

By: Representative Pierce

To: Education;  
Appropriations

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  
18 seventeen (17) 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;

37 (h) One (1) local middle school principal, to be  
38 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

39 (i) One local elementary school principal, to be  
40 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

41 (j) The Chairman of the House of Representatives  
42 Education Committee; and

43 (k) The Chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

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

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

54 (a) To evaluate and make recommendations on all  
55 components of the current professional development and continuing  
56 education programs developed and implemented by the School  
57 Executive Management Institute that are required for  
58 recertification and license renewal for both local school  
59 administrators and school board members;

60 (b) To evaluate and make recommendations on how to more  
61 effectively use technology based professional development and

62 continuing education opportunities to acquire continuing education  
63 credits towards licensure renewal;

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

68 (d) To evaluate and make recommendations on alternative  
69 delivery systems and options for professional development and  
70 continuing education; and

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

73 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
74 and after July 1, 2004.