

By: Representatives Henley, Criswell,  
Eubanks, Hale, Hopkins

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 977

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REQUIRE THE SALARY OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
3 EDUCATION, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO BE  
4 APPROVED BY THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-3-9. (1) There shall be a State Superintendent of Public  
9 Education who shall be appointed by the State Board of Education,  
10 with the advice and consent of the Senate, and serve at the  
11 board's will and pleasure. He shall be the Chief Administrative  
12 Officer for the State Department of Education and shall administer  
13 the department in accordance with the policies established by the  
14 State Board of Education. The \* \* \* salary of the State  
15 Superintendent of Public Education shall be in an amount  
16 established by the State Board of Education, subject to the  
17 approval of the State Personnel Board. The State Superintendent  
18 of Public Education shall have at least a master's degree in any



19 field and a minimum of five (5) years' experience in  
20 administration in the educational field.

21 (2) The State Superintendent shall give bond in the penalty  
22 of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), with sureties to be  
23 approved by the Governor, conditioned according to law. The bond,  
24 when approved, shall be filed and recorded in the Office of the  
25 Secretary of State.

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

