

By: Senator(s) Hewes

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2065

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-13-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS SHALL OPEN ON THE TUESDAY  
3 FOLLOWING LABOR DAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-13-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 37-13-61. The State Board of Education shall have the power  
8 and authority to fix the date for the opening of the school term  
9 in all schools in the state, and shall promulgate guidelines for  
10 an annual school calendar to be observed by all public school  
11 districts. Provided, however, that the school term shall open on  
12 the first Tuesday following Labor Day.

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