (5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

52 (a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval
53 of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation
54 programs in the state;

55 (b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year
56 approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in
57 the state;

58 (c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
59 Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification
60 and licensure in all fields;



61 (d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
62 Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses
63 in all fields;

64 (e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher
65 performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the
66 licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

67 (f) Review all existing requirements for certification
68 and licensure;

69 (g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by
70 the commission's decisions;

71 (h) Prepare reports from time to time on current
72 practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and
73 certification and licensure;

74 (i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers'
75 and administrators' education and certification and licensure with
76 approval of the State Board of Education;

77 (j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State
78 Board of Education;

79 (k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific
80 areas; and

81 (l) Perform such other functions as may fall within
82 their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the
83 State Board of Education.

84 (6) (a) **Standard License - Approved Program Route.** An
85 educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first
86 time and meeting all requirements as established by the State
87 Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license.
88 Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an
89 assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an
90 accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill
91 student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified
92 participating teacher approved by an accredited college of
93 education. The local school district in which the assistant



94 teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at
95 the required salary level during the period of time such
96 individual is completing student teaching requirements.
97 Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:
98 (i) An application on a department form;
99 (ii) An official transcript of completion of a
100 teacher education program approved by the department or a
101 nationally accredited program, subject to the following:
102 Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through
103 kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher
104 education program or a bachelor of science degree with child
105 development emphasis from a program accredited by the American
106 Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the
107 National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by
108 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
109 (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for
110 those applicants who have completed a teacher education program,
111 and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an
112 interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4
113 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary
114 program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration.
115 Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall
116 require a major in an academic field other than education, or a
117 combination of disciplines other than education. Students
118 preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the
119 respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard
120 licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation
121 in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by
122 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
123 (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher
124 Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who
125 have a bachelor of science degree with child development emphasis,
126 the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS);



127 (iii) A copy of test scores evidencing
128 satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of
129 achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher
130 testing examinations; and

131 (iv) Any other document required by the State
132 Board of Education.

133 (b) **Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route.**

134 Beginning January 1, 2003, an individual who possesses at least a
135 bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited
136 institution of higher learning, who has a passing score on the
137 Praxis I Basic Skills and Praxis II Specialty Area Test in the
138 requested area of endorsement may apply for the Teach Mississippi
139 Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7 through 12
140 if the individual meets the requirements of this paragraph (b).

141 The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring that
142 teacher preparation institutions which provide the Teach
143 Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of
144 nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with
145 the provisions of this paragraph.

146 (i) The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall
147 include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer
148 program, which shall include, but not be limited to, instruction
149 in education, effective teaching strategies, classroom management,
150 state curriculum requirements, planning and instruction,
151 instructional methods and pedagogy, using test results to improve
152 instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour supervised
153 internship to be completed while the teacher is employed as a
154 full-time teacher intern in a local school district. The TMI
155 shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with courses to be
156 offered at up to four (4) locations in the state, with one (1) TMI
157 site to be located in each of the three (3) Mississippi Supreme
158 Court districts.



159 (ii) The school sponsoring the teacher intern
160 shall enter into a written agreement with the institution
161 providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under
162 terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties,
163 providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns
164 seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a
165 one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall
166 successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive
167 internship in the school district during the semester immediately
168 following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of
169 the one-year classroom teaching experience.

170 (iii) Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour
171 TMI, the individual shall submit his transcript to the commission
172 for provisional licensure of the intern teacher, and the intern
173 teacher shall be issued a provisional teaching license by the
174 commission, which will allow the individual to legally serve as a
175 teacher while the person completes a nontraditional teacher
176 preparation internship program.

177 (iv) During the semester of internship in the
178 school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor
179 the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that
180 employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional
181 teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a
182 nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation
183 with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of
184 employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of
185 the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration
186 of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive
187 evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's
188 performance fails to meet the standards of the approved
189 nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the
190 individual shall not be approved for a standard license.



191 (v) An individual issued a provisional teaching
192 license under this nontraditional route shall successfully
193 complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and
194 induction program administered by the employing school district
195 with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

196 (vi) Upon successful completion of the TMI and the
197 internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard
198 License-Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a
199 transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester
200 hours required in the internship program, and the employing school
201 district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for
202 standard licensure of the intern. If the school district
203 recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard
204 License-Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a five-year
205 period and be renewable.

206 (vii) At the discretion of the teacher-preparation
207 institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve
208 (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher
209 internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master
210 of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

211 (viii) The local school district in which the
212 nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed
213 shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required
214 salary level during the period of time such individual is
215 completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate
216 such Standard License-Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of
217 the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

218 Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this
219 paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds
220 appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature.
221 Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to
222 prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and
223 implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure



224 programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency
225 certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall
226 remain in effect.

227 The State Department of Education shall compile and report,
228 in consultation with the commission, information relating to
229 nontraditional teacher preparation internship programs, including
230 the number of programs available and geographic areas in which
231 they are available, the number of individuals who apply for and
232 possess a nontraditional conditional license, the subject areas in
233 which individuals who possess nontraditional conditional licenses
234 are teaching and where they are teaching, and shall submit its
235 findings and recommendations to the legislative committees on
236 education by December 1, 2004.

237 A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued
238 for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching
239 as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons
240 holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard
241 License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any
242 other license.

243 (c) **Special License - Expert Citizen.** In order to
244 allow a school district to offer specialized or technical courses,
245 the State Department of Education, in accordance with rules and
246 regulations established by the State Board of Education, may grant
247 a one-year expert citizen-teacher license to local business or
248 other professional personnel to teach in a public school or
249 nonpublic school accredited or approved by the state. Such person
250 may begin teaching upon his employment by the local school board
251 and licensure by the Mississippi Department of Education. The
252 board shall adopt rules and regulations to administer the expert
253 citizen-teacher license. A special license - expert citizen may
254 be renewed in accordance with the established rules and
255 regulations of the State Department of Education.



256 (d) **Special License - Nonrenewable.** The State Board of
257 Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to
258 allow those educators not meeting requirements in subsection
259 (6) (a), (b) or (c) to be licensed for a period of not more than
260 three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of
261 Education.

262 (e) **Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel.** A nonlicensed
263 person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching
264 day in a public school or a nonpublic school accredited/approved
265 by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a
266 transcript or record of his education and experience which
267 substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and
268 shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and
269 approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any
270 local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under
271 this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number
272 of licensed personnel in any single school.

273 (f) **Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education.**
274 Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special
275 licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who
276 possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section.
277 Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated
278 by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the
279 regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed
280 under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses
281 to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the
282 commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a
283 speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in
284 which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in
285 English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii)
286 possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher
287 education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv)
288 meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours



289 therein, experience and training as may be required by the
290 commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and
291 possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of
292 transitional bilingual education serving under a special license
293 shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves
294 the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service
295 by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an
296 exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard
297 Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to
298 prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in
299 an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of
300 Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual
301 education.

302 (g) In the event any school district meets Level 4 or 5
303 accreditation standards, the State Board of Education, in its
304 discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions
305 in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed
306 teaching personnel.

307 (7) **Administrator License.** The State Board of Education is
308 authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer
309 the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of
310 Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator
311 licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the
312 State Board of Education.

313 (a) **Administrator License - Nonpracticing.** Those
314 educators holding administrative endorsement but have no
315 administrative experience or not serving in an administrative
316 position on January 15, 1997.

317 (b) **Administrator License - Entry Level.** Those
318 educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the
319 department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a
320 Mississippi school district. Administrator license - entry level
321 shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.



322 (c) **Standard Administrator License - Career Level.** An
323 administrator who has met all the requirements of the department
324 for standard administrator licensure.

325 (d) **Administrator License - Nontraditional Route.** The
326 board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing
327 administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for
328 administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding,
329 but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a
330 master of public administration degree, a master of public
331 planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree
332 from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of
333 administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion
334 of the requirements of alternate route licensure for
335 administrators shall qualify the person for a standard
336 administrator license.

337 The State Department of Education shall compile and report,
338 in consultation with the commission, information relating to
339 nontraditional administrator preparation internship programs,
340 including the number of programs available and geographic areas in
341 which they are available, the number of individuals who apply for
342 and possess a nontraditional conditional license and where they
343 are employed, and shall submit its findings and recommendations to
344 the legislative committees on education by December 1, 2004.

345 Beginning with the 1997-1998 school year, individuals seeking
346 school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d)
347 shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment
348 process prescribed by the State Board of Education. Applicants
349 seeking school administrator licensure prior to June 30, 1997, and
350 completing all requirements for provisional or standard
351 administrator certification and who have never practiced, shall be
352 exempt from taking the Mississippi Assessment Battery Phase I.
353 Applicants seeking school administrator licensure during the
354 period beginning July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, shall



355 participate in the Mississippi Assessment Battery, and upon
356 request of the applicant, the department shall reimburse the
357 applicant for the cost of the assessment process required. After
358 June 30, 1998, all applicants for school administrator licensure
359 shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under
360 paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process
361 required shall be paid by the applicant.

362 (8) **Reciprocity.** (a) The department shall grant a standard
363 license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license
364 from another state and has a minimum of two (2) years of full-time
365 teaching or administrator experience.

366 (b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special
367 license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less
368 than a standard license or certification from another state, or
369 who possesses a standard license from another state but has less
370 than two (2) years of full-time teaching or administration
371 experience. Such special license shall be valid for the current
372 school year plus one (1) additional school year to expire on June
373 30 of the second year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four
374 (24) months, during which time the applicant shall be required to
375 complete the requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

376 (9) **Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses.** The State Board
377 of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for
378 the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator
379 licenses. Any person holding a teacher's license who is age
380 fifty-five (55) or older is not required to take continuing
381 education courses or other courses in order to renew his or her
382 teacher's license. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard
383 license held by an educator shall be extended five (5) years
384 beyond the expiration date of the license in order to afford the
385 educator adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements
386 established pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a
387 master of education, educational specialist or doctor of education



388 degree in May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's
389 license to a higher class shall be given this extension of five
390 (5) years plus five (5) additional years for completion of a
391 higher degree.

392 (10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation,
393 suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an
394 educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a
395 hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee
396 established by the commission and composed of commission members
397 for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the
398 denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be
399 by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission of Teacher and
400 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
401 Development. The decision thereon by the commission or its
402 subcommittee shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall
403 appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of
404 the decision of the committee or its subcommittee. An appeal to
405 the State Board of Education shall be on the record previously
406 made before the commission or its subcommittee unless otherwise
407 provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The State
408 Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with
409 instructions, the decision of the committee or its subcommittee.
410 The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

411 (11) The State Board of Education, acting through the
412 commission, may deny an application for any teacher or
413 administrator license for one or more of the following:

414 (a) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law
415 or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

416 (b) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental
417 disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties
418 authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist
419 or psychiatrist;



420 (c) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively
421 dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual
422 user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or
423 other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for
424 a license;

425 (d) Revocation of an applicant's certificate or license
426 by another state;

427 (e) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in
428 securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

429 (f) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence
430 of identification;

431 (g) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty
432 or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by
433 federal or state law; or

434 (h) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty
435 or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined
436 by federal or state law.

437 (12) The State Board of Education, acting on the
438 recommendation of the commission, may revoke or suspend any
439 teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time for
440 one or more of the following:

441 (a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may
442 result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as
443 provided in Section 37-9-57;

444 (b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall
445 result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one
446 (1) year after correction is made;

447 (c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or
448 license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or
449 revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state
450 have been cleared;



451 (d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
452 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as
453 defined by federal or state law;

454 (e) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
455 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense, as
456 defined by federal or state law; or

457 (f) The license holder knowingly and willfully
458 committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform
459 test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1).

460 (13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by
461 a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the
462 suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which
463 shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity
464 of the offense.

465 (b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
466 state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or
467 attempted in this state.

468 (c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The
469 surrender of such license may result in the commission
470 recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a
471 hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been
472 surrendered by a licensed employee may be reinstated by a
473 unanimous vote of all members of the commission.

474 (14) A person whose license has been suspended on any
475 grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of
476 the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension, or
477 after one-half (1/2) of the suspended time has lapsed, whichever
478 is greater. A license suspended on the criminal grounds may be
479 reinstated upon petition to the commission filed after expiration
480 of the sentence and parole or probationary period imposed upon
481 conviction. A revoked license may be reinstated upon satisfactory
482 showing of evidence of rehabilitation. The commission shall
483 require all who petition for reinstatement to furnish evidence



484 satisfactory to the commission of good character, good mental,
485 emotional and physical health and such other evidence as the
486 commission may deem necessary to establish the petitioner's
487 rehabilitation and fitness to perform the duties authorized by the
488 license.

489 (15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing
490 with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the
491 commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of
492 Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be
493 effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or
494 revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the
495 superintendent of the school district or school board where the
496 teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action
497 and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or
498 suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State
499 Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any
500 decision of the commission regarding a petition for reinstatement
501 of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of
502 Education shall be final.

503 (16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of
504 Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a
505 license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions
506 of this section, shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First
507 Judicial District of Hinds County on the record made, including a
508 verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal
509 shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the
510 action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in
511 chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before
512 the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of
513 the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost
514 of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board
515 of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred
516 Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be



517 affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder
518 shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery
519 court.

520 (17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and
521 criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become
522 effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as
523 designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

524 (18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a
525 property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school
526 district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility
527 for teaching in the public schools of Mississippi. This section
528 shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school
529 districts to require greater qualifications or standards of
530 performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment
531 in such districts.

532 (19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections
533 (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to
534 suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance
535 with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The
536 procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance
537 with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or
538 reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the
539 payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a
540 license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section
541 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the
542 board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157
543 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken
544 under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is
545 required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in
546 accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section
547 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the
548 procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict
549 between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any



550 provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or
551 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

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

