

By: Representative Bell (21st)

To: Workforce Development

HOUSE BILL NO. 336
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDY
2 COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
3 STUDY COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW THE CURRICULUM IN K-12 SCHOOLS THAT
4 IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND PREPARATION AND
5 SHALL DEVELOP AND DESIGN A CURRICULUM THAT MEETS THE WORKFORCE
6 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE FOR THE
7 MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDY
8 COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDY
9 COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE LEGISLATURE
10 AND GOVERNOR NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2020; AND FOR RELATED
11 PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) There is created the Mississippi Workforce
14 Development Study Committee. The purpose of the study committee
15 is to review the curriculum in K-12 schools that is designed to
16 promote workforce development and preparation and to develop and
17 design a curriculum to recommend to the Legislature that meets the
18 workforce development needs of the State of Mississippi.

19 (2) The Mississippi Workforce Development Study Committee
20 shall be composed of the following fifteen (15) members:

21 (a) The State Superintendent of Public Education;



- 22 (b) One (1) person from the Mississippi Community
23 College Board;
- 24 (c) One (1) person from the Mississippi Manufacturers
25 Association;
- 26 (d) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
27 Department of Employment Security, or his or her designee;
- 28 (e) One (1) person from the State Workforce Investment
29 Board;
- 30 (f) One (1) person appointed by the Chair of the
31 Mississippi Economic Council, who shall be a school
32 superintendent;
- 33 (g) One (1) person appointed by the Lieutenant
34 Governor, who shall be a school superintendent;
- 35 (h) One (1) person appointed by the Speaker of the
36 House of Representatives, who shall be a school superintendent;
- 37 (i) One (1) person appointed by the Governor, who shall
38 be a school superintendent;
- 39 (j) The Chair of the House of Representatives Workforce
40 Development Committee;
- 41 (k) The Chair of the Senate Labor Committee;
- 42 (l) The Chair of the House Education Committee;
- 43 (m) The Chair of the Senate Education Committee;
- 44 (n) The Commissioner of Higher Education of the State
45 Institutions of Higher Learning, or his or her designee; and



46 (o) A career and technical education teacher to be
47 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

48 (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after
49 the sine die adjournment of the 2020 Regular Session. The chair
50 of the study committee shall be the Chair of the House of
51 Representatives Workforce Development Committee. The study
52 committee shall meet and organize fifteen (15) days after all
53 appointments have been made and select a vice chair from its
54 membership. The vice chair shall also serve as secretary and
55 shall be responsible for keeping all records of the study
56 committee. A majority of the members of the study committee shall
57 constitute a quorum. In the selection of its officers and the
58 adoption of rules, resolutions and reports, an affirmative vote of
59 a majority of the study committee shall be required. All members
60 shall be notified in writing of all meetings, such notices to be
61 mailed at least fifteen (15) days before the date on which a
62 meeting is to be held. Members of the study committee shall not
63 be compensated or reimbursed for travel expenses.

64 (4) The Mississippi Workforce Development Study Committee
65 shall have the following duties:

66 (a) Review the curriculum currently in place to promote
67 workforce development preparation in K-12 schools;

68 (b) Determine if the curriculum currently in place to
69 promote workforce development preparation in K-12 schools meets
70 the workforce development needs of the State of Mississippi;



71 (c) To review reports, studies and materials as it
72 deems appropriate;

73 (d) To require testimony from school officials,
74 community college and university officials, business people and
75 others involved with workforce development within the state as it
76 deems appropriate;

77 (e) To appoint any subcommittees as it finds proper;

78 (f) To make recommendations based on its findings on
79 how to develop and design a state workforce development curriculum
80 that meets the workforce development needs of the State of
81 Mississippi;

82 (g) To study financial literacy classes including, but
83 not limited to, opening a bank account and assessing the quality
84 of a bank's services, balancing a checkbook, managing debt,
85 including retail and credit card debt, completing a loan
86 application, the implications of an inheritance, the basics of
87 personal insurance policies, consumer rights and responsibilities,
88 dealing with salesmen and merchants and computing state and
89 federal income taxes;

90 (h) To study home economics classes including, but not
91 limited to, teaching of those skills essential to family and
92 consumer science, cooking, including food safety, preparation and
93 preservation and the nutritional benefits of a balanced meal,
94 child development that provides instruction as to how to correctly
95 respond to children at each stage, education and community



96 awareness, home management and design, sewing and textiles,
97 budgeting and economics and health and hygiene; and

98 (i) To submit the report from its findings in paragraph
99 (f) of this subsection (4) to the Legislature and the Governor no
100 later than November 30, 2020.

101 (5) In making such recommendations, the Mississippi
102 Workforce Development Study Committee may seek input from all
103 school districts within the state, the Mississippi Community
104 College Board, the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and
105 businesses throughout this state as is necessary for proper
106 review. After submitting the report required in this subsection
107 (5), the Mississippi Workforce Development Study Committee shall
108 be dissolved.

109 (6) Notwithstanding any provisions of the laws of the State
110 of Mississippi to the contrary, school districts within the state,
111 the Mississippi Community College Board, the Mississippi
112 Institutions of Higher Learning and businesses throughout this
113 state shall be required to cooperate with the Mississippi
114 Workforce Development Study Committee.

115 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
116 and after its passage.

