

By: Representative Fleming

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 247

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE THAT STUDENTS COMPLETE A STATE CERTIFIED DRIVER EDUCATION
3 TRAINING PROGRAM IN ORDER TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL; TO AMEND
4 SECTION 37-25-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE ALL SCHOOL
5 DISTRICTS MAINTAINING A SECONDARY SCHOOL TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN
6 DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-16-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-16-7. (1) Each district school board shall establish
11 standards for graduation from its schools which shall include as a
12 minimum:

13 (a) Mastery of minimum academic skills as measured by
14 assessments developed and administered by the State Board of
15 Education.

16 (b) Completion of a minimum number of academic credits,
17 and all other applicable requirements prescribed by the district
18 school board.

19 (c) For high schools, completion of a state certified
20 driver education and training program.

21 (2) A student who meets all requirements prescribed in
22 subsection (1) of this section shall be awarded a standard diploma
23 in a form prescribed by the state board.

24 (3) The State Board of Education may establish student
25 proficiency standards for promotion to grade levels leading to
26 graduation.

27 **SECTION 2.** Section 37-25-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
28 amended as follows:

29 37-25-3. The school board of every school district
30 maintaining a secondary school which includes any of the Grades 9
31 through 12 inclusive shall establish and maintain driver education
32 and training programs for pupils enrolled in the day secondary
33 schools in that district.

34 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2004.