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To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2273

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE
2 INSTRUCTION IN CURSIVE WRITING AS A PART OF THE BASIC ELEMENTARY
3 EDUCATION CURRICULUM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The State Board of Education is authorized and
6 directed to require all public school districts to meet the
7 following elementary education curriculum standard: The standard
8 course of study shall include the requirement that the public
9 schools provide instruction in cursive writing so that students
10 create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by
11 the end of the fifth grade, and that students pass with
12 seventy-five percent (75%) proficiency a teacher-constructed test
13 demonstrating the students competency in both reading and writing
14 cursive. This requirement shall be applicable beginning with the
15 2018-2019 school year.

16 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
17 and after July 1, 2017.

