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To: Universities and
Colleges; Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 341

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE
2 MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD TO ENTER INTO AN ARTICULATION
3 AGREEMENT ON CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS REQUIRING LOCAL
4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COLLABORATE WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES FOR
5 THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GUIDELINES AND ADMINISTERING PROGRAMS
6 SPECIFIC TO TRANSFERABLE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES;
7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Board of Education and the
10 Mississippi Community College Board shall enter into an
11 articulation agreement on career technical education programs
12 requiring local school districts to collaborate with the community
13 colleges for the purpose of providing guidelines and administering
14 programs specific to career and technical education courses that
15 are transferable from secondary instruction and credit to
16 postsecondary instruction and credit. For the purposes of this
17 section, the term "articulation agreement" means an agreement
18 entered into to provide for the transferability of substantially
19 equivalent courses of study or programs.



20 (2) The articulation agreement required under subsection (1)
21 of this section shall, at a minimum:

22 (a) Establish the duration term of the dual credit
23 collaborative program;

24 (b) Establish the terms of payment for courses offered
25 under the program and specify who shall be responsible for paying
26 the cost, whether independently or under a shared cost agreement
27 by the community or junior college offering the course, the local
28 school district, the parents or guardians of the student, or by
29 grants, foundations or other private or public sources;

30 (c) Specify the career and technical education programs
31 to be offered; and

32 (d) Provide authority to the local school district and
33 the community college offering the career and technical education
34 program to modify provision of the agreement in a manner
35 consistent with those occupations identified by the State
36 Workforce Investment Board (SWIB), as an occupation in highest
37 need of additional skilled employees.

38 (3) The State Board of Education and the Mississippi
39 Community College Board shall provide an annual report to SWIB, on
40 or before July 1 of each year, on the number of students
41 participating in career and technical education programs, the
42 community college attended to provide such instruction, the career
43 or technical courses in which high school student were enrolled,
44 the costs of providing instruction to high school students, and



45 the number of students who receive certification in the specific
46 area of instruction upon completion of the program.

47 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 2020.

