

By: Senator(s) Chaney, Williamson

To: Fees, Salaries and Administration

SENATE BILL NO. 2382

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-149, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD TO AFFORD ANY INDIVIDUAL
3 HOLDING A MISSISSIPPI OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA FULL OPPORTUNITY IN
4 SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN STATE SERVICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-9-149, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-9-149. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that no
9 person seeking employment in state service, as defined in Section
10 25-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, or employed in state service,
11 as defined in Section 25-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be
12 discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,
13 national origin, age or handicap.

14 (2) The State Personnel Board shall afford any individual
15 holding a Mississippi Occupational Diploma issued by a local
16 school district pursuant to Section 37-16-11, Mississippi Code of
17 1972, full opportunity in applying for and qualifying for
18 employment in state service.

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

