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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2462

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-2, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR PERSONS LICENSED BY THE
3 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TEACH ON AN EXPERT CITIZEN BASIS
4 AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PERSONS SHALL BE ALLOWED TO TEACH ANY
5 COURSE IN GRADES 9-12 WITHOUT RESTRICTION; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-3-2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 37-3-2. (1) There is established within the State
11 Department of Education the Commission on Teacher and
12 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
13 Development. It shall be the purpose and duty of the commission
14 to make recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding
15 standards for the certification and licensure and continuing
16 professional development of those who teach or perform tasks of an
17 educational nature in the public schools of Mississippi.

18 (2) The commission shall be composed of fifteen (15)
19 qualified members. The membership of the commission shall be
20 composed of the following members to be appointed, three (3) from
21 each congressional district: four (4) classroom teachers; three
22 (3) school administrators; one (1) representative of schools of
23 education of institutions of higher learning located within the
24 state to be recommended by the Board of Trustees of State
25 Institutions of Higher Learning; one (1) representative from the
26 schools of education of independent institutions of higher
27 learning to be recommended by the Board of the Mississippi
28 Association of Independent Colleges; one (1) representative from
29 public community and junior colleges located within the state to

30 be recommended by the State Board for Community and Junior
31 Colleges; one (1) local school board member; and four (4) lay
32 persons. All appointments shall be made by the State Board of
33 Education after consultation with the State Superintendent of
34 Public Education. The first appointments by the State Board of
35 Education shall be made as follows: five (5) members shall be
36 appointed for a term of one (1) year; five (5) members shall be
37 appointed for a term of two (2) years; and five (5) members shall
38 be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, all
39 members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years.

40 (3) The State Board of Education when making appointments
41 shall designate a chairman. The commission shall meet at least
42 once every two (2) months or more often if needed. Members of the
43 commission shall be compensated at a rate of per diem as
44 authorized by Section 25-3-69 and be reimbursed for actual and
45 necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

46 (4) An appropriate staff member of the State Department of
47 Education shall be designated and assigned by the State
48 Superintendent of Public Education to serve as executive secretary
49 and coordinator for the commission. No less than two (2) other
50 appropriate staff members of the State Department of Education
51 shall be designated and assigned by the State Superintendent of
52 Public Education to serve on the staff of the commission.

53 (5) It shall be the duty of the commission to:

54 (a) Set standards and criteria, subject to the approval
55 of the State Board of Education, for all educator preparation
56 programs in the state;

57 (b) Recommend to the State Board of Education each year
58 approval or disapproval of each educator preparation program in
59 the state;

60 (c) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
61 Board of Education, standards for initial teacher certification
62 and licensure in all fields;

63 (d) Establish, subject to the approval of the State
64 Board of Education, standards for the renewal of teacher licenses
65 in all fields;

66 (e) Review and evaluate objective measures of teacher
67 performance, such as test scores, which may form part of the
68 licensure process, and to make recommendations for their use;

69 (f) Review all existing requirements for certification
70 and licensure;

71 (g) Consult with groups whose work may be affected by
72 the commission's decisions;

73 (h) Prepare reports from time to time on current
74 practices and issues in the general area of teacher education and
75 certification and licensure;

76 (i) Hold hearings concerning standards for teachers'
77 and administrators' education and certification and licensure with
78 approval of the State Board of Education;

79 (j) Hire expert consultants with approval of the State
80 Board of Education;

81 (k) Set up ad hoc committees to advise on specific
82 areas; and

83 (l) Perform such other functions as may fall within
84 their general charge and which may be delegated to them by the
85 State Board of Education.

86 (6) (a) **Standard License - Approved Program Route.** An
87 educator entering the school system of Mississippi for the first
88 time and meeting all requirements as established by the State
89 Board of Education shall be granted a standard five-year license.
90 Persons who possess two (2) years of classroom experience as an
91 assistant teacher or who have taught for one (1) year in an
92 accredited public or private school shall be allowed to fulfill
93 student teaching requirements under the supervision of a qualified
94 participating teacher approved by an accredited college of
95 education. The local school district in which the assistant

96 teacher is employed shall compensate such assistant teachers at
97 the required salary level during the period of time such
98 individual is completing student teaching requirements.

99 Applicants for a standard license shall submit to the department:

100 (i) An application on a department form;

101 (ii) An official transcript of completion of a
102 teacher education program approved by the department or a
103 nationally accredited program, subject to the following:

104 Licensure to teach in Mississippi prekindergarten through
105 kindergarten classrooms shall require completion of a teacher
106 education program or a bachelor of science degree with child
107 development emphasis from a program accredited by the American
108 Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) or by the
109 National Association for Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or by
110 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
111 (NCATE). Licensure to teach in Mississippi kindergarten, for
112 those applicants who have completed a teacher education program,
113 and in Grade 1 through Grade 4 shall require the completion of an
114 interdisciplinary program of studies. Licenses for Grades 4
115 through 8 shall require the completion of an interdisciplinary
116 program of studies with two (2) or more areas of concentration.
117 Licensure to teach in Mississippi Grades 7 through 12 shall
118 require a major in an academic field other than education, or a
119 combination of disciplines other than education. Students
120 preparing to teach a subject shall complete a major in the
121 respective subject discipline. All applicants for standard
122 licensure shall demonstrate that such person's college preparation
123 in those fields was in accordance with the standards set forth by
124 the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education
125 (NCATE) or the National Association of State Directors of Teacher
126 Education and Certification (NASDTEC) or, for those applicants who
127 have a bachelor of science degree with child development emphasis,
128 the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS);

129 (iii) A copy of test scores evidencing
130 satisfactory completion of nationally administered examinations of
131 achievement, such as the Educational Testing Service's teacher
132 testing examinations; and

133 (iv) Any other document required by the State
134 Board of Education.

135 (b) **Standard License - Nontraditional Teaching Route.**

136 Beginning January 1, 2004, an individual who has a passing score
137 on the Praxis I Basic Skills and Praxis II Specialty Area Test in
138 the requested area of endorsement may apply for the Teach
139 Mississippi Institute (TMI) program to teach students in Grades 7
140 through 12 if the individual meets the requirements of this
141 paragraph (b). The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
142 requiring that teacher preparation institutions which provide the
143 Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program for the preparation of
144 nontraditional teachers shall meet the standards and comply with
145 the provisions of this paragraph.

146 (i) The Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) shall
147 include an intensive eight-week, nine-semester-hour summer program
148 or a curriculum of study in which the student matriculates in the
149 fall or spring semester, which shall include, but not be limited
150 to, instruction in education, effective teaching strategies,
151 classroom management, state curriculum requirements, planning and
152 instruction, instructional methods and pedagogy, using test
153 results to improve instruction, and a one (1) semester three-hour
154 supervised internship to be completed while the teacher is
155 employed as a full-time teacher intern in a local school district.
156 The TMI shall be implemented on a pilot program basis, with
157 courses to be offered at up to four (4) locations in the state,
158 with one (1) TMI site to be located in each of the three (3)
159 Mississippi Supreme Court districts.

160 (ii) The school sponsoring the teacher intern
161 shall enter into a written agreement with the institution

162 providing the Teach Mississippi Institute (TMI) program, under
163 terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties,
164 providing that the school district shall provide teacher interns
165 seeking a nontraditional provisional teaching license with a
166 one-year classroom teaching experience. The teacher intern shall
167 successfully complete the one (1) semester three-hour intensive
168 internship in the school district during the semester immediately
169 following successful completion of the TMI and prior to the end of
170 the one-year classroom teaching experience.

171 (iii) Upon completion of the nine-semester-hour
172 TMI or the fall or spring semester option, the individual shall
173 submit his transcript to the commission for provisional licensure
174 of the intern teacher, and the intern teacher shall be issued a
175 provisional teaching license by the commission, which will allow
176 the individual to legally serve as a teacher while the person
177 completes a nontraditional teacher preparation internship program.

178 (iv) During the semester of internship in the
179 school district, the teacher preparation institution shall monitor
180 the performance of the intern teacher. The school district that
181 employs the provisional teacher shall supervise the provisional
182 teacher during the teacher's intern year of employment under a
183 nontraditional provisional license, and shall, in consultation
184 with the teacher intern's mentor at the school district of
185 employment, submit to the commission a comprehensive evaluation of
186 the teacher's performance sixty (60) days prior to the expiration
187 of the nontraditional provisional license. If the comprehensive
188 evaluation establishes that the provisional teacher intern's
189 performance fails to meet the standards of the approved
190 nontraditional teacher preparation internship program, the
191 individual shall not be approved for a standard license.

192 (v) An individual issued a provisional teaching
193 license under this nontraditional route shall successfully
194 complete, at a minimum, a one-year beginning teacher mentoring and

195 induction program administered by the employing school district
196 with the assistance of the State Department of Education.

197 (vi) Upon successful completion of the TMI and the
198 internship provisional license period, applicants for a Standard
199 License - Nontraditional Route shall submit to the commission a
200 transcript of successful completion of the twelve (12) semester
201 hours required in the internship program, and the employing school
202 district shall submit to the commission a recommendation for
203 standard licensure of the intern. If the school district
204 recommends licensure, the applicant shall be issued a Standard
205 License - Nontraditional Route which shall be valid for a
206 five-year period and be renewable.

207 (vii) At the discretion of the teacher preparation
208 institution, the individual shall be allowed to credit the twelve
209 (12) semester hours earned in the nontraditional teacher
210 internship program toward the graduate hours required for a Master
211 of Arts in Teacher (MAT) Degree.

212 (viii) The local school district in which the
213 nontraditional teacher intern or provisional licensee is employed
214 shall compensate such teacher interns at Step 1 of the required
215 salary level during the period of time such individual is
216 completing teacher internship requirements and shall compensate
217 such Standard License - Nontraditional Route teachers at Step 3 of
218 the required salary level when they complete license requirements.

219 Implementation of the TMI program provided for under this
220 paragraph (b) shall be contingent upon the availability of funds
221 appropriated specifically for such purpose by the Legislature.
222 Such implementation of the TMI program may not be deemed to
223 prohibit the State Board of Education from developing and
224 implementing additional alternative route teacher licensure
225 programs, as deemed appropriate by the board. The emergency
226 certification program in effect prior to July 1, 2002, shall
227 remain in effect.

228 The State Department of Education shall compile and report,
229 in consultation with the commission, information relating to
230 nontraditional teacher preparation internship programs, including
231 the number of programs available and geographic areas in which
232 they are available, the number of individuals who apply for and
233 possess a nontraditional conditional license, the subject areas in
234 which individuals who possess nontraditional conditional licenses
235 are teaching and where they are teaching, and shall submit its
236 findings and recommendations to the legislative committees on
237 education by December 1, 2004.

238 A Standard License - Approved Program Route shall be issued
239 for a five-year period, and may be renewed. Recognizing teaching
240 as a profession, a hiring preference shall be granted to persons
241 holding a Standard License - Approved Program Route or Standard
242 License - Nontraditional Teaching Route over persons holding any
243 other license.

244 (c) **Special License - Expert Citizen.** * * * The State
245 Department of Education, in accordance with rules and regulations
246 established by the State Board of Education, shall grant an * * *
247 expert citizen-teacher license to (i) local business or other
248 professional personnel; and (ii) any other person holding a
249 graduate degree from an accredited university plus at least ten
250 (10) years' experience working in the subject area of his or her
251 degree, to teach in a public school or nonpublic school accredited
252 or approved by the state. Such person may begin teaching upon his
253 employment by the local school board and licensure by the
254 Mississippi Department of Education, and shall be authorized to
255 teach any course in Grades 9-12 at any time during the school day
256 without restriction. The board shall adopt rules and regulations
257 to administer the expert citizen-teacher license. A Special
258 License - Expert Citizen may be renewed in accordance with the
259 established rules and regulations of the State Department of
260 Education.

261 (d) **Special License - Nonrenewable.** The State Board of
262 Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations to
263 allow those educators not meeting requirements in subsection
264 (6)(a), (b) or (c) to be licensed for a period of not more than
265 three (3) years, except by special approval of the State Board of
266 Education.

267 (e) **Nonlicensed Teaching Personnel.** A nonlicensed
268 person may teach for a maximum of three (3) periods per teaching
269 day in a public school or a nonpublic school accredited/approved
270 by the state. Such person shall submit to the department a
271 transcript or record of his education and experience which
272 substantiates his preparation for the subject to be taught and
273 shall meet other qualifications specified by the commission and
274 approved by the State Board of Education. In no case shall any
275 local school board hire nonlicensed personnel as authorized under
276 this paragraph in excess of five percent (5%) of the total number
277 of licensed personnel in any single school.

278 (f) **Special License - Transitional Bilingual Education.**
279 Beginning July 1, 2003, the commission shall grant special
280 licenses to teachers of transitional bilingual education who
281 possess such qualifications as are prescribed in this section.
282 Teachers of transitional bilingual education shall be compensated
283 by local school boards at not less than one (1) step on the
284 regular salary schedule applicable to permanent teachers licensed
285 under this section. The commission shall grant special licenses
286 to teachers of transitional bilingual education who present the
287 commission with satisfactory evidence that they (i) possess a
288 speaking and reading ability in a language, other than English, in
289 which bilingual education is offered and communicative skills in
290 English; (ii) are in good health and sound moral character; (iii)
291 possess a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree in teacher
292 education from an accredited institution of higher education; (iv)
293 meet such requirements as to courses of study, semester hours

294 therein, experience and training as may be required by the
295 commission; and (v) are legally present in the United States and
296 possess legal authorization for employment. A teacher of
297 transitional bilingual education serving under a special license
298 shall be under an exemption from standard licensure if he achieves
299 the requisite qualifications therefor. Two (2) years of service
300 by a teacher of transitional bilingual education under such an
301 exemption shall be credited to the teacher in acquiring a Standard
302 Educator License. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to
303 prohibit a local school board from employing a teacher licensed in
304 an appropriate field as approved by the State Department of
305 Education to teach in a program in transitional bilingual
306 education.

307 (g) In the event any school district meets Level 4 or 5
308 accreditation standards, the State Board of Education, in its
309 discretion, may exempt such school district from any restrictions
310 in paragraph (e) relating to the employment of nonlicensed
311 teaching personnel.

312 (h) **Highly Qualified Teachers.** Beginning July 1, 2006,
313 any teacher from any state meeting the federal definition of
314 highly qualified, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act,
315 must be granted a standard five-year license by the State
316 Department of Education.

317 (7) **Administrator License.** The State Board of Education is
318 authorized to establish rules and regulations and to administer
319 the licensure process of the school administrators in the State of
320 Mississippi. There will be four (4) categories of administrator
321 licensure with exceptions only through special approval of the
322 State Board of Education.

323 (a) **Administrator License - Nonpracticing.** Those
324 educators holding administrative endorsement but having no
325 administrative experience or not serving in an administrative
326 position on January 15, 1997.

327 (b) **Administrator License - Entry Level.** Those
328 educators holding administrative endorsement and having met the
329 department's qualifications to be eligible for employment in a
330 Mississippi school district. Administrator License - Entry Level
331 shall be issued for a five-year period and shall be nonrenewable.

332 (c) **Standard Administrator License - Career Level.** An
333 administrator who has met all the requirements of the department
334 for standard administrator licensure.

335 (d) **Administrator License - Nontraditional Route.** The
336 board may establish a nontraditional route for licensing
337 administrative personnel. Such nontraditional route for
338 administrative licensure shall be available for persons holding,
339 but not limited to, a master of business administration degree, a
340 master of public administration degree, a master of public
341 planning and policy degree or a doctor of jurisprudence degree
342 from an accredited college or university, with five (5) years of
343 administrative or supervisory experience. Successful completion
344 of the requirements of alternate route licensure for
345 administrators shall qualify the person for a standard
346 administrator license.

347 The State Department of Education shall compile and report,
348 in consultation with the commission, information relating to
349 nontraditional administrator preparation internship programs,
350 including the number of programs available and geographic areas in
351 which they are available, the number of individuals who apply for
352 and possess a nontraditional conditional license and where they
353 are employed, and shall submit its findings and recommendations to
354 the legislative committees on education by December 1, 2004.

355 Beginning with the 1997-1998 school year, individuals seeking
356 school administrator licensure under paragraph (b), (c) or (d)
357 shall successfully complete a training program and an assessment
358 process prescribed by the State Board of Education. Applicants
359 seeking school administrator licensure prior to June 30, 1997, and

360 completing all requirements for provisional or standard
361 administrator certification and who have never practiced, shall be
362 exempt from taking the Mississippi Assessment Battery Phase I.
363 Applicants seeking school administrator licensure during the
364 period beginning July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998, shall
365 participate in the Mississippi Assessment Battery, and upon
366 request of the applicant, the department shall reimburse the
367 applicant for the cost of the assessment process required. After
368 June 30, 1998, all applicants for school administrator licensure
369 shall meet all requirements prescribed by the department under
370 paragraph (b), (c) or (d), and the cost of the assessment process
371 required shall be paid by the applicant.

372 (8) **Reciprocity.** (a) The department shall grant a standard
373 license to any individual who possesses a valid standard license
374 from another state.

375 (b) The department shall grant a nonrenewable special
376 license to any individual who possesses a credential which is less
377 than a standard license or certification from another state. Such
378 special license shall be valid for the current school year plus
379 one (1) additional school year to expire on June 30 of the second
380 year, not to exceed a total period of twenty-four (24) months,
381 during which time the applicant shall be required to complete the
382 requirements for a standard license in Mississippi.

383 (9) **Renewal and Reinstatement of Licenses.** The State Board
384 of Education is authorized to establish rules and regulations for
385 the renewal and reinstatement of educator and administrator
386 licenses. Effective May 15, 1997, the valid standard license held
387 by an educator shall be extended five (5) years beyond the
388 expiration date of the license in order to afford the educator
389 adequate time to fulfill new renewal requirements established
390 pursuant to this subsection. An educator completing a master of
391 education, educational specialist or doctor of education degree in
392 May 1997 for the purpose of upgrading the educator's license to a

393 higher class shall be given this extension of five (5) years plus
394 five (5) additional years for completion of a higher degree.

395 (10) All controversies involving the issuance, revocation,
396 suspension or any change whatsoever in the licensure of an
397 educator required to hold a license shall be initially heard in a
398 hearing de novo, by the commission or by a subcommittee
399 established by the commission and composed of commission members
400 for the purpose of holding hearings. Any complaint seeking the
401 denial of issuance, revocation or suspension of a license shall be
402 by sworn affidavit filed with the Commission of Teacher and
403 Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and
404 Development. The decision thereon by the commission or its
405 subcommittee shall be final, unless the aggrieved party shall
406 appeal to the State Board of Education, within ten (10) days, of
407 the decision of the committee or its subcommittee. An appeal to
408 the State Board of Education shall be on the record previously
409 made before the commission or its subcommittee unless otherwise
410 provided by rules and regulations adopted by the board. The State
411 Board of Education in its authority may reverse, or remand with
412 instructions, the decision of the committee or its subcommittee.
413 The decision of the State Board of Education shall be final.

414 (11) The State Board of Education, acting through the
415 commission, may deny an application for any teacher or
416 administrator license for one or more of the following:

417 (a) Lack of qualifications which are prescribed by law
418 or regulations adopted by the State Board of Education;

419 (b) The applicant has a physical, emotional or mental
420 disability that renders the applicant unfit to perform the duties
421 authorized by the license, as certified by a licensed psychologist
422 or psychiatrist;

423 (c) The applicant is actively addicted to or actively
424 dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual
425 user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens or

426 other drugs having similar effect, at the time of application for
427 a license;

428 (d) Revocation of an applicant's certificate or license
429 by another state;

430 (e) Fraud or deceit committed by the applicant in
431 securing or attempting to secure such certification and license;

432 (f) Failing or refusing to furnish reasonable evidence
433 of identification;

434 (g) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty
435 or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as defined by
436 federal or state law; or

437 (h) The applicant has been convicted, has pled guilty
438 or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense as defined
439 by federal or state law.

440 (12) The State Board of Education, acting on the
441 recommendation of the commission, may revoke or suspend any
442 teacher or administrator license for specified periods of time for
443 one or more of the following:

444 (a) Breach of contract or abandonment of employment may
445 result in the suspension of the license for one (1) school year as
446 provided in Section 37-9-57;

447 (b) Obtaining a license by fraudulent means shall
448 result in immediate suspension and continued suspension for one
449 (1) year after correction is made;

450 (c) Suspension or revocation of a certificate or
451 license by another state shall result in immediate suspension or
452 revocation and shall continue until records in the prior state
453 have been cleared;

454 (d) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
455 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, as
456 defined by federal or state law;

457 (e) The license holder has been convicted, has pled
458 guilty or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a sex offense, as
459 defined by federal or state law; or

460 (f) The license holder knowingly and willfully
461 committing any of the acts affecting validity of mandatory uniform
462 test results as provided in Section 37-16-4(1).

463 (13) (a) Dismissal or suspension of a licensed employee by
464 a local school board pursuant to Section 37-9-59 may result in the
465 suspension or revocation of a license for a length of time which
466 shall be determined by the commission and based upon the severity
467 of the offense.

468 (b) Any offense committed or attempted in any other
469 state shall result in the same penalty as if committed or
470 attempted in this state.

471 (c) A person may voluntarily surrender a license. The
472 surrender of such license may result in the commission
473 recommending any of the above penalties without the necessity of a
474 hearing. However, any such license which has voluntarily been
475 surrendered by a licensed employee may only be reinstated by a
476 majority vote of all members of the commission present at the
477 meeting called for such purpose.

478 (14) A person whose license has been suspended on any
479 grounds except criminal grounds may petition for reinstatement of
480 the license after one (1) year from the date of suspension, or
481 after one-half (1/2) of the suspended time has lapsed, whichever
482 is greater. A license suspended or revoked on the criminal
483 grounds may be reinstated upon petition to the commission filed
484 after expiration of the sentence and parole or probationary period
485 imposed upon conviction. A revoked, suspended or surrendered
486 license may be reinstated upon satisfactory showing of evidence of
487 rehabilitation. The commission shall require all who petition for
488 reinstatement to furnish evidence satisfactory to the commission
489 of good character, good mental, emotional and physical health and

490 such other evidence as the commission may deem necessary to
491 establish the petitioner's rehabilitation and fitness to perform
492 the duties authorized by the license.

493 (15) Reporting procedures and hearing procedures for dealing
494 with infractions under this section shall be promulgated by the
495 commission, subject to the approval of the State Board of
496 Education. The revocation or suspension of a license shall be
497 effected at the time indicated on the notice of suspension or
498 revocation. The commission shall immediately notify the
499 superintendent of the school district or school board where the
500 teacher or administrator is employed of any disciplinary action
501 and also notify the teacher or administrator of such revocation or
502 suspension and shall maintain records of action taken. The State
503 Board of Education may reverse or remand with instructions any
504 decision of the commission regarding a petition for reinstatement
505 of a license, and any such decision of the State Board of
506 Education shall be final.

507 (16) An appeal from the action of the State Board of
508 Education in denying an application, revoking or suspending a
509 license or otherwise disciplining any person under the provisions
510 of this section shall be filed in the Chancery Court of the First
511 Judicial District of Hinds County on the record made, including a
512 verbatim transcript of the testimony at the hearing. The appeal
513 shall be filed within thirty (30) days after notification of the
514 action of the board is mailed or served and the proceedings in
515 chancery court shall be conducted as other matters coming before
516 the court. The appeal shall be perfected upon filing notice of
517 the appeal and by the prepayment of all costs, including the cost
518 of preparation of the record of the proceedings by the State Board
519 of Education, and the filing of a bond in the sum of Two Hundred
520 Dollars (\$200.00) conditioned that if the action of the board be
521 affirmed by the chancery court, the applicant or license holder

522 shall pay the costs of the appeal and the action of the chancery
523 court.

524 (17) All such programs, rules, regulations, standards and
525 criteria recommended or authorized by the commission shall become
526 effective upon approval by the State Board of Education as
527 designated by appropriate orders entered upon the minutes thereof.

528 (18) The granting of a license shall not be deemed a
529 property right nor a guarantee of employment in any public school
530 district. A license is a privilege indicating minimal eligibility
531 for teaching in the public schools of Mississippi. This section
532 shall in no way alter or abridge the authority of local school
533 districts to require greater qualifications or standards of
534 performance as a prerequisite of initial or continued employment
535 in such districts.

536 (19) In addition to the reasons specified in subsections
537 (12) and (13) of this section, the board shall be authorized to
538 suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance
539 with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The
540 procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance
541 with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or
542 reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the
543 payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a
544 license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section
545 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. Actions taken by the
546 board in suspending a license when required by Section 93-11-157
547 or 93-11-163 are not actions from which an appeal may be taken
548 under this section. Any appeal of a license suspension that is
549 required by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 shall be taken in
550 accordance with the appeal procedure specified in Section
551 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, rather than the
552 procedure specified in this section. If there is any conflict
553 between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any

554 provision of this chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or
555 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

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