

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2380

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH STUDENT  
3 TESTING PROFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR PROMOTION FOR HOME INSTRUCTION  
4 PROGRAMS WHICH ARE EQUAL TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
5 STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-16-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-16-7. (1) Each district school board shall establish  
10 standards for graduation from its schools which shall include as a  
11 minimum:

12 (a) Mastery of minimum academic skills as measured by  
13 assessments developed and administered by the State Board of  
14 Education.

15 (b) Completion of a minimum number of academic credits,  
16 and all other applicable requirements prescribed by the district  
17 school board.

18 (2) A student who meets all requirements prescribed in  
19 subsection (1) of this section shall be awarded a standard diploma  
20 in a form prescribed by the state board.

21 (3) The State Board of Education may establish student  
22 proficiency standards for promotion to grade levels leading to  
23 graduation.

24 (4) The State Board of Education may establish student  
25 testing proficiency standards for promotion to grade levels for  
26 students in home instruction programs which are equivalent to  
27 requirements applicable to public school students.

28           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
29 and after July 1, 2007.