

By: Representative Pierce

To: Education;
Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1397

1 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY AND
2 EFFECTIVENESS OF RECONSTITUTING THE METHODS AND DELIVERY SYSTEM OF
3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LOCAL SCHOOL
4 ADMINISTRATORS AND LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AS CURRENTLY OFFERED
5 THROUGH THE SCHOOL EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE AND WHICH ARE
6 REQUIRED FOR LICENSE RENEWAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a task force to study the
9 feasibility and effectiveness of reconstituting the methods and
10 delivery system of professional development and continuing
11 education for local school administrators and local school board
12 members as currently offered through the school executive
13 management institute and which are required for license renewal.
14 The task force shall make a report of its findings and
15 recommendations to the Legislature by December 1, 2004, including
16 any recommended legislation.

17 (2) The task force shall be composed of the following eleven
18 (11) members:

19 (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education, who
20 will serve as chairperson of the task force;

21 (b) The Director of the Mississippi Association of
22 School Superintendents;

23 (c) The Director of the Mississippi School Boards
24 Association;

25 (d) The Director of the Mississippi Association of
26 School Administrators;

27 (e) One (1) local school superintendent with an
28 extensive background in the development, implementation and

29 measurement of effectiveness of professional development, to be
30 appointed by the State Board of Education;

31 (f) One (1) educator with an extensive background in
32 the development, implementation and measurement of effectiveness
33 of professional development, to be appointed by the State Board of
34 Education;

35 (g) One (1) local high school principal, to be
36 appointed by the Governor from the Central Supreme Court District;

37 (h) One (1) local middle school principal, to be
38 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor from the Southern Supreme
39 Court District;

40 (i) One (1) local elementary school principal, to be
41 appointed by the Speaker of the House from the Northern Supreme
42 Court District;

43 (j) The Chairman of the House of Representatives
44 Education Committee or his designee; and

45 (k) The Chairman of the Senate Education Committee or
46 his designee.

47 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
48 the effective date of this act. The task force shall hold its
49 first meeting before August 1, 2004.

50 (4) The task force shall study the method, delivery,
51 accessibility, availability, variety, costs and effectiveness of
52 the professional development and continuing education programs
53 currently provided to local administrators and local school board
54 members by the School Executive Management Institute and any other
55 professional development and continuing education programs. The
56 focus of the task force shall be on the following areas:

57 (a) To evaluate and make recommendations on all
58 components of the current professional development and continuing
59 education programs developed and implemented by the School
60 Executive Management Institute that are required for

61 recertification and license renewal for both local school
62 administrators and school board members;

63 (b) To evaluate and make recommendations on how to more
64 effectively use technology based professional development and
65 continuing education opportunities to acquire continuing education
66 credits towards licensure renewal;

67 (c) To evaluate and make recommendations on the
68 development and effectiveness of professional development and
69 continuing education offered through local school districts that
70 may be used towards licensure renewal;

71 (d) To evaluate and make recommendations on alternative
72 delivery systems and options for professional development and
73 continuing education; and

74 (e) To study and make recommendations for improvements
75 on any other components of the current system.

76 (5) Members of the task force may not be compensated for the
77 performance of their duties. Any incidental costs associated with
78 conducting the study shall be paid by the State Department of
79 Education.

80 (6) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any
81 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the
82 state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the
83 request of the chairman of the task force, provide to the task
84 force such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the task
85 force properly to carry out its task.

86 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
87 and after its passage.