

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Chaney

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2560

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-9-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 PROVIDE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATORS  
3 EMPLOYED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 37-9-3. (1) Within the limits of the available funds, the  
8 superintendent of schools of a school district shall recommend to  
9 the school board thereof all noninstructional employees to be  
10 employed and may prescribe the duties thereof. Compensation for  
11 such employees may be paid from any lawful funds.

12 (2) To be eligible for employment by a public school  
13 district as a school business administrator, the individual shall  
14 have one (1) of the following minimum qualifications: (a)  
15 certificate endorsed in School Administration with a minimum of  
16 nine (9) specified semester hours in accounting; or (b) a  
17 bachelors degree in a business-related curriculum (accounting,  
18 finance or business administration) including a minimum of nine  
19 (9) specified semester hours in accounting; or (c) a bachelors  
20 degree in a nonrelated area with a minimum of twenty-four (24)  
21 semester hours of recommended business-related courses, twelve  
22 (12) of which must be in specified courses; or (d) a graduate  
23 degree in a business-related field; or (e) be a licensed certified  
24 public accountant in Mississippi.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2005.