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To: Universities and  
Colleges

SENATE BILL NO. 2761

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-4-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE STATUTE PROVIDING FOR THE  
3 TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND ADULT SHORT-TERM TRAINING  
4 PROGRAMS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-4-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-4-11. (1) The purpose of this section is to insure the  
10 uniform management, oversight and accountability of the  
11 state-funded Industrial Training Programs, and postsecondary Adult  
12 Short-Term Training Programs and Workforce Education Programs  
13 administered by the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges  
14 for adults provided to the citizens of Mississippi.

15 (2) Effective July 1, 1999, all state-funded Industrial  
16 Training Programs and postsecondary Adult Short-term Training  
17 Programs administered by and through the State Department of  
18 Education on June 30, 1999, shall be transferred to the Workforce  
19 Education Program of the State Board for Community and Junior  
20 Colleges. The Legislature shall appropriate annually to the State  
21 Board for Community and Junior Colleges funds necessary to  
22 administer these programs.

23 (3) Effective July 1, 1999, all funds, unexpended balances,  
24 assets, liabilities and property of the State Department of  
25 Education which are used in the delivery of postsecondary Adult  
26 Short-term Training Programs and Industrial Training Programs,  
27 excluding funds, unexpended balances, assets, liabilities and  
28 property associated with the Research and Curriculum Unit at

29 Mississippi State University, shall be transferred to the  
30 Workforce Education Program funds of the State Board for Community  
31 and Junior Colleges. The State Department of Education also shall  
32 transfer to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges all  
33 positions and funds employed by the State Department of Education  
34 and community colleges which render industrial training,  
35 postsecondary adult short-term training or workforce education  
36 services, including the seven (7) administrative and support  
37 positions providing support to these programs. Sufficient staff  
38 positions shall be transferred from the State Department of  
39 Education, which will have a reduction in training and educational  
40 responsibilities by virtue of this act, to the State Board for  
41 Community and Junior Colleges to assure that the transferred  
42 responsibilities will be properly managed and administered. Any  
43 funds available to the State Department of Education for  
44 Industrial Training Programs and state-funded postsecondary Adult  
45 Short-term Training Programs which are subject to carryover shall  
46 be transferred to the Work Force Carryover Fund established by  
47 Chapter 498, Laws of 1995, for use by the State Board for  
48 Community and Junior Colleges, on or before August 15, 1999.

49 (4) The State Board for Community and Junior Colleges shall  
50 develop an accountability system that shall report and describe  
51 all classes taught in the area of workforce education, the number  
52 of persons taught in these classes, and the location and cost of  
53 each class taught. To assess the impact of these programs, the  
54 State Board for Community and Junior Colleges also shall report:

55 (a) Whether the needs of industry have been met through  
56 training program offerings;

57 (b) Any changes in the income of trainees between the  
58 completion of training and the date of the report;

59 (c) The number of jobs created and the number of jobs  
60 retained through the programs; and

61                   (d) Trainee success in passing proficiency tests, where  
62 applicable.

63                   This information shall be reported on a fiscal year basis and  
64 shall be provided to the House and Senate Education Committees  
65 before December 15 of each year.

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67                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
68 and after July 1, 2006.