

By: Representative Read

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1060

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-16-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE EACH COHORT OF STUDENTS BEGINNING WITH THOSE GRADUATING IN
3 2020 TO TAKE A MINIMUM OF ONE ONLINE COURSE, AS DEFINED AND
4 APPROVED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; AND FOR RELATED
5 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 (c) Completion of a minimum of one (1) online course,
19 as defined and approved by the State Department of Education,



20 beginning with the cohort of students graduating in 2020 and each
21 year thereafter.

22 (* * *d) By school, information on high school
23 graduation rates. High schools with graduation rates lower than
24 eighty percent (80%) must submit a detailed plan to the * * *
25 State Department of Education to restructure the high school
26 experience to improve graduation rates.

27 (2) A student who meets all requirements prescribed in
28 subsection (1) of this section shall be awarded a standard diploma
29 in a form prescribed by the State Board of Education.

30 (3) The State Board of Education may establish student
31 proficiency standards for promotion to grade levels leading to
32 graduation.

33 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
34 and after July 1, 2018.

