

By: Representative Moore

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 924

1 AN ACT TO REENACT SECTION 37-151-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF  
2 1972, WHICH WAS REPEALED BY OPERATION OF LAW ON JULY 1, 2011, TO  
3 REESTABLISH THE COUNCIL ON EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY AND PRESCRIBE ITS  
4 MEMBERSHIP; TO PRESCRIBE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL; TO  
5 PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF COUNCIL ON JULY 1, 2021; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-151-17, Mississippi Code of 1972,  
9 which was repealed by operation of law on July 1, 2011, is  
10 reenacted as follows:

11 37-151-17. (1) There is established the Council for  
12 Education Technology, which shall be an advisory group attached to  
13 the Board of the Department of Information Technology Services and  
14 the State Board of Education. The council shall develop a master  
15 plan for education technology.

16 (2) (a) The council shall consist of the following members  
17 who shall serve as ex officio voting members:

18 (i) The Chief Information Officer in the  
19 Department of Education;

20 (ii) The State Superintendent of Public Education;



21 (iii) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
22 Department of Information Technology Services;

23 (iv) The Executive Director of Mississippi Public  
24 Broadcasting;

25 (v) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
26 Library Commission;

27 (vi) The Executive Director of the Mississippi  
28 Community College Board; and

29 (vii) The Commissioner of Higher Education.

30 (b) The following eight (8) members to be appointed as  
31 follows:

32 (i) One (1) member appointed by the State Board of  
33 Education;

34 (ii) Two (2) members appointed by the Governor;

35 (iii) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant  
36 Governor;

37 (iv) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of  
38 the House;

39 (v) One (1) member of the Mississippi Educational  
40 Computing Association to be appointed by the State Superintendent  
41 of Public Education;

42 (vi) One (1) member appointed by the Board of  
43 Information Technology Services; and

44 (vii) One (1) member appointed by the Executive  
45 Director of the Mississippi Development Authority.



46 Members shall be appointed for four-year terms and may be  
47 reappointed for one (1) additional four-year term.

48 All appointed members of the council shall have a  
49 demonstrated knowledge in the use, applications and specifications  
50 of education technology.

51 (3) A majority of the membership present at any meeting  
52 shall constitute a quorum for the official conduct of business.  
53 Members may be reimbursed for mileage and actual and necessary  
54 expenses in accordance with state law, and members who are not  
55 state officers or employees shall receive per diem as authorized  
56 in Section 25-3-69.

57 (4) The council shall annually elect a chairperson and no  
58 member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive years as  
59 chairperson. The council may also elect from among the members  
60 any officers it deems necessary, and shall define the duties of  
61 the officers.

62 (5) Meetings shall be held at least four (4) times per year,  
63 or upon call of the chairperson, at a time and place designated by  
64 the chairperson. The Department of Information and Technology  
65 Services and the State Department of Education shall provide staff  
66 support for the council.

67 (6) The duties and responsibilities of the council shall  
68 include, but not be limited to, the following:

69 (a) Provide vision and direction for the use of  
70 education technology in Mississippi;



71 (b) Serve as an advisory group to the chairs of the  
72 Appropriations Committees in the Mississippi House of  
73 Representatives and the Mississippi Senate on issues related to  
74 education technology;

75 (c) Serve as an information resource to the Mississippi  
76 Legislature on issues related to education technology;

77 (d) Review technology plans (current and future  
78 activities) and appropriations requests of state-funded entities;

79 (e) Serve as a forum for discussion of education  
80 technology uses, issues and innovations;

81 (f) Encourage an environment receptive to technological  
82 progress in education throughout the state;

83 (g) Research and serve as an information resource to  
84 the Mississippi Legislature on bandwidth in Mississippi;

85 (h) Submit an annual report to the Mississippi  
86 Legislature.

87 (7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2021.

88 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
89 and after July 1, 2016.

