

**Adopted
AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED TO**

House Bill No. 150

BY: Senator(s) Tollison

1 **AMEND by inserting the following after line 101 and**
2 **renumbering subsequent section(s) accordingly:**

3 **SECTION *.** Section 37-106-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
4 amended as follows:

5 37-106-57. (1) It is the intention of the Legislature to
6 attract and retain qualified teachers by awarding incentive loans
7 to persons declaring an intention to serve in the teaching field
8 and who actually render service to the state while possessing an
9 appropriate teaching license.

10 (2) There is established the "William F. Winter Teacher
11 Forgivable Loan Program."

12 (3) Subject to the availability of funds, students who are
13 enrolled in any baccalaureate degree-granting institution of
14 higher learning in the State of Mississippi that is regionally



15 accredited and approved by the board and who have expressed in
16 writing a present intention to teach in Mississippi shall be
17 eligible for student loans to be applied to the costs of their
18 college education. Persons who have been admitted to a teacher
19 education program or a nontraditional teacher internship licensure
20 program authorized under Section 37-3-2(6)(b), as approved by the
21 State Board of Education, shall also qualify for loans at approved
22 institutions. The board shall provide that teacher education
23 majors and noneducation majors shall have equal access to
24 forgivable loans under authority of this section.

25 (4) A junior establishing initial eligibility shall be
26 eligible for a maximum of two (2) annual loans and a senior shall
27 be eligible for one (1) annual loan.

28 (5) The maximum annual loan shall be set by the board at an
29 amount not to exceed the cost of attendance at any baccalaureate
30 degree-granting institution of higher learning in the State of
31 Mississippi. However, it is the intent of the Legislature that
32 the maximum annual loan amounts under the William F. Winter
33 Teacher Forgivable Loan Program shall not be of such amounts that
34 would compete with the Critical Needs Teacher Forgivable Loan
35 Program.

36 (6) The loans of persons who actually render service as
37 licensed teachers or nontraditional teacher interns authorized
38 under Section 37-3-2(6)(b) in a public school, including a charter
39 school, in Mississippi for a major portion of the school day for



at least seventy-eight (78) school days shall be converted to interest-free scholarships. Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as those outlined in Section 37-106-53.

(7) Awards granted under the William F. Winter Teacher Forgivable Loan Program shall be made available to nontraditional licensed teachers showing a documented need for student loan repayment and employed in those school districts designated by the State Board of Education as a geographical area of the state or in a subject area of the curriculum in which there is a critical shortage of teachers. Repayment and conversion terms shall be the same as outlined in Section 37-106-53 except that the maximum annual amount of this repayment should not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) and the maximum time period for repayment shall be no more than four (4) years.

(* * *8) Failure to repay any loan and interest that becomes due shall be cause for the revocation of a person's teaching license by the State Department of Education.

(* * *9) The board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the proper administration of this section.

FURTHER AMEND the title after the semicolon on line 5 by adding the following:

TO AMEND SECTION 37-106-57, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT AWARDS GRANTED UNDER THE WILLIAM WINTER TEACHER FORGIVABLE LOAN PROGRAM SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO NONTRADITIONAL LICENSED TEACHERS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS;

